

Donations sought to fill backpacks for area homeless

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DAYTON — Looking to help people in need this holiday season? Participate in the 2008 Holiday Backpack Project.

The Other Place and St. Vincent de Paul are working together at the St. Vincent Hotel, providing 24-hour emergency shelter and services to homeless adults and families.

The backpack project is designed to ensure that homeless adults being served in the shelter will receive a gift of needed items, some of which include hats, gloves, long underwear and hygiene products.

More than 200 people are served daily at the shelter, so the goal is to receive at least 300 backpacks.

Filled backpacks should be donated by Wednesday, Dec. 10, to allow time for sorting and organization before distribution.

Backpacks should be delivered between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. to the hotel, 120 W. Apple St., at the donation door on the left (east) side of the building. Ring the bell and staff will help unload donations and provide receipts.

For a complete list of items to include in the backpacks, go to www.theotherplace.org, www.stvincentdayton.org or call Andrea Skrlac at (937) 293-1945.