

*Over 1,000 Households are  
servcd each year through  
The Blessings Closet Program!*

## **DELIVER ALL ITEMS HERE**

30 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD 21157  
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**HOURS: Mon, Tues, Fri 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Thurs 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

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# **The Blessings Closet**

**PROVIDING FREE ASSISTANCE WITH  
NON-FOOD ESSENTIALS**  
HOUSEHOLD.HYGIENE.PERSONAL CARE

## Items you or your business/organization can donate:

Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Laundry Detergent  
Shampo/Conditioner  
Baby Diapers  
Attends/Depends  
Deodorant  
Bar Soap  
Dish Soap  
Toothpaste  
Feminine Hygiene Products  
Trash Bags

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For a Monetary Contribution:  
Cash:\_\_\_ Check: \_\_\_  
Please make checks payable to:  
The Shepherd's Staff  
*Donations are tax deductible*

***Checks can be mailed to:***  
***The Shepherd's Staff***  
***P.O. Box 127, Westminster, MD 21158***

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip

*Funds in excess of the need for this program may be  
used for other programs at the discretion of the  
Board of Directors.*

## The Story of The Blessings Closet

When The Shepherd's Staff opened its doors in 1991, we quickly realized the overwhelming need for the free distribution of non-food household items. We found that people, whether sustained on government assistance, earning poverty-level wages, newly employed, temporarily out of work, or simply without a home- all need basic essentials for everyday living.

The first Blessings Closet was started in a jelly cupboard which we crammed full of non-food necessities. Throughout the years, the small closet expanded to a large room and basement storage to accommodate the program. From our present location at 30 Carroll Street, thousands of items are given out on an as-needed basis each year to Carroll County residents in need.

We rely on the generosity of churches, schools, businesses, organizations, and individuals to keep The Blessings Closet filled each month. With the increasing amount of requests each year, we are always looking for donations to keep the closet stocked sufficiently to meet the demand. Your continued support to keep The Blessings Closet stocked year-round is appreciated!

### Who We Serve...

**Families...**typically earning minimum wage salaries and needing non-food items such as bath tissue, shampoo, cleaning and laundry supplies.

**Seniors...**living on Social Security, having little extra money to buy adult hygiene products, light bulbs, and other household products.

**Disabled Persons...** existing on Disability Income and unable to afford trash bags, dish detergent, first aid products and more.

**Single Parents...** with young children who find it difficult to buy simple baby essentials, diapers, baby shampoo, and wipes.

**Homeless Adults...** sleeping in shelters who need soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other personal care items.

**Out of Work Individuals...** who are caught between jobs and need household and personal necessities for themselves and their families.