

## Coming Up...

### **Volunteer Fair:**

**October 6**

ServeWyoming and the Laramie County Library are hosting a Volunteer Fair at the Library. Needs Inc and many other Cheyenne organizations will be there. Come and find out how you can give back to the community.

### **Halloween Costumes:**

**October**

Needs Inc. and Emerging Leaders are collecting Halloween costumes and fall decorations for the annual Halloween Costume Giveaway at Needs. You can donate at Needs Inc. or at any of the following drop boxes:

ANB Bank  
Allstate  
Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce  
Red Lion Hotel  
Trophy Creative  
Woodhouse Roden Nethercott, LLC  
Wyoming State Parks

Please donate to the drop boxes by October 12 and to Needs by October 19.

### **Winter Coat Drive:**

**October 20**

Needs Inc. will be collecting winter coats at both Walmarts in Cheyenne from 9am-12pm. If you can't make it to Walmart on the 20th, Needs Inc. is always accepting coat donations in-house.

### **Thanksgiving Dinners:**

**November 1**

Turkey Bucks will be available at Albertson's East and Safeway again this year. These stores match the amount of Turkey Bucks donated. They use this to buy ingredients for our Thanksgiving Dinner boxes. These holiday food boxes will be given out on November 19-21 so be sure to donate your Turkey Bucks in time.

### **Ways to Give:**

Donations can always be made at Needs Inc. In addition, you can donate on Facebook, at NeedsInc.org, with AmazonSmile, or by mailing a check.

### **AmazonSmile**

On Black Friday, Cyber Monday, and during all of your Christmas shopping this year, give back with AmazonSmile. Go to smile.Amazon.com and search Needs Inc. for your charity (make sure the address is in Cheyenne, WY).

Amazon will then donate .05% of your qualifying purchase to Needs Inc.

Same Amazon account, same great deals and products, including Prime shipping. Give back to Needs Inc. at no cost to you this holiday season, set Needs Inc. as your charity on AmazonSmile.



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### **Community Baby Shower: November 3**

Needs Inc. will be able to do several giveaways at this year's Community Baby Shower. This will give moms a chance to learn about all of the resources our community has to offer, including those at Needs Inc. The event will be at Kiwanis Community House from 10-12 and is open to anyone.

### **Lions Club Food Drive: November 10**

The Lions Club of Cheyenne is holding a food drive at King Soopers and both Albertson's locations. Stop by to donate your favorite Thanksgiving food between 9am and 3pm. Any amount is appreciated.

### **Adopt-a-family: Mid-November**

We will match you up with a family from the Needs, Inc. client base who will not be able to provide their family with Christmas presents due to extreme financial hardships. We will start making matches by mid-November; contact Needs Inc. to get paired up.

### **Giving Tuesday: November 27**

To follow up Black Friday and Cyber Monday, Needs Inc. is participating in Giving Tuesday. Donate to Needs Inc. through Facebook on Giving Tuesday and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match it.

### **Christmas Drive: December 1**

Christmas decorations, children's toys, and other Christmas donations will be accepted at Needs Inc. from 9am-12pm. If you can't make it, donate anytime before December 8th to enhance this year's Christmas Shoppe.

# Accomplishments

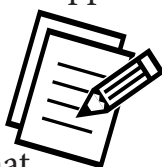
## Cheyenne Firecracker 5k

The 2nd annual Cheyenne Firecracker 5k to benefit Needs Inc. was held this summer. We had a great 4th of July with everyone that came out. There were 319 runners, 60 volunteers, and 27 sponsors. A special thanks to the sponsors below:

ANB Bank  
Bank of the West  
Black Hills Energy  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming  
Blue Federal Credit Union  
Brown Shoe Company  
Capital Lumber  
Cheyenne Frontier Days  
Cheyenne Regional Medical Center  
Dr. Carol Fischer  
Downtown Development Authority  
EOG Resources  
Fyzical Therapy and Balance  
Greg Dyekman  
Halladay Motors  
Holly Frontier  
First Interstate Bank  
Jerry & Diane Egge  
John & Becky Lynch  
Larry & Jennifer Wolfe  
Pinnacle Bank  
Spartan Property Mgmt.  
State Farm - Theresa Ward  
Taco Johns  
US Bank  
Wells Fargo Corp.

## Operation Back-to-School

Needs Inc. partnered with Operation Back-to-School again this year. The program provided 400 backpacks, each filled with school supplies for the year. We also gave out age-specific hygiene items to all students that received a backpack. Special thanks to all of the groups that volunteered to put backpacks and hygiene bags together. Needs Inc. is always accepting school supply donations.



## Clothing Drive

On August 18 we held a Back-to-School Clothing Drive at Frontier Mall and the south Walmart. The community came together and donated about 7 vans full of clothing which our board and volunteers helped sort the next day. If you missed this clothing drive and want to donate, Needs Inc. is always accepting clothing donations.



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# Need to Know

## Needs Inc. Day-to-Day Operations

When you donate your items to Needs Inc., employees and volunteers sort through donations and separate them into categories. Smaller items get put on the free shelf for clients to grab as needed.

**Clothing** is washed using donated laundry detergent and hung up in the clothing store. Any extra detergent that gets donated gets separated into labeled jars and given out to clients.



**Houseware** items are sorted and set aside to maintain the good condition of the items.

Housewares are then given out to clients upon request.

**Food** is collected from 16 different stores every week by an employee of Needs Inc. We also get food donated when a truckload of food is rejected from a store; the driver calls Needs Inc. and brings it to be unloaded by employees. All food, including that from food drives and individuals, is sorted and separated into food boxes which are given out to clients each day.

## Needs Inc. Clients

Clients must meet certain qualifications to receive a food card for Needs Inc. The food card assigns them one week during each month to come in and collect their food box.



**Food boxes** contain enough food for each member of their household to eat three meals per day for one week. While food boxes require qualification; the free shelf, bread and dessert shelf, and the clothing store are available to anyone who needs it.

## Planning a Food Drive?

Let us know about your food drive through Facebook, the website, or by phone. We will help you advertise. The website also has printable fliers and wish lists to help you have a successful food drive.

## Looking to Volunteer?

We need volunteers to help out with special events and everyday operations. You can volunteer as an individual or as a group; visit the website or call to set up a time to volunteer.

