



Clean laundry doesn't seem like much until you don't have any. People who are no/low income already face a lot of challenges - limited health & dental care, inadequate or clean housing, inadequate supply of good nutritious food, mental health problems, addiction, or running away from abuse to name a few.

Faith Trek, a group who meets here on Sunday morning, heads up Loads of Love. We saw a need and thought, "we can do something about that."

Basically, people who come to BJ's Café sign up for laundry vouchers. The first person in the family gets a voucher for 2 loads of laundry and then an additional load for each additional person in the family. The cap is 5 loads of laundry. **That's only 5 loads for 2 weeks of laundry.**

We have Laundry Day the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at The Wash Tub on 24th Street. We hand out supplies and put quarters in the machines. Then we visit with the people. Bonds have been made. These people care about each other. One couple had been hand-washing their clothes without detergent. They are so grateful for Loads of Love.

The number of people we serve has **DRASTICALLY** increased.

On May 23, **2018** we helped with **27** loads.

On May 24, **2019** we helped with **144** loads.

And it keeps growing! Proof that there is a need.

Our Budget

It costs \$1.75 for a washer and approximately \$1.75 to dry the clothes. Detergent and dryer sheets add another \$.35 to make the cost of a load \$3.85.

$\$3.85 \times 150 \text{ loads} \times 2 \text{ laundry days} = \1155 per month

We spend no money on administrative costs as everything is on a volunteer basis.

What can you do to help?

There are several ways you and your church can help:

We need financial help.

We are spending approximately \$1,000 a month. We had a Leonhart grant, and a Community Foundation grant, both of which have run out. We receive money monthly from Ladies of Charity. Never in our wildest dreams would we have expected the need to be so great! We are running out of money.

We need "person power" help.

We have laundry day every 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 3:30-6:15. When we have laundry day, we have 2 shifts. We like to have at least 2 people, preferably 3, for each shift. We basically hand out supplies, put quarters in machines, and visit with the people.

We are sincerely appreciative of ANY help you can give us.

