

NONPROFIT

HomeStretch

DIY PROJECT

Freezer/Pantry Fill Up

IMPACT

During the course of a year, over 35 families will work through the HomeStretch program, transitioning to permanent housing and family stability. As clients transition from homelessness into apartments, they typically have little more than their clothes. These families are trying to create stability, but their needs during this time often result in heavy financial burdens. HomeStretch operates a small freezer/food pantry to supply new and existing families with the basics to get them started or supplement their monthly food needs.

INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1: Spend some time as a group learning about HomeStretch and the families they serve. Their website (<u>www.homestretch.org</u>) is a good place to start.

STEP 2: Review the notes below for suggested items.

STEP 3: Discuss as a group how you will collect or purchase the suggested items. Please focus on getting new items. Set a collection date.

STEP 4: Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ask for Natalie Anderson if you need assistance upon arrival.

STEP 5: Let us know how it went! Please give us your feedback by filling out this <u>form</u> so we can continue to improve your small group *Serve Together* experience.

NOTES:

Freezer Items: chicken, bacon, kids' meals, ground beef, orange juice, waffles

Pantry Items: breakfast bars, granola bars, popular cereals, peanut butter & jelly, pasta sauce & pasta, Mexican dinner kits, soups, after-school snacks, paper towels, toilet paper

FUN IDEAS

- Include your kids. They can shop with you to purchase the suggested items.
- Grab lunch together before or after you drop your items off at HomeStretch.
- Take pictures and post them on social media using #GiveServeLove.