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MANSFIELD MIGRANT TASK FORCE UPDATE- DONATIONS NEEDED

[MANSFIELD, MA, September 8, 2023] – As we work through the ongoing humanitarian crisis here in the Commonwealth, town officials in the Public Health Department, Public Safety, and the School Department have witnessed the struggle our neighbors staying at local hotels in Mansfield are facing. These young families have fled unimaginable conditions taking real and heroic efforts to provide the best life for their children through legal refugee status in the United States. Through every interaction, kindness and gratitude is ever present. Parents and children alike are extremely appreciative of the support and opportunity they are receiving.

Assisting these families, now members of our Mansfield community, is an “All Hands on Deck” effort. Town officials have been able to communicate through smiles, nods, google translate, and a regional inspector who speaks Haitian Creole to identify several common needs. It is apparent through the multiple organizations, religious communities, and volunteer groups that Mansfield is a town robust with Helpers. This state-wide crisis is when we need those Helpers to show what Mansfield is truly made of. The Mansfield Migrant Task Force appreciates all who are able to assist in our efforts to welcome these families to our community during their stay here.

The common items in need are:

CLOTHING (Men, women, children aged 6 months-8 years old)

- Socks
- Underwear

FOOD

- Individual Sized Snacks (ex. Goldfish, animal crackers, etc.)
- Boxes of cereal
- Granola Bars
- Oatmeal
- Shelf-Stable Juice (ex. Apple juice)
- Gift Cards: Stop and Shop; Shaw's
- Bottled Water

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Feminine Hygiene Products - Pads
- Diapers Sizes 4, 5, 6
- Diaper Wipes
- Bath Soap
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Baby Soap
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Lotion
- Lip Balm
- Hair Brush
- Laundry Detergent

HEALTH

- Thermometers

Donation collection will begin on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. Collection bins will be set up at the Public Safety Building, 500 East Street, and at Town Hall, 6 Park Row. Any questions can be directed to the Health Department at 508-261-7366 or Health@Mansfieldma.com.

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