



Stewpot March 2022 Newsletter



Spring is on the Way!
Daffodils coming up through the
snow in Charlie's front yard



Be Safe

**The Stewpot Board is still recommending
that all Stewpot Volunteer workers
continue to wear masks while
working at the Stewpot.**



WESTOVER HILLS
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

February Mission Focus - Men's and Women's Underwear for Stewpot

Men and women's underwear is needed for unsheltered Stewpot clients. Men's new underwear, medium to large, is needed. Women's new underwear, sizes 8 through 12, medium to large bras, and medium size warm socks are needed. Women's gently worn bras and socks can also be donated. Please take donations to "The Box" at the church office door. Men's socks are not needed because of the large recent donation (2,500 pairs) of men's socks from BOMBAS. If you need donations picked up, call Eileen Joyce 501.350.3949.



Stewpot Receives 2,500 Pairs of Socks from Bombas

The Stewpot has received socks from Bombas for the last several years. Because of the Pandemic, they did not receive any socks in 2021. The order for 2021 was received in February 2022 and consisted of ten large



boxes each containing 250 pairs of socks for a total of 2,500 pairs. These socks are distributed throughout the year to Stewpot diners through the Clothes Closet. Because of the hours of Stewpot, the socks were delivered to the home of Charlie Frith. Nancy Howell, Chair of the Stewpot Board, made arrangements for a pickup truck to pick up the socks and deliver them to Stewpot. The Stewpot will receive more socks toward the end of 2022. This year we have also asked for underwear. The underwear is black and available in men's + women's dual sizing (knit boxer brief in men's style + hipster in women's style). Frank Howell is shown below picking up the socks for delivery to the Stewpot.



This is what the men's and women's underwear that we hope to receive later this year looks like.



Stewpot Donates Bombas Socks to El Zocalo

El Zócalo Immigrant Resource Center is a grassroots organization in Central Arkansas. Their mission is to promote a dignified life for immigrants in Arkansas by connecting individuals and families with services and



fostering community-wide understanding through education. Poverty, language and cultural barriers often make it difficult for immigrants to navigate life in Arkansas. The resource center takes a culturally informed approach, providing support needed for independence. El Zócalo means “town square” in Spanish. Volunteers and staff work to create spaces where diverse people come together, help each other, and share in each others’ lives. Please contact them for more information at team@zocalocenter.org. They can also be reached by telephone (501-301-4652).

The Little Rock Stewpot recently received 2,500 pairs of socks from Bombas and they are giving 500 pairs to El Zocalo.



Valentine's Day LUNCHEON

Stewpot Valentine Luncheon

Last year Stewpot was able to have several outdoor events such as hotdog cookouts with our diners. Later in the year we served both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners where we had face to face contact. Each time we found ways to make it more manageable.

We have enjoyed being with the diners and Ed tells us the diners have missed seeing us too. They wonder who prepares the meals each day. We wonder how they have been doing.

Our first special event for 2022 was a Valentine Luncheon on Friday, February 14. Lunch included a peanut butter sandwich, tunafish sandwich, a snack pack, chips, sweet potato pie and candy kisses.



Pizza Served at the Stewpot

Food delivered to the Stewpot on Wednesday, February 16 included the following: Forty large cheese and pepperoni pizzas (each with eight slices for a total of 320 slices), four boxes of mixed chips for a total of 200 bags of chips and 175 cans



of mixed soft drinks. The diners also received a mini snack bag containing, crackers, peanut butter, a sausage and cookies.

Some of the Third Wednesday crew came early and prepared the snack bags. Shirley Garlington and Adrienne Kulousek arrived about 11:45 and passed out two slices of pizza to each dinner. Ed and Sherry passed out the drinks and snack bags.

Word got out when some of the dinners saw the pizza being delivered. A much longer line than usual for the food formed quickly. From all the smiles from the diners, they certainly enjoyed the pizza and sodas.

The whole special day was a generous gift from Shelby Properties, LLC. We are so grateful for their interest in Stewpot.

To see some photos from the event, click on the button below.

Pizza Photos

Stewpot Diverts Hangers Cleaners Coats to Women and Children First

For the past 40 years, Women and Children First has worked tirelessly to empower victims to live independently and free from domestic violence. WCF provides crisis intervention, safe shelter, social and legal advocacy, and supports services for women and children. Westover Hills Presbyterian Church works closely with Women and Children First and supplies fresh fruit all summer to women and children at Women and Children First. Because the Stewpot has a much greater need for men's coats than women's coats, Charlie Frith asked Hangers Cleaners if they would be willing to donate some women's and kid's coats to Women and Children First. They said "Yes." Charlie and Charlotte Frith and Carolyn and Roy Nash from Westover Hills picked up almost 200 coats on two different occasions and delivered them to Women and Children First.

Photo below shows Hangers Cleaners on Shackleford Road where we picked up the coats.





Clothes Closet

*"I needed clothes and
you clothed me."*

Matthew 25:38

Clothes Closet Update

The calendar is indicating that spring is just around the corner. At the Clothes Closet, it means that it is time to put away the winter items and get out the summer things. We have started taking note of what we need for summer. Our four most pressing needs are:

- 1, Men's athletic shoes and sandals
2. Men's jeans in waist sizes 28 through 38.
3. Baseball caps
4. Backpacks

We can also use travel sizes of toothpaste, lotion, shampoo, and soap, as well as razors, wash cloths, toothbrushes, and sunscreen.

The Clothes Closet has been fortunate to receive many donations of items we can use. We recently received last year's order (delayed by Covid) of Bombas socks, and have shared some with Jericho Way, Compassion Center, and The Van. We are expecting the 2022 sock order in May, and plan on sharing that too.

We so appreciate everything our Stewpot family has

done to assist us in helping our downtown neighbors!!!



Volunteer at the Stewpot

If you are not currently volunteering at the Stewpot and would like to volunteer, contact the Stewpot by clicking on volunteer below.

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Make a Donation to Stewpot

Most of Stewpot's financial support comes from donations from churches and individuals. Please help support the Stewpot.

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