



# The Friendship Center

## TFC NEEDS AND WISH LIST

We want to assure our community that our services are still available. If you are experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, you are not alone. Our 24/7 crisis line remains open, and an advocate is available to assist you.

With 20 women and children currently residing in the shelter and many others accessing our services, The Friendship Center is doing everything we can to meet the needs of our community's most vulnerable while also working to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We have implemented internal protocols and safety measures to try to limit exposure for our staff, our residents, and the public. This means that for now, we are closed to the general public and are generally not accepting material donations, other than those items specified below.

- Financial donations are essential to our ability to meet the needs of those impacted domestic and sexual violence in our community, especially during this very stressful time. You can contribute by going to [www.thefriendshipcenter.org/donate](http://www.thefriendshipcenter.org/donate)
- Gift cards to Walmart for Straight Talk Phones and Minutes. Especially now with social distancing measures in play, these phones can literally be lifelines for our clients; a way for them to access services without being tracked by their abusers. Each Straight Talk Kit and Minutes costs approximately \$100. If you find yourself at Walmart, please consider picking up a gift card. To avoid shopping, people can also order them for us: <https://www.straighttalk.com/wps/portal/home>. We need both flip phones and smart phones, as well as minutes.
- Gift cards to Costco and Albertsons or Safeway for groceries. In an attempt to limit our shelter residents' potential contact with the virus, we will provide as much food as possible to them and consolidate trips to the grocery store. If you find yourself at one of these businesses, please consider picking up a gift card. Costco gift cards are also online.
- Order food and supplies directly via our Amazon Wishlist to limit your exposure as well as ours. The Friendship Center's Amazon wish list is at: <https://tinyurl.com/tfchelena>.
- If you have cleaning items such as bleach spray, antibacterial wipes, or hand soap as well as tissues, non-latex disposable gloves, and masks, we would appreciate it if you could donate some of these items to us. We are actively cleaning shelter multiple times each day and are preparing for all contingencies. As stores are sold out of these items, availability is a concern for our organization.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**