



- 36. **Volunteer** at Project Homeless Connect [www.volunteermatch.com](http://www.volunteermatch.com) or call 407-893-0133.
- 37. Volunteer with HEART, a non-profit organization that meets the unmet needs of individuals and families that are effected by natural disasters. [www.seminoleheart.org](http://www.seminoleheart.org)
- 38. **Prepare** "birthday baskets" for homeless children. Include cake mix, frosting, candles, birthday napkins, favors, and a gift for SafeHouse of Seminole or Sanford Rescue Outreach Mission.
- 39. **Serve** on a Board of one of our local community agencies and assist with decision-making that helps the homeless.
- 40. **Donate** work boots and sneakers to the Sunshine Community Thrift in Oviedo. 407-366-3422
- 41. **Volunteer** income tax filing assistance at any agency that helps the homeless.
- 42. **Learn** more about homelessness. Visit the National Alliance to End Homelessness

- 43. **Recognize** friends' birthdays by making donations in their names to The Sharing Center, the county's largest nonprofit provider of rent/utility assistance. 407-260-9155
- 44. **Write** to elected officials [www.seminolecountyfl.gov](http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov) and ask them what they are doing to help the homeless and discourage them from tearing down low-income housing.
- 45. **Ask** a local agency that serves homeless and needy families what they need and then designate a box at work, church, or school to collect those items.
- 46. **Buy** a few extra cans of food (buy one/get one free) and donate them to Jewish Family Services Food Pantry. 407-644-7593
- 47. **Distribute** the Parent Resource Guide to families in need (available at [www.scps.k12.fl.us/Title1/dsp/FIT.cfm](http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/Title1/dsp/FIT.cfm)).
- 48. **Learn** about affordable housing. Visit National Low Income Housing Coalition's web site at [www.NLIHC.org](http://www.NLIHC.org).
- 49. **Learn** more about homeless children. Visit [www.naehcy.org](http://www.naehcy.org) and [www.serve.org/nche](http://www.serve.org/nche).
- 50. **Share** this list with work associates, family, and friends!



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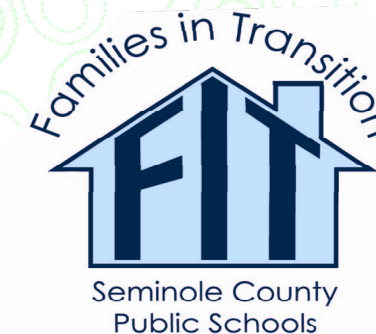
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1. **Donate** complimentary shampoo, soaps, etc. from hotels to the Sanford Rescue Outreach Mission. [www.rescueoutreachmission.com](http://www.rescueoutreachmission.com)
2. **Support** Pathways to Care, the only agency in the region providing medical care to homeless persons being discharged from hospitals with nowhere to go but the streets. 407-388-0245 [www.pathwaystocare.org](http://www.pathwaystocare.org).
3. **Learn** about the Sadowski Act [www.1000friendsofflorida.org](http://www.1000friendsofflorida.org) and write your elected officials to “scrap the cap” so more funding will be available to build affordable rental housing for very low income persons.
4. **Organize** a food drive through your church, social group or friends, or donate good-quality used clothing to The Sharing Center. 407-260-9155
5. **Donate** blankets, sleeping bags, and sweaters to Seminole Behavioral Healthcare’s Sanford HOPE Team [www.seminolecares.org](http://www.seminolecares.org) providing outreach to the unsheltered homeless in our area. 407-321-HELP(4357).
6. **Employ** a homeless person at a living wage (approximately \$21/hour for a single mother with two children), not just minimum wage.
7. **Donate** diapers and wipes to SafeHouse of Seminole. [www.safehouseseminole.org](http://www.safehouseseminole.org). 407-330-6933
8. **Volunteer** to tutor a child through the Families in Transition Program. [beth\\_davalos@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:beth_davalos@scps.k12.fl.us). 407-746-8518
9. **Donate** gently used furniture to Sonshine Community Thrift [www.helpforthehomeless.net](http://www.helpforthehomeless.net) to help families in need. 407-366-3422
10. **Provide** school supplies, new clothing, financial support or find out what other volunteer opportunities are needed for the Families in Transition Program, serving homeless students in SCPS. 407-746-8518
11. **Volunteer** to assist homeless teens at Covenant House. [www.covenanthousefl.org](http://www.covenanthousefl.org) 407-482-0404

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12. **Learn** about the number of homeless individuals and families in Seminole County by visiting [www.hsncl.org](http://www.hsncl.org). Homeless Services Network’s Annual Point-in-Time Count to help you become informed about our homeless population and the housing needs of in our community.
13. **Donate** good quality work-appropriate clothing to Salvation Army. [www.uss.salvationarmy.org](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org). 407-322-2642
14. **Respond** with a kind word when you are approached for a handout of coffee or a meal.
15. **Volunteer** by putting your professional talents to work with the Seminole County Volunteer Program. [www.scvp.org](http://www.scvp.org)
16. **Provide** financial assistance for the Pathways to Home Program, a community collaborative to assist homeless families in Seminole County. [www.pathwaystohome.org](http://www.pathwaystohome.org) 407-320-7223
17. **Donate** spare event tickets to an agency supporting homeless families.
18. **Make** sack lunches for The Central Florida Dream Center. [www.cfdreamcenter.org](http://www.cfdreamcenter.org) 407-302-0880
19. **Help** a homeless child with homework at the Sanford Rescue Outreach Mission. 407-321-8224
20. **Carry** fast food gift cards in small increments to give to the homeless who are hungry.
21. **Conduct** a kitchenware drive at your workplace to help homeless families who are getting into new housing and donate them to The Vine in Oviedo. 407-971-8135
22. **Volunteer** with Habitat for Humanity to help with construction of housing for low-income families. [www.Habitat.org](http://www.Habitat.org)
23. **Donate** new reading glasses to the Kiwanis Club. [www.centorkiwanis.org](http://www.centorkiwanis.org) 407-788-2245
24. **Adopt** an agency that serves the homeless and give them year-round support.

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25. **Donate** new socks, underwear, jeans, sneakers and t-shirts to Seminole County School Social Workers. 407-746-8518
26. **Donate** children’s reading books (PreK-12th grades) to SafeHouse of Seminole 407-330-6933 or Rescue Outreach Mission 407-321-8224.
27. **Ask** your local school what they need for their homeless children (uniforms, supplies, etc.) and provide it.
28. **Volunteer** your time at one of our local agencies like Sonshine Pantry [www.helpforhomeless.net](http://www.helpforhomeless.net), The Sharing Center [www.thesharingcenter.org](http://www.thesharingcenter.org) or Harvest Time International [www.harvest-time.org](http://www.harvest-time.org).
29. **Make** welcome kits with everyday household basics for homeless families in transition and donate to the Families in Transition program. 407-746-8518
30. **Educate** your children to respect the dignity of all human beings.
31. **Encourage** your house of worship to get involved with the Interfaith Hospitality Network. [www.familypromise.org](http://www.familypromise.org)
32. **Volunteer** on the 211 Hotline to help families in need find resources [www.refersoftware.com/211CommunityResources](http://www.refersoftware.com/211CommunityResources) 407-839-HELP (4357) or 211.
33. **Organize** a fundraiser for your favorite charity serving the homeless.
34. **Attend** a Seminole County Children’s Cabinet meeting to find out how you or your employer can become involved in improving the lives of local children. [www.seminolechildren.org](http://www.seminolechildren.org)
35. **Adopt** a family for the holidays through a local agency like Christian HELP 407-834-4022 or Salvation Army 407-322-2642.