



Adopt-a-Month to Support Allentown Rescue Mission

It's as easy as ABC or 123...

Allentown Rescue Mission's Gateway Center (emergency Shelter) is the entry point into most of the Mission's long-term programs. Gateway Center clients are individuals who literally come in off the street, having exhausted all support; and often with multiple and chronic problems. The Center provides 48 beds and is open from 5:20 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Because emergency shelter use is not an answer to homelessness, but a first step to self-sufficiency, we strive to transition our clients, within 14 days, into a long-term recovery program to resolve the root causes of their homelessness. They can join one of our long-term programs or be referred to another agency if needed.

Clients in the Gateway Center are provided with meals and a kit of personal care items to use during their stay. These kits include **travel size** shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste and disposable razors. Because **nearly 800 men come to the shelter each year**, we go through a large quantity of personal care items, approximately 150 kits each month. Donations in the form of personal care items are always welcome!! The Adopt-a-Month program provides an opportunity for your church group to help support those in need.

Here's how it works:

- 1.** Your church group selects a month in which they wish to participate.
- 2.** During the selected month, you fill a bin (provided by the Mission) with three types of personal care items (example: shampoo, deodorant and shaving cream; or toothbrushes, toothpaste and disposable razors).
- 3.** At the end of the month, you can deliver the bin to the Mission or call us at 610-740-5500 for pick up.

To participate in our Adopt-a-Month program, call Dianne Moody at 610-740-5500, ext. 33 or diannem@rcn.com.