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From its 1974 roots as the Northampton Soup Kitchen this Christian charity works directly with the homeless and underprivileged community in Northampton and the surrounding area, its principal aim being to help people progress and hopefully re-integrate into mainstream society.

These people need help for many reasons – some have alcohol and drug problems, others have suffered family breakdowns and have nowhere to turn, some are elderly or have mental health issues and are unable to cope, some sleep on the streets and most have been homeless at some time in their lives. But in also helping them to ‘move on’ with their lives through a programme of education, training and development, this builds their self-esteem and enables them to take on responsibility, hopefully leading to employment and/or community volunteering.

The Hope Centre tries to give everybody a ‘hand-up’ as well as a ‘hand-out’.

St Matthew’s worshippers are encouraged to bring donations of toiletries and non-perishable foods to church, which are then delivered by a rota of volunteer drivers after the first Sunday of every month. There is a basket permanently at the back of church in which to place them.

In December we donate money instead, towards providing a Christmas meal for the Hope Centre clients.

Items always welcome:

Tea bags, coffee, squash, rice pudding, pasta, cereals, tinned and packet foods...

Toilet rolls, tissues, soap, shampoo, deodorant...

Mugs

Seasonal items required:

Hats, scarves, gloves, jumpers, trousers, coats, blankets, sleeping bags, boots...

New socks and underwear