



September 27, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

The Social Work Program at Saint Leo University is honored to collaborate with the Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco County. With the assistance of over 40 service providers, the Coalition collectively helps to relieve the suffering of Pasco County's homeless families and individuals. The Coalition's mission is to "assist the homeless population and those at risk of homelessness to gain self-sufficiency by providing advocacy and the coordination of capacity building through partnerships within the community." Established in 1988, the Coalition has invited agencies, businesses, and citizens to help support their efforts to relieve the suffering and work towards ending homelessness for good.

This year, we have collaborated with the Coalition to conduct the annual Point in Time (PIT) Count for Pasco County. The PIT count is a count of homeless persons on a single night in January. This information is utilized in assisting the Coalition with expanding services, helping the community better understand homelessness, engaging in efforts to end homelessness, and obtaining federal funding for new programs, shelters, and permanent housing.

We are writing to request your support in donating new personal hygiene products that we can provide to participants during the PIT count on January 22, 2019. The goal is to distribute the hygiene products to over 1,000 homeless individuals and families. This compassionate effort to collect supplies runs from Monday, October 1 through Friday, December 7, 2018. Items of need are:

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| Soap | Shaving supplies |
| No-rinse body wash | Toilet paper |
| Shampoo | Insect spray |
| No-rinse shampoo | Sunblock |
| Hand sanitizer | Medicated body powder |
| Toothbrushes | Lotion/Lip balm |
| Toothpaste | Manicure set – nail clippers, brush, file |
| Dental floss | Tweezers |
| Feminine hygiene products | Baby wipes |
| Deodorant | Facial cleansing cloths |

Your consideration is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions about the PIT or the Coalition, please contact Professor Christina Cazanave at christina.cazanave@saintleo.edu.

Warmest Regards,
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