How can you help?

DONATE! We always need gently used clothing, linens and small household items, and please use your Kroger Community Partners Card with SOSS designated as charity recipient.

VOLUNTEER! We have a wide variety of places to help, working with clients or working behind the scenes, on a regular basis or on seasonal projects, and flexible scheduling from a couple of hours per month to more.

GIVE! Financial contributions can be mailed directly to us, or designated to SOSS and dropped in the collection plate at Kingwood Methodist Church. Society of St. Stephen is a 501c3 agency.

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Society of St. Stephen



Society of St. Stephen helps our neighbors through a food pantry, clothes closet, limited financial assistance for medical or utilities, and annual programs for Back to School Supplies, Thanksgiving Baskets, and Christmas Baskets and Gifts.

Society of St. Stephen does not charge for any of its services, and is operated wholly by volunteers, so all donations go to help those in need. This outreach program began in 1981 with twelve volunteers, and we now have over one hundred regular volunteers.

What do we do?

- Society of St. Stephen is a community outreach agency serving people living in the 77336, 77339, 77345, 77346, 77357, 77365 and 77372 zip codes.
- We are 100% volunteer—we have no paid employees or positions.
- We are open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9–11:30 am, or until we have served the first 36 clients. We are generally closed on school holidays.
- At no cost to our clients, we provide each week an average of 400 individuals with food and clothing, and an average of 13 families a week with limited financial assistance (primarily with home utilities).
- Clients can visit SOSS once every 30 days for food, once every 60 days for clothing, and once every 12 months for financial assistance. A typical grocery allotment includes canned vegetables, canned fruit, rice, beans, pasta, frozen meats from Kroger, bread or tortillas, and a gallon of milk. Fresh fruits, vegetables and personal products are given when available. We also supply diapers (as needed), laundry soap, toilet paper, and bath soap to all families.

• We have three special projects each year. Our **Back to School Drive** supplies nearly 800+ children with school supplies, a new backpack, and a Walmart gift card for one pair of new shoes. For **Thanksgiving and Christmas** we provide over 400+ food baskets for a family holiday dinner, and Christmas gifts for approximately 600+ children ages 1–14.

How do we do it?

- Our 100+ regular volunteers give an average of 15 hours per month of their valuable time to SOSS.
- In recent months, our disbursements for assistance with utilities and medications have averaged \$2,100 per week. Our food costs have averaged \$650 per week, which we supplement with large discounts from the Houston Food Bank and local food drives and/or donations.
- We receive donations and monetary gifts from individuals, philanthropic groups, churches, schools, businesses, and corporation volunteer grants.
- Society of St. Stephen also receives 1% of the total purchase when you use your Kroger Community Partners Card (you must designate SOSS as your charity recipient).