

School Supplies

Crayons and backpacks and calculators, oh my! A good education can change a child's future, but many families can't afford the supplies necessary for their kids to succeed in school. Through its School Supplies Program, VAC provides the items students need to be excited and prepared for each new year.

Holiday Family Adoption Program

What better way to spread holiday cheer than through VAC's Christmas Program? Low-income families, elderly, or disabled individuals submit a list of needed items for the holidays, and generous folks in the county are matched with them as sponsors to provide these items. 'Tis the season of giving!

Warm-Up Columbia

This annual drive ensures that local families and individuals will have the coats, blankets, and other items they need to stay toasty each winter. VAC collects and distributes everything from hats to socks, which keep Boone County residents warm from head to toe — literally.

Christmas in July

Santa may be seasonal, but local needs are not. VAC puts on this Christmas-themed picnic — complete with a visit from Santa Claus — for local families. Friends of VAC support this event purchasing raffle tickets that both cover picnic meals and raise funds for VAC to continue providing services in Boone County.

AC and Fans

VAC helps Columbia beat the heat through its Air Conditioner Exchange and Summer Fan Program. These initiatives enable local low-income families and individuals to receive new fans for free and to exchange old or broken AC units for new, more efficient ones. Talk about cool.

Uniforms

A new job can bring hope and a fresh start. But when new jobs call for new uniforms, the expenses may be too high for many families. VAC provides Wal-Mart vouchers to cover those uniform costs. They landed the job; VAC will make sure they look the part.

Youth Enrichment

Participation in sports, the arts, or other activities can provide kids with invaluable life skills and lessons. VAC assists low-income families with fees for sport programs, camps, college applications and tests, summer school, fine arts classes, and more. These opportunities change lives and brighten futures.

Gasoline

The ability to get from point A to point B is often the first step to health or employment. That's why VAC offers gas assistance to those traveling to doctor's appointments or work. It's one way that VAC provides practical help to stabilize families in Boone County.

Rental Assistance

Having a place to call home is a necessity for every stable family. VAC's rental assistance program works to prevent eviction by helping those who have gotten behind on rent or need financial assistance to move to a new location.

Prescriptions

VAC's prescription assistance program is one way that we provide help and hope in Boone County. This program helps cover the costs of clients' medications. From antibiotics to diabetes medications, the prescriptions provided through this program help keep our clients healthy.

Hygiene/Household Products

When someone is low on shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, or soap, VAC can provide a hygiene pack. We

provide everything clients need to get squeaky clean!

Diapers/Baby formula

Babies are bundles of joy — expensive bundles of joy! Diapers and baby formula are a necessity, but they can be prohibitively expensive for many families. VAC helps cover the costs of these products to make sure clients' babies stay happy and healthy!