



Sharing Around Missouri

In 2017, we partnered with 98 agencies (serving over 70,000 people). These ministries/agencies are doing the daunting and blessed work of helping our brothers and sisters who are in need. Missouri has an overall poverty rate of 15% and 21% for children. This means, 908,628 individuals, 287,081 of which are children, experience poverty in Missouri. Around 60 of our counties have more than 25% of their children under the age of 18 living in poverty. For more information and stories, please visit www.communityaction.org/missouri-poverty.

Through our faith, we are called to share our resources and support with those who are struggling. The agencies we partner with continuously express how much Festival makes a difference in the lives of the people they serve. These agencies share similar goals and purposes with Festival. When they receive donations from Festival of Sharing they are able to invest in the root causes of poverty.

In the following pages, you will find the packs we collect for agencies in Missouri. The estimated costs are used with Best Value prices at Walmart. We have included the number of requested packs versus how many were shared in 2017. Festival is able to help so many people in need, but there is always room for more. Thank you for your generosity!



Missouri Paper Products Pack

4,769 requested versus 928 shared in 2017

Estimated Pack Value | **\$15**

Place all items in a tall-sized kitchen trash bag. Label the trash bag "Missouri Paper Products Pack."



3 wrapped packages of toilet paper with 4 double rolls each (unable to receive 12 rolls in one pack)



2 rolls paper towels (good quality)



2 facial tissue (large rectangle boxes)

In January we sent out some extra items to our agencies that had been dropped off after the fall events. One pantry was very thankful for this late gift because the holidays are a time when people have extra needs. They explained how their shelves of items lose stock very fast and they need help to replenish their items.