



# OFP December News

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## Looking for Tenant Partners; Holiday Good Deeds

Those tenants who wish to partner with the building for this program would be asked to spearhead the collection of a single type of item for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), such as one of those listed below:

- ❖ \$5 or \$10 Walmart Gift Cards
- ❖ \$5 or \$10 Target Gift Cards
- ❖ NEW twin-sized children's sheets/pillowcases (character, cartoon, or solid-color sheets)
- ❖ NEW twin-sized blankets
- ❖ NEW children's socks
- ❖ NEW children's underwear
- ❖ NEW bed pillows
- ❖ Laundry detergent/dryer sheets (something that can't be bought with food stamps)
- ❖ Shampoos/Bar Soaps
- ❖ Any other specific, individual item that newly settled families might need immediately.

With an office area collecting one of these items, a significant contribution of those items desperately needed is better suited for success.

Suffice it to say that having an entire work group providing boxes/bottles of laundry detergents and dryer sheets, as an example, doesn't emphatically ring with holiday cheer, understand that the accumulated collection is so very beneficial.

Many of the tenants in this building already have long-standing holiday donation traditions within their offices. It is not property management's intention to intrude on those deep and meaningful relationships that have already been created, but, if there is an office or a department or a workgroup looking for a program, perhaps you will consider collecting items from the Tenant Partner list noted above.

Please call Jaime Audette in the Property Management office (831-5840) by December 1st if you wish to be a Tenant Partner. All items would need to be collected by January 15<sup>th</sup> and will be donated to DCYF along with the building-wide holiday house wares drive in January.



## Yearly Fire Extinguisher Test

Prescott Pierce will be in the building on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> performing their annual test of all of the fire extinguishers. They will be visiting every floor, and they will always be accompanied by a building engineer. If you have any questions or concerns during their visit, please feel free to speak with the engineer or call the Property Management office. Thank you, in advance, for your accommodation.

## Holiday House Wares Drive; January

The building will be partnering with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) again this winter with a house wares drive. The drive will occur later in January, and the typical items that will be collected during the drive are gently used house wares items such as any of the following:

- ❖ Dishes, glassware, silverware, etc
- ❖ Table linens, dishtowels, potholders, bath towels, etc
- ❖ Cookware, cooking utensils, small appliances (such as coffeemakers, toasters, etc)

**We are announcing this drive in December so that if anyone receives any of these types of items in a new condition during the holidays, they can be aware of a wonderful organization willing to accept their older, gently used items.**

We have heard so many stories from the DCYF of how many families are doing the best that they can. Very often the caseworker will approach their supervisor about a family who isn't neglectful or abusive...they're just stumbling financially and just don't have the means available to stretch that dollar any further. In other cases, mothers have had to take their children and walk away from their abusive homes with nothing but the clothes on their back. It takes a bit of time before the state funding for the family can be established, but the state funding is never enough to cover all the needs.

DCYF is the same organization that was the recipient of the back-to-school supply drive that OFP hosted in the Fall, and they were thrilled with being provided with more than 30 fully-stocked backpacks. These backpacks were distributed to the caseworkers across the entire state, and they, in turn, provided them directly to the needy children that are under their oversight.

## Friendly Reminder; No deskside heaters

As we get into the winter months, please pass along that personal appliances, such as desk heaters are not allowed. If any are identified by a member of the building staff, by security, or by the cleaners, they will be removed. If you feel that there is a temperature issue in your local work area, please have your tenant contact alert property management. Engineering will be dispatched to insure that the heating system is operating efficiently in your area. Not only do personal heaters present a significant fire risk, but also the heat they generate negatively impacts the thermostats that are in your suite and wastes energy.



*If you have any questions  
or concerns, don't  
hesitate to contact the  
Property Management  
office:*

401-831-5840

## **Farewell, Tom. See you in the Spring**

Tom McNees, proprietor of PVD Shines, the shoeshine enterprise in the Atrium, will be closing down his stand during the winter months. The last day of shines will be Tuesday, November 26th. We look forward to his return in the spring.