

IMPORTANT NOTE: You may bring your church's product donations to the main lobby of Annual Conference and drop off at the tables located there. The Inn staff will be picking up your donations daily. Should you be bringing gift cards, please give to Billie Fidlin. Thank you so much!

As you might remember, the first part of this year's Annual Conference Mission Project is monetary donations to support the **Asylum Aid and Border Ministries Fund**. This fund provides financial support to our churches who are engaged in asylum and border mission work, helping people who come from all over the world to the United States, seeking asylum and safety from human predators. <https://dscumc.org/blog/2024/02/07/annual-conference-2024-mission-project-announced/>

We are delighted to share that **The Inn** has been selected to receive item donations. This ministry provides care for migrants passing through the U.S. / Mexico border. From their [website](#):

*"Ordinary people responded to an extraordinary need in December 2016. Thousands of asylum seekers at the AZ border had no safe place after release from detention by Immigration Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.). The **Desert Southwest Conference of the United Methodist Church** pledged to help. A courageous church opened its doors, volunteers pitched in, and **The Inn** began. Unlike the experience of Mary and Joseph who had been turned away at an inn, those needing rest and understanding would be welcome here."*

□ *"We receive families who have gone through U.S. Customs and Border Protection (C.B.P.), or I.C.E., and are released to continue the immigration process. Our volunteers provide temporary shelter, hospitality, food, clothing, showers, and compassion for these vulnerable families, giving them a safe place to stay while they transition to the next part of their journey. Since its beginnings in December of 2016, **The Inn** has served more than **56,000** people."*

Director Gretchen Lopez shares that the following items are needed:

- Toddler & Children's t-shirts (2T-16)
- Toddler & Children's pants/shorts (2T-16)
- NEW Children's underwear (XS, S, M, L, XL)
- NEW Children's Socks
- Women's leggings or stretch pants (S, M)
- Women's t-shirts, long and short sleeves (S, M)
- NEW Women's underwear (Size 5 & 6)
- Women's Bras (sports bras – S/M/L but not XL)
- NEW Women's socks
- Men's jeans/sweatpants (28-32" waist highest demand, but need all sizes 28-38")
- Men's t-shirts, long and short sleeves (S, M, L)
- NEW Men's underwear (S, M, L)
- Men's belts (S, M, L)
- NEW Men's socks
- Flip Flops (for showers)
- Diapers (Size 4, 5, 6, 7)
- Baby Wipes (individual packs)

Director Lopez will happily accept gift cards as well. Should you wish to purchase gift cards: Walmart, Amazon or Visa will be GREAT!

YOU CAN BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE NARTHEX OF CUMC ON SUNDAYS THRU JUNE 9 OR THE CUMC OFFICE M-TH, 10AM-2PM THRU JUNE 13.