

## Guidelines for Donations to Matthew 25

The Matthew 25 Thrift Shop is located in the Ministry Center and provides seasonal clothing and limited household items to those who need them. The Thrift Shop is staffed by volunteers and is open on Wednesdays and Sundays from 9:00 AM until noon. Volunteers are always welcome to staff the shop, sort and hang clothing donations, and assist in seasonal cleanups of the shop. Bilingual (Spanish/English) volunteers are particularly needed. We currently need a volunteer for the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of each month.

Matthew 25 Thrift Shop welcomes donations of clothing for men, women, children and infants. Clothing should be in reasonably good condition (working zippers, no rips/tears, clean) and be appropriate for the current season. Due to limited storage space we are not able to store large volumes of out-of-season clothing. We do not accept furniture or electronic items due to space limitations.

<b>Acceptable</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Women's and men's suits, slacks, jeans, skirts, dresses, sweaters, vests, blouses, shirts, jackets, coats, and night clothes (pajamas, nightgowns and robes), ties, belts, handbags, scarves, hats and shorts for summer.</li> <li>- Children and infants, all clothing in good condition.</li> <li>- Shoes, socks, slippers and boots in reasonable condition. If at all possible tie shoes together, or put a rubber band around them. Fold socks together.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No sports clothing/equipment (hockey pads and gloves, baseball uniforms, football helmets etc), costumes for parties, evening clothing, boy/girl scout uniforms, team uniforms, and choir robes.</li> <li>- No child car seats, baby furniture or large furniture pieces. Many of these items are in poor condition, missing pieces, may not meet current standards and are lacking instruction booklets.</li> </ul>
<p>Regarding toys, puzzles and games, care should be exercised in donating items with small pieces. A lot of toddlers are left to roam the thrift shop while their parents are shopping and play with toys and games and/or small game pieces. If games, toys and/or puzzles are donated, please tie or tape boxes so that small pieces will not be lost or fall out of the boxes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No donations of TVs, computer CPUs, computer monitors or printers. We have limited space and it's currently not adequate for these items.</li> </ul>
<p>Clean table linens, towels, blankets, sheets and pillowcases for all sizes of beds are accepted. Small kitchen items (mugs, dishes and utensils) in good condition are acceptable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No pillows or mattresses</li> <li>- No large kitchen appliances</li> </ul>