



EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

## HELP HOMELESS MEN



### EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Fill 50 backpacks w/ critical items for Men  
to be distributed at Open Door Shelter & Outreach Program

**COLLECTION BINS: SAINT MARY CHURCH, SAINT MARY HALL & REC CENTER, 195 Danbury Road**

- **AUGUST COLLECTION:** refillable water bottles, rain ponchos, journals / diaries /notebooks, pens/pencils, puzzle books, Sudoku in both English and Spanish
- **SEPTEMBER COLLECTION:** men's t-shirts / sweatshirts (size L, XL) men's socks

#### What is Open Door Shelter?

Open Door Shelter, located at 4 Merritt St. in Norwalk, provides nightly shelter with over 95 beds. From this same facility, they operate the Manna House kitchen and pantry. They serve meals three times a day (over 20,000 per month) and provide boxed and canned goods to the working poor to help make ends meet. Between the kitchen and pantry, they provide approx. 60,000 meals per month to the community.

#### How do people become homeless?

People can literally become homeless overnight. Something as simple as a car repair, medical expense or the loss of a job, can result in people losing their homes.

#### Why help men specifically?

Men are less likely to ask for help and use the shelter due to sense of pride and not wanting to admit they need help. Some homeless men are just down on their luck, others have mental health and/or substance abuse issues.

Handing them a backpack filled with critical supplies that they can take with them will make an immediate and positive difference in their lives.

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**Making Impacts and Changing Lives One Man at a Time**