



## DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

The Boys Hockey team will be participating in a community service activity this year, **The Elisha Project**. For those who haven't been, George Ortiz and his wife Carrie, run this project which provides food, clothing, and supplies to the area homeless in Providence, including a woman's/children shelter. Last year we had a 8y boy looking for a pair of pants, who lighted up when we found him some. Talk about humbling!

Check out George's personal story <https://elishaproject.org/> Its truly moving and he is an amazing, inspiring man. Several FHS sports teams have been participating in this project for years, and they always enjoy seeing Franklin kiddos! You can see some on their "EP 4 High School" webpage header! And they put together a great video for us so if any of the boys need Community Service for school, this is a bonus!

**The gist**....boys will be bussed to their head-quarters. Parents are welcome to drive and meet us there. Once there, we will sort donated clothes and put together meals. Then, we load up and drive to a spot in Providence that is adjacent to the shelters. We literally "set up shop," and folks come out in droves to get food and "shop" through the clothes. We encourage the kids to assist anyone in need. It is truly a moving day and we walk away from it changed and grateful for what we have.

### *So what do we need from you??*

**\$\$-** The program is mostly self-funded and works this way: \$2.50 = 1 Lunch. We tell them how many lunches we want to donate/gift. They buy the food. We put it together. They can easily serve 250 lunches per weekend! In the past, families have donated \$5-\$20. If you can do more, fantastic! More info as it gets closer.

### **DONATIONS**

- WATER-cases
- SNACKS-Chips/Crackers/Cookies (lunch size and individually wrapped)
- CLOTHES-seasonal appropriate, washed and sorted by age, sex, size (*if you can, we sort there as well*). Coats, hats/gloves, SOCKS!, shoes. Really anything. They need it all!
- TOILETRIES-soap, shampoo/conditioner, lotion, toothbrushes/toothpaste, deodorant, lip balm, anything travel size

Cleaning out your closets? Hold on to your items or feel free to drop them at my house anytime (35 Blackmar St, Bellingham, 10min from the rink), or I can come pick them up from you. Also if you have any connections to companies that would donate, please ask! (i.e dentist that could donate toothbrushes?, etc) The more we bring, the more we give!

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