



St. Theresa's Sandwich Program

For more than 25 years St. Theresa's Sandwich Team has been a blessing to those in our community who are hungry. To all of you who provide sandwiches: THANK YOU SO MUCH! Michael Sterbick (Manager of the Sandwich Program) refers to you as "The Magi" and sends his sincere thanks to you from himself and on behalf of those who receive the gifts of sandwiches.

Unfortunately, the Sandwich Program as we know it has been on hold for months due to the risks and regulations associated with the pandemic. Some organizations and charities are still able to contribute food and with their help Michael has resumed limited service to those on the streets of Tacoma. Currently, Michael **does not** need St. Theresa's to make sandwiches.

BUT.... there is a tremendous need for some essentials that may be the difference between life and death to the people living on the street. For now, in lieu of sandwiches, Michael has requested the following items from anyone who can help our homeless neighbors:

- **Costco Gift cards (to help purchase essentials that do not get donated)**
- **6' x 8' blue tarps**
- **new white crew socks**
- **blankets (used or new)**
- **sleeping bags (used or new)**
- **gloves (used or new)**
- **hand and foot warmers**

We cannot set up a formal program of collecting supplies and delivering them to Guadalupe House like we did with the sandwiches. To donate any of the above items, you can mail the gift cards, or you can deliver them and other items directly to the collection house in Tacoma. No need to call ahead; just drop off your donation on the front porch at your convenience. For everyone's safety, please do not knock on the door, just leave the items on the porch. Be assured they will be collected and given to those in need.

The house is green and white and is just around the corner from 15th St. S and G street. The address is:

Operation Keep 'em Warm, Keep 'em Fed
1420 South G Street
Tacoma, WA 98405

We pray that the effects of the coronavirus reduce their grip on our communities and the world. We will resume the Sandwich Program at St. Theresa's as soon as it is safe to do so.

Questions? Please contact Laurie Fiorito, St. Theresa's Sandwich Program Coordinator, at 206-817-6327 or Ljfiorito@comcast.net.

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