

Service Commission Report
Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
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Even though we have not reached the Summer Solstice, it feels like summer is definitely here. Keep cool, but be as prudent as possible with your water use. It seems hard to believe, but we are getting ready for our DCCW Convention. I am excited to finally be together to pray, sing, laugh, and cry some tears of joy. September will be here before we know it.

That said, it is time for us to take action. After months of staying home and being isolated, we can now look forward to helping those who have been struggling most during this pandemic. Baby steps but steps to get more involved.

To get ready for the convention, please, contact your affiliates so they can start gathering the items that we are collecting to assist those in need. All donations are appreciated and will be delivered to the appropriate agencies.

We will be collecting some of our usual items:

- Rosaries
- Eyeglasses
- Hearing Aids
- Cancelled stamps (other than the Forever Flag stamps)
- Pull tabs from cans
- For the Carmelite nuns: toilet paper, paper towels, marshmallow fluff, sugar, Kleenex, 8 oz. jars (used or new)

This year during the NCCW Convention, attendees are being asked to support a Service Project collecting items for those who struggle with poverty, homelessness and abuse. I have contacted some Utah facilities and listened to their specific needs. Their needs are many and these are just a few. Hopefully, this will start a beautiful relationship for you with a local facility. It was a joy to talk to the women, yes, women who answered the phones and are doing so much to help.

- Women's Crisis Center in Vernal-Eastern Deanery
 - Pillows, cleaning supplies, garbage bags
- Dove Center in St. George-Southwestern Deanery
 - Pillows, kid's toothbrushes and toothpaste, Kleenex, black/blue pens
- Lantern House in Ogden-Northern Deanery
 - Toilet paper, note pads, twin sheets, black/blue pens, scotch tape
- Catholic Community Services in Salt Lake City-Salt Lake Deanery
 - Reading glasses, toothbrushes, hair ties/bands, nail clippers/files
- Rescue Mission's Women's Center-Wasatch Deanery
 - Full sized hygiene products, cleaning products, trash bags
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I have more information including additional items needed and contact information for each facility, which I will send to the Deanery presidents.

Please bring any these items to the DCCW Convention in September. I am asking for a volunteer from each Deanery to take these items to the proper facility.

Donations will be accepted during the convention. Any help to sort these items would be appreciated.

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