

# 36 WAYS to Support Simpson

For 36 years, Simpson Housing Services has focused on its mission: to house, support, and advocate for people serving homelessness.

Check out our list below to discover 36 ways to serve in your community and help people who are experiencing homelessness this year.

<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>1</b></p>  <p>Become a Simpson sustainer by scheduling a monthly gift.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p>Make a Welcome Home Basket for a family or individual moving into their new home.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p>Gather your family to make bag lunches for shelter guests.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Encourage your friends to become mentors for young people at Simpson.</p>
<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>5</b></p> <p>Double your impact. Ask your employer if they would match your donation or volunteer time.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>6</b></p> <p>Celebrate your loved ones by making a gift in their name.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>7</b></p>  <p>Sign up to serve a meal at the shelter.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>8</b></p>  <p>Read Homelessness in Minnesota, the 2015 report by <i>Wilder Research</i>. Share what you learned with others.</p>
<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>9</b></p> <p>Shopping on Amazon? Use Amazon Smile and select Simpson; Amazon will make a donation with every purchase you make.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>10</b></p>  <p>Encourage the love of reading by joining us as a reading tutor.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>11</b></p> <p>Make a list of 10 things you love about your home. Find a way to share one of those things with people experiencing homelessness.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>12</b></p> <p>Hold a car wash in your neighborhood and donate the proceeds to Simpson.</p>
<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>13</b></p>  <p>Coordinate a diaper drive at your faith community or workplace.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>14</b></p> <p>Check out the video, "Race: The Power of Illusion - Episode Three: The House We Live In", at your local library or <a href="http://www.facinghistory.org">www.facinghistory.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>15</b></p> <p>Contact your legislators and encourage them to support affordable housing.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>16</b></p>  <p>Forgo the birthday gifts this year and ask friends and family to give a gift to Simpson in your honor.</p>
<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>17</b></p> <p>Already a volunteer with Simpson? Write a reflection about homelessness for your local paper.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>18</b></p> <p>Purchase an item from the Simpson Store as a gift.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>19</b></p>  <p>Invite your friends, make the popcorn, and enjoy a video night at home. Donate what you would have spent on a movie out at a theater.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>20</b></p> <p>Complete our What is your Inner Simpson Volunteer? quiz on our website.</p>
<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>21</b></p>  <p>Support a child's education by participating in the Tools for School program.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>22</b></p> <p>Collect new t-shirts and underwear for shelter guests.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>23</b></p> <p>Challenge your coworkers to bring lunch from home every day for a week. Donate what you would have spent on going out for lunch to Simpson.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>24</b></p> <p>Lead a cereal drive and give our shelter guests a healthy meal to start the day.</p>
<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>25</b></p> <p>Share hospitality and distribute supplies as a Shelter Support volunteer.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>26</b></p> <p>Ask your favorite coffee shop for a donation of coffee for the shelter.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>27</b></p> <p>Participate in Give to the Max Day and encourage friends to support Simpson too!</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>28</b></p> <p>Learn more about our programs for children and youth by attending an Intro Session.</p>
<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>29</b></p>  <p>Spare change piling up? Simpson will take those quarters off your hands.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>30</b></p> <p>Schedule a shelter tour and learn about the many ways volunteers make a difference.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>31</b></p> <p>Attend a Search for Home training and learn more about homelessness and affordable housing.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>32</b></p>  <p>Fill your cart. Share your heart. Check out our urgently needed supply list online and purchase items to donate.</p>
<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>33</b></p> <p>Do you travel? Simpson's Shelter needs your unopened hotel shampoo, soap, and lotion.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>34</b></p>  <p>Participate in the annual Homeless Memorial March and Service on December 19th.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>35</b></p> <p>Collect and give hats, gloves, and thermals to our shelter guests.</p>	<p><b>NUMBER</b></p> <p><b>36</b></p>  <p>Follow Simpson Housing Services on Facebook and share posts with your friends.</p>

Have other ideas or want to share your event with us, contact us at:

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