

# Service Commission Report

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As food prices continue to increase and with cuts in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP — formally known as Food Stamps), the number of families seeking assistance with food is on the rise. Some of the basic daily necessities, personal care products, cleaning products and all other non-food items cannot be purchased with the SNAP card, meaning soap and shampoo for a daily shower may be a luxury.

“Caring for our Neighbors in Need,” the service project being held in conjunction with our annual MDCCW convention, will collect personal care items to be distribute to those in need in our area through food pantries and shelters. In an effort to reach as many people as possible, please donate 75 percent of what you collect to your local Food Pantry or shelter and bring 25 percent with you to convention. The items collected there will be donated to the Baraboo Food Pantry (located at St. Vincent de Paul) and Hope House.

**The following a list of suggested items, all should be full sized and unopened:**

Toothpaste/toothbrushes  
Mouthwash  
Bath soap/body wash  
Shampoo/conditioner  
Deodorant  
Razors/shaving cream  
Hand and body lotion  
Feminine hygiene products  
Toilet Paper