

**Micah Ministry** (<http://ibcckc.org/micah/>) - Each Monday evening Micah Ministries offer multiple ministries, in one location, over a single hour-and-a-half. As well, we welcome peaceful guests who may or may not be sober to receive those ministries, and there is never a charge for receiving ministry at Micah. The majority of Micah guest are working adults

The Micah Ministry provides a free, table-based, restaurant-style, home-cooked supper each Monday, beginning at 5:30 pm. While this is in progress, Clothing Pantry volunteers go to the tables where guests are eating their meal and take hygiene kit, blanket and/or clothing orders. A medical station is available to the guests each week. Upon occasion, agencies come to facilitate services to the guest, such as giving out bus passes to veterans. Children are given school kits & uniforms in August and the Special Santa program provides gifts for children 15 years and under in December.

For more information, follow the link to Micah Ministry's website, above.

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**General clothing donation information:** Micah Ministries strives to treat each guest with dignity. With that in mind, please don't donate stained or torn clothing and make sure clothing has been laundered (laundry is difficult for most guests). In general, the least donated/frequently in need of women's sizes are large sizes and the men tend to be on the skinny side with less of those size donations coming in. Most requested types & sizes are noted in the following lists. If you happen to be shopping for Micah please consider purchases these types/sizes.

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## **Most pressing Micah Ministry donation needs:**

Toilet Paper - one roll is given out, each week, to each guest who requests it which is a majority of the guests

Tents & Tarps - these are a much requested item from the homeless. Tents are only given out after an 'interview' is held with the guest by a Micah leader in an effort to be wise with tent donations.

Blankets - these are requested year round, although the greatest need is in the colder months. Many guests with homes, have little heat and these families struggle with staying warm as well as the homeless, as you would expect.

Tennis shoes - Large sizes are most in need, for both men and women, as they are the least donated.

Underwear & socks - New/like new - Boxer briefs are most requested by the men.

Heavy Coats - Micah's guests like to layer, so often request larger sizes than they normally wear.

Hoodie - VERY popular item! often used in layering, therefore larger sizes are popular

Diapers - sizes 4, 5, & 6

Men's Jeans - sizes 34 waist & less, and any waist size with 32 inseam & over

Candles, flashlights, batteries

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## **Non-clothing needs:**

Candles, new or used - when a candle still has plenty of life left, they are given out as is. For those candles with little left, a volunteer melts the wax down and creates new candles in small tin cans

Batteries - AAA, AA, C, D - much requested item

Flashlights - very popular

Bug Repellant

Reading Glasses

Sunglasses

Umbrellas

Toiletry items - Regular or Hotel sized: soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, Toothbrushes & toothpaste (small sizes are good), Combs/brushes, Deodorant, Razors, toilet paper      Guests requesting a toiletry kit receive soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion and a roll of toilet paper. Other toiletry items are available upon request.

Prescription bottles - empty with labels removed, these are used to hold a shampoo, conditioner, body wash, or hand lotion to include in the toiletry kits.

Bags which are used to deliver newspapers - these are used to hold the toiletry kits.

Medicines, over the counter - pain, cold, antacids, antibiotic cream, band aids, etc.

Tents & Tarps - much requested, rarely available

Backpacks - a much requested item which is typically in low supply. Student Backpacks are also need in the summer in preparation for the handing out school supplies to the children.

Sleeping bags - these are typically in short supply and are only given out to the homeless.

Blankets - these are often in short supply. Kid blankets are needed also.

Pillows - these go quickly. Micah hands out decorative pillows in a pillow case to help extend the supply of pillows

Decorative Pillows - see Pillows

Sheets - typically in short supply, all sizes needed, but queen seems to be the most requested, Kid sheets

Towels - bath towels are the most requested.

School Supplies - there is a big push for this in June and July, getting ready to hand out kits/uniforms in late July/early August.

Monetary donations in June and July for School Uniforms which are handed out with the School kits in late July/early August.

Adopt a child for the Special Santa program. You will receive a wish list for the child. Gifts are delivered unwrapped to Micah and are given to parents from there. Only child guests of Micah are included in the Special Santa Program.

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**Children's needs:** (large sizes 16 & 18 are especially needed, as donations are lower for these sizes)

Diapers - larger sizes typically are donated in less quantities

Underwear - boys & girls, all sizes (Larger sizes are donated less often)

Summer clothing - tops, tank tops, t-shirts, shorts, sports shorts, PJ's, swimsuits

Winter clothing - long sleeve tops, sweat shirts, hoodies, jeans, pants, PJ's, coats (especially large sizes)

Shoes - sandals, tennis shoes, winter boots

Socks - all kinds

Sheets - kid prints

Blankets

Books, Toys, etc.

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## **Adult Clothing needs:**

Underwear - New/like new - Always in great demand for both men and women. (Men like boxer briefs)

Socks - white no show socks are the summer favorite for both men and women, tube socks are popular with men. Warm socks for winter are greatly appreciated.

Shoes - favorites are sandals in the summer and tennis shoes in other seasons. Boots are requested in the winter. Men also request work boots. Larger sizes are in least supply, for men that's size 10 or larger, women size 9 and larger. Dressy shoes are not often requested.

Long underwear - a winter favorite request for both men and women

Belts - men's belts are needed in all sizes

Gloves - warm gloves/mittens, work gloves for men (in good condition)

Hats - warm winter hats (for men especially), baseball hats (in good condition)

T-shirts/shirts - WOMEN: Tank tops (summer), T-shirts, long sleeve tops MEN: muscle shirts/ sleeveless shirts, t-shirts, undershirts

Heavy Coats - great demand in the winter, especially large sizes (up to 3X, 4X for women)

Hoodies - in great demand, used for layering in cold weather. (they are requested year round)

Women's Shorts - larger sizes (16 and up) are in great demand in the summer

Men's shorts - all sizes, but especially under 36 waist, in great demand in the summer

Athletic shorts - men like the long basketball shorts & request them year round, women also request sport shorts

Leggings - these are popular with young women today and the same is true for Micah guests.

Pants - Jeans are the most requested. Work pants are needed (think construction/roofing, not office job). In most demand are waist sizes 34 and under and any waist size with a long inseam (over 32"). Women's pants - jeans are the most requested. Sizes in most demand are 16 and over.

Coveralls - both insulated and non-insulated (in good condition)