



Arch Street United Methodist Church's nonprofit The Center-Philadelphia operates a weekday daytime Drop In Center serving our unhoused/unsheltered neighbors in Center City Philadelphia called Grace Cafe Daytime Services. The Drop In Center offers showers, laundry, long and short term case management, housing assessments, clothing, hygiene supplies, wellness services (including blood pressure, blood sugar checks, footbaths and care coordination), home cooked nutritious meals, computer lab access, a low-barrier lending library and a safe place for respite during the day.

Last year the Drop In Center received more than 9500 individuals and offered more than 30,000 separate services. About 20% of those accessing the Drop In Center are seniors over the age of 60 and nearly 20% identify as Veterans. About 70% of those we serve are men. In recent months we have experienced a significant increase in need.

Underwear is one of the most needed and most requested items. A new pair of underwear not only offers dignity but increases an individual's overall health and wellbeing. We distribute 4000 pairs of underwear each year with the need increasing significantly in recent months. The cost of underwear has increased significantly and we are unable to keep up with the increasing need. We are in need of new men's underwear (of all styles - however, the most commonly requested style is a boxer brief) in sizes ranging from medium to xxlarge. Donations can be ordered via our Amazon Wishlist or dropped off at Arch Street United Methodist Church (55 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107). Please contact Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck at (darlene@archstreetumc.org) for more information.