

In-Kind Donations Policies

Larger donations are accepted every Wednesday and Friday from 2-4pm. Contact us for information, donation drive ideas, or to schedule an alternative drop off time.

Donate to help homebound seniors

Our Meals on Wheels program has the largest number of clients in need. These seniors are unable to move around easily or leave their home. In 2018, 91% of the seniors we served lived near or below the Federal Poverty line—living on just \$34 a day.

Their most needed items are listed below:

Most Needed! – Adult Diapers

- Unisex Diapers in all sizes
- Size L/XL most needed currently
- Dry dog or cat food (bags under 7 lbs)



Fort Bend Seniors provides information and items to new clients added to our program. You can purchase and create these Welcome Bags as a service project. Unisex items preferred.

Welcome Bag Items for New Clients.

In a reusable shopping bag, please include a minimum of 3 of the following:

- Soaps (Irish Spring, Ivory, Dove)
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Chapstick
- Fragrance-free lotion
- Baby powder
- Basic socks or no slip socks

Warm/Cold Weather Items Drive

- Box fans
- Small electric heaters (MUST have automatic shut-off)
- Hats, Gloves, Scarves
- Warm blankets

Please contact us before beginning a warm or cold weather item drive.

Our current clients may not have a need for these items and FBS does not have the storage capacity to hold these items in the interim. Thank you for understanding.

Please contact us if you have unopened packages of Ensure available to donate. We coordinate all donations of Ensure individually with our case management team.



Donate to our Congregate Centers

Fort Bend Seniors has 12 senior center locations in Fort Bend & Waller counties. These centers provide enrichment activities, celebrations, socialization, and daily hot lunches to seniors in the area. Free transportation is available to and from each center. Currently, our senior centers need the following items:

Activities & Games

- Puzzles (under 500 pieces)
- Crosswords/Sudoku/Puzzle Books
- Books (large print preferred)
- Decks of Cards/Games
- Dominoes

Food Items

- Large Containers of Coffee
- Styrofoam cups (8 oz only please)
- Powdered or liquid coffee creamer (individual packets)
- Sugar/Sweet’N Low packets
- Bottled water

Please note: FBS may not have space to store a large donation—keeping our space clear for the nearly 1,300 meals that go out daily is our number one priority. Please contact us before dropping off any larger donations to ensure we have space available.

Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels (TAX ID NUMBER: 74-1918313), a United Way Agency, is qualified under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code as a non-profit corporation, and as such contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent as allowed by law. Last updated: 1/13/2020.

Items We **Cannot** Accept:

- Used clothing or furniture items
- Canned goods (items must be easy to open for seniors) or expired food
- Children's items
- Opened bags of pet food, canned pet food, any expired pet food
- Heaters without an automatic shut-off safety feature
- Large appliances or furniture items

Please bring any gently used items to Pennywise, of Fort Bend Women's Center. Visit <https://www.fbwc.org/pennywise/donating-to-pennywise/> for more information.

Your donations will be used for Meals on Wheels program participants who need items such as pet food or diapers; or for our Congregate Centers. Please note that we cannot guarantee specific groups or seniors will receive your donations, but we make every effort to ensure that your donations go to where it is most needed in the organization.