



Feeding all who enter.

Merry Christmas From the Stewpot



Stewpot Receives Special Gift for Christmas

Stewpot recently received 3,000 pairs of socks from Bombas.

The socks were delivered to Charlie Frith's house and picked up and delivered to the Stewpot by Steve Thomson.

Bombas was founded on the philosophy of donating socks to those in need but has evolved to go deeper into the community. The more clothing items they sell, the more they donate. As they grow, their giving and community efforts will continue to grow right alongside them.

One purchased = one donated.





Stewpot Christmas Bags

Friday, December 18 was a big day for our diners. Enhanced by Christmas music & Santa's on Main Street, Christmas Bags were distributed on 8th Street at the same location diners pick up their lunches.

Seven volunteers braved the cold, decorated the table, hauled down sacks, passed out candy canes and Christmas bags to 125 folks. Thanks to Karen, Bridgett, Chris, Nancy, Kay, Bryn and Sherry. This year our reusable sacks contained gloves, hats, blankets, socks, washcloths and full bars of soap,

waterless cleanser, homemade baked goods, Dove chocolates, disposable masks and even a pop top can of beef ravioli and silverware packs.

It was wonderful to see the diners in person after months of making grab and go meals. We got to witness first- hand the seamless operation Ed Brown and his team have perfected. Every diner either wore or was given a mask before they could be served. Given choices of beverages, many chose hot coffee. They were quite excited and grateful for their special treats. Almost everyone thanked us and wished us a Merry Christmas.

Special thanks to Karen Thomson for heading up the Christmas Bag project this year. And of course, very special thanks to our donors who come through every year to provide the funds for the bags and personal hygiene items all year long. We absolutely could not do it without you.





Clothing Room Update

January 2021 is right around the corner. Currently the Stewpot Clothing Room is putting final touches on its new location downstairs in the Chapel. Beginning the first week of January, the clothing room officially opens to Ladies on Tuesdays and Gentlemen on Thursdays from 12-1:30. Diners will line up on the Scott Street side of the building. Street access offers a perfect & safe place for our diners to get clothing weekly. Masks & social distancing will be mandatory.

While the clothing room has been closed, we have placed personal hygiene items in sacks weekly. Additionally socks, hats, shirts and several rounds of masks have been distributed. But we have all missed the clothing room.

For the past three months a massive transformation of the Chapel at First Presbyterian has taken place. An unbelievably generous crew of volunteers have worked tirelessly to completely relocate not only clothes but shelving and racks. That is hundreds of trips up and down stairs. The new space is wonderful, including heating and air. We have a brand-new counter and sneeze guard just like other retail stores.

Lots of folks have been saving clothing and shoes to bring to Stewpot. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and concern. Donations to the clothing room begin in January. Drop off is at the same location, on Scott Street right inside the door. **Best times 9-11 Monday – Friday.**



Hanger's Coat Drive

One of the first things needed in the winter months are coats. We have already experienced the beginning of very cold temperatures. Hanger's Cleaners is once again collecting coats for donation. The coats arrive at Stewpot pressed and clean. As you can imagine, the demand is great for coats. These fabulous donations make many diners lives bearable in the cold. A great big thanks to Hanger's Cleaners for sponsoring this wonderful program to our community.



Stewpot Donations

In a year marked by economic uncertainty, job losses, and fear, Stewpot donors have instead chosen faith and

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generosity. A special thanks to all our new donors this year. Other groups have banded together within their businesses and groups to pool giving. It has been remarkable and humbling especially at the holiday season. What can we say but thank you and may God bless you for your concern. Our numbers of diners have grown and likely will continue to grow during 2021. We have been able to modify our program in both food and clothing distribution due to your thoughtful giving.

Make a Donation to Stewpot

Most of Stewpot's financial support comes from donations from churches and individuals. Please help support the Stewpot. Make an online donation by clicking on Make a Donation below. When you click on Make a Donation, you will have the option of making an online donation with a credit card.

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