



Confirmation Students, Mentors, and Families,

Did you know that November is youth homeless awareness month in Minnesota? Every night in MN, nearly 6,000 youth are homeless in Minnesota. We want to help! The youth of Valley of Peace will be collecting donations for Avenues for Homeless Youth starting this Sunday, November 19th through Sunday, December 17th. We will be collecting personal items such as adult sized pajamas, underwear, full-sized toiletries, and pillows. We have a full list of items as well as a donation bin in the narthex. Please consider picking something up on your next trip to the store. And then...

**Learn More!** All are invited to Adult Forum in the Fireside Room this **Sunday, November 19th from 9-10 am** to hear more about youth homelessness in MN. Craig Freeman from Avenues for Homeless Youth will be talking about the reality and challenges of youth homelessness and how we can help fight this problem. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the programming at Avenues and find out how we can give back. And then...

**Shop!** Confirmation students and their mentors will be shopping for Avenues for Homeless Youth on **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** on our regular mentor tables night! Christy Flikke applied for Action Team Seed Money from Thrivent Financial and got the \$250.00 grant! We will use the Thrivent money that evening to buy supplies for the homeless youth in the Avenues program. **We will meet at the Target store in Crystal at 6:00 pm**, (Please note the earlier start time) divide into mentor groups, and shop! Once we are done shopping, we will drive back to the church where hot chocolate and other delights will be waiting for us. We will pray over the gifts and write out a few Christmas cards to accompany our donations. Festivities will conclude at the regular 7:30 pm time. We hope you can join us! Please let Emilie know if you can transport students in your vehicle after shopping.

Thank you for the support!

In Christ,

Emilie Moravec  
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