

Annual Ten Tons of Love Charity Drive

Thursday, December 10, 2015, By *Gerard McTigue*

Share

Through Friday, Dec. 18, donations and volunteers are needed for this year's Ten Tons of Love winter collection, organized by the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS).



TEN TONS OF LOVE

Each winter and spring, OCCS, part of the Division of Student Affairs, coordinates the collection and donation of items in good condition that have been provided by members of the University community. All items collected on campus are donated to the

First English Lutheran Church and then distributed to members of the greater Syracuse community.

“Ten Tons of Love is a special way for all of us at Syracuse University to show that we care about the well-being of all those in need in our community,” says Elin Riggs, director of OCCS. “Whether someone can donate items or their time, we appreciate the support of the students, faculty and staff at SU. Their assistance goes a long way as we try and provide families with items to lead happy and healthy lives.”

Items being accepted in good condition for all ages and genders are:

- books
- clothing and shoes
- small appliances
- nonperishable food

- bedding and towels
- office/school supplies
- cellphones and laptops

Drop-off boxes will be located throughout the SU campus and volunteers are then needed for the first collection on Monday, Dec. 14, 8:30 a.m. to noon, and the second/last collection on Friday, Dec. 18, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will help collect items at various locations and load them on the truck to bring to the First English Lutheran Church on James Street. Team captains are also needed. These individuals will organize one of the routes around campus and work with a driver to ensure that all donations are collected.

Locations of donation boxes include:

- all SU residence halls
- Archbold Gymnasium
- Hendricks Chapel
- the OCCS Office
- Schine Student Center
- Goldstein Student Center

In past years, over 50 tons of usable items have been collected from the Syracuse University community, which served 3,000 families in greater Syracuse.

For more information or to volunteer, contact [Alexa Kline](#) or visit the [Ten Tons of Love webpage](#).