

REACHING OUT

Each Friday morning, the Aurora outreach van is packed with a variety of basic items that help a person survive on the streets. When it returns later, it is depleted of most items. The Aurora Homeless Outreach Team will have distributed those items to our homeless clients who are living in places not meant for human habitation.



However, who replenishes the outreach supplies at Aurora? Throughout the year, many wonderful volunteers and generous donors—*people just like YOU*—assist us with supplies that stock the van weekly.

WHO YOU HELP

Our Homeless Outreach Team serves those who are homeless in Evansville and Vanderburgh County. For our services, the term “homeless” means “staying at local shelters or transitional housing programs,” or “living on the streets.” Our case managers work tirelessly with our homeless community members helping them to overcome various barriers and to become permanently housed.

AURORA

— Giving light to the homeless —

exists to bring an end to homelessness
in our community

To this end, we pledge to

- provide services to the homeless,
- promote services that prevent homelessness,
- educate the community on the issues,
- facilitate collaboration, and
- advocate for the social and economic changes necessary to make ending homelessness a reality.

CONTACT US

Aurora, Inc.
1100 Lincoln Ave., Evansville, IN 47714
812.428.3246
bealight@auroraevansville.org
www.auroraevansville.org

Directions to Aurora:

From the Lloyd Expressway, take Hwy 41 South to the 2nd light & turn right (West) onto Lincoln. Go past Kerth and just before New York Ave., on the right, is an Aurora sign.

The driveway into the parking lot is RIGHT AFTER the sign ... or you can park on New York Ave. The front entrance is under the canopy & we're on the main floor.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve behind the scenes ... a short-term way to be a part of working together to end & prevent homelessness in our community!

We are actively involved with others in the implementation of *Destination: Home*, our community's ten-year plan to end homelessness. Visit the *Destination: Home* website at www.destination-home.info





**Help us
fill this bag
with non-perishable
food items**



**Donate items that can help our
Homeless Outreach Team
assist our clients
during weekly outreach trips**

HOW WE HELP

It takes lots of trust on the part of an individual to ask for help and to share their personal needs as well. One way to help build this trust is to help meet their simple daily needs. For those living on the streets, one way our Homeless Outreach Team does this is by offering them food to help them through the weekend, when perhaps fewer hot meal sources are available.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your help in any of the following ways helps us serve up to 30 people each week:

- ☀️ **Donate items** from the list supplied in this brochure. Any quantity is welcomed. We prepare 30 bags per week.
- ☀️ **Gift Cards** to stores with prices that allow us to stretch donated dollars (e.g. Sam's Club, Wal-Mart, Target, Save-A-Lot)
- ☀️ **Cash Donations** to allow us to purchase food items that are not received through other donations

For more information on donating items, contact our Community Liaison at 428-3246 ext. 33

- ☀️ **Volunteer** to assemble Outreach Bags at our office. One or two volunteers can assemble 30 bags in less than an hour.
- ☀️ **Organize an assembly project** with your group *AFTER* scheduling a delivery date for the bags you'll create. (We have limited storage space, so deliveries **must** be scheduled with our Volunteer Coordinator.)

For more information on volunteering or scheduling, contact our Education Specialist (& Volunteer Coordinator) at 428-3246 ext. 30

Email both at bealight@auroraevansville.org

Outreach Bag Contents

Items included in up to 30 bags weekly:

- ☀️ 1-2 sources of protein (cans need to be easy-open; all need to be individual size) such as:
 - Beanie Weenies
 - Vienna Sausage
 - Potted meat
 - Tuna (cans or packages)
 - Peanut butter (individual size)
 - Fruit (canned or cups)
 - Applesauce
 - Fruit juices(individual size)
 - Protein bars
 - Nuts (small packages)
 - Crackers with cheese or peanut butter
- ☀️ Bottled water (two per bag in summer)
- ☀️ 1-2 Snack items: crackers, chips, cookies, granola bars (individually packaged)
- ☀️ Napkin & plastic eating utensils (packaged in small plastic bag)

On occasion one or more of these items is included:

- ☀️ Soup or Ramen Noodles
- ☀️ Vegetables (small easy-open cans)
- ☀️ Cereal (small packages)

What Kind of Bags?

Typically, we use two plastic grocery bags with handles. At times, we've received donations of reusable shopping bags or groups have supplied other containers. Bags need to have handles & are most helpful when they are reusable, but not difficult to carry.



Outreach Bag Assistance

Name _____
Organization _____
Address _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Donating

- I have included this slip with items I am donating to Aurora for use in Outreach Bags
- I am enclosing \$_____ in cash for Aurora to purchase Outreach Bag items
(Please make checks payable to "Aurora" with "Outreach Bags" in the memo line)
- I am enclosing a gift card for \$_____ for this business: _____
- Please send a receipt

Volunteering

- I would like someone to contact me about arranging delivery of several pre-packaged Outreach Bags.
- I would like to volunteer to assemble Outreach Bags at Aurora

Information

Please send me the following information
____ by email ____ postal mail

- "Aurora News"
- Special Events & Projects
- Housing Starter Kits
- "Wish List" & "Outreach Ornament" needs
- Adopt-a-Client (during holidays)
- Volunteer Opportunities
- House Pins
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Destination: Home*
- Other _____

Please mail this form to
Aurora
Attn: Outreach Bags
PO Box 74, Evansville, IN 47701-0074

