

Dear Christ Church Family,

As you are aware, one of the key pillars of the Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI is for each congregation to develop ways to perform outreach, which re-establishes and strengthens the connection with the broader community.

Ongoing outreach projects for Christ Church include: prayer/pocket shawls, pillowcases for palliative care, support of G.R. Saunders Elementary school, and hosting the Stellarton Brownie/Guide group in the fall and winter.

Christ Church Council would like to add to this list by supporting the non-profit Pictou County Roots for Youth Society.

The Society's Mission is: "To work with young people (ages 16-24) to develop and provide services for youth and families so that they are supported in getting to adulthood safely with independence, responsibility, and self-sufficiency."

The Society's Vision is: "To develop a youth resource center with bed capacity that will provide wrap-around services that are family- and youth-focused. Through collaboration with community agencies, youth and families, use of existing services and programming will be enhanced to strengthen our community. We will provide stability for youth and their families in the transition from childhood to adulthood."

Christ Church Council believes these values align with our own values of "advocacy, diversity, equity, safety, and empathy."

To support this outreach project, we are asking for donations of the following items, which will be used to create intake packages (given to youth when they register for accommodations and/or assistance at Roots House) and starter kits (for youth who are moving from Roots House into permanent housing).

Items for intake packages:

- Shampoo/conditioner (travel size)
- Body wash/soap (travel size)
- Toothbrushes (full size)/toothpaste (travel size)
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hairbrush/comb
- Under garments (socks, underwear, bras)

Items for starter kits:

- Utensils
- Glasses/mugs
- Small appliances
- Dish clothes/towels
- Bedding (sheets, blankets, etc.)
- Towels/face clothes
- Shower curtains
- Dish/laundry detergent
- Laundry baskets
- Paper towel/toilet tissue

Other donations are welcome, such as **gently used or brand-new clothing** for all seasons, as well as **monetary donations** that will be used to purchase items listed above.

Donations of goods can be left in the laundry basket at the back of the church or given to any council member. Please put any monetary donations in the collection plate designated for Roots for Youth.

Any support you can provide will be greatly appreciated and will help the youth of our community who are struggling.

Thank you for your help with this important project!