Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Month
November 2012

“Don’t just give change, make it.”

Throughout November, the S.O.U.L.S. Center is collecting items needed by local food pantries and Greater Boston area organizations that serve the hungry and homeless. Donation boxes are located in the S.O.U.L.S. Center and many other campus locations. A complete listing of donation box locations can be found on the S.O.U.L.S. website. Check with your Resident Assistants for details about residence hall collections.

Non-Perishable Food: S.O.U.L.S., in collaboration with the Office of Government & Community Affairs is participating in Boston CANshare. Food donations will be delivered to the Greater Boston Food Bank.

Warm Clothing: Clean out your closet to help those in need by donating your clean, gently used, warm clothing for adults and children. Donations will be given to Cradles to Crayons and the New England Center for Homeless Veterans.

Sock Drive: Local shelters have a great need for warm socks. Please help by donating new, white, adult sized socks or making a contribution toward the purchase of this much needed item. Socks will be donated to the Oasis Coalition.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00-2:15
Donahue and Sawyer lobbies
Suffolk University students who volunteer at Spare Change News will be tabling in the lobbies during November to bring awareness to the issues of hunger and homelessness. Stop by to learn more about a population that often goes unnoticed; feel free to bring food and clothing donations for our food and clothing drives.

Saturday of Service: Boston Health Care for the Homeless
Saturday, 11/3, 11:15-3:30
Students, supervised by a member of the program’s staff, will do an arts and crafts activity and play games with the community.

“Make Change” Exhibit Opening Reception
Monday, 11/5, 2:30-3:30
Poetry Center, Sawyer Library
Learn about the world of homelessness through an exhibit of photos and testimonials of those who have experienced homelessness. Staff from Boston Rescue Mission will be joining Suffolk University for this kickoff event. Photos will be on display as well as interviews from formerly-homeless men. The exhibit will be on display through the end of November in the hallway outside of the S.O.U.L.S. Center.
Supper Clubs
Oasis Coalition: Mondays, 11/5, 11/19, 11/26, 4:45-7:00
Church of the Advent: Tuesdays, 11/13, 11/27, 4:45-7:00
Paulist Center: Wednesdays, 11/7, 11/14, 11/28, 4:45-7:00
Join members of the Suffolk Community to help those in need by serving meals.

Oxfam Hunger Banquet
Wednesday, 11/14, 12:00-1:30
Suffolk Law Function Room
Join faculty, staff, and students to see how others experience hunger, class, wealth distribution, and other social issues during an interactive role-playing meal. Admission is $1 or a non-perishable food item.

Community Servings: Pie in the Sky
Monday, 11/19, 5:30-9:00
Pie in the Sky is Community Servings’ annual Thanksgiving bake sale which helps fund meals and nutrition programs for the critically ill. More than 13,000 pies need to be quality-checked, sorted by flavor, and packaged for delivery to pick-up sites.

Boston Living Center: Celebration of Life
Tuesday, 11/20, 3:15-7:00 & 6:15-10:00
Celebration of Life is the Boston Living Center’s signature event complete with a free, full-course Thanksgiving dinner and musical entertainment for people living with HIV and their loved ones. Volunteers are needed to work at the volunteer registration table and as coat checkers.

Boston Living Center: Meal Program
Monday, 11/26, 9:30-2:30
The Boston Living Center serves 40,000 warm and nutritious meals a year to people living with HIV/AIDS. Volunteers will help set-up the dining room, prepare and serve food, and clean up.

Pasta Dinner at Heritage Apartments
Tuesday, 11/27, 2:30-6:30
Volunteers prepare, serve, and share a meal with the elderly residents living in supportive housing at The Heritage Apartments.

PC International Thanksgiving Dinner
Monday 11/19, 9th floor, 73 Tremont, 6:00-8:00
Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with Suffolk University’s international students. Admission is $1 or a non-perishable food item. All are welcome to attend.
Caribbean Student Network Luncheon
Tuesday, 11/13, 1:00-2:00, Donahue 403
Come and celebrate Thanksgiving Caribbean Style! Admission is $1 or a non-perishable food item.

Food for Thought: Homelessness
Thursday, 11/29, 1:00-2:00, Donahue 207
James Shearer, founder and former Board President of Spare Change Newspaper is coming to Suffolk University. Shearer, formerly a homeless man himself, will be discussing how one becomes homeless, the complexities behind homelessness, and how he was able to find the strength to overcome homelessness by founding a paper that would influence many other street papers across the country. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this man's timeless story and ask him questions about life without a home.

Space is limited and pre-registration is required for events.
Please visit SUconnect for more information and to R.S.V.P.

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