



Orange cones and barrels are the universal signs of impending construction. At times it seems repair work is never ending and inevitably occurs in places you need and want to go! In reality, there is a simple reason for this, wear and tear is caused by time and travel when thousands of cars use the same path over and over again. The roads less traveled are frequently in pretty good shape. We have a similar problem here at Hollis.

Even though philosophically Hollis is the "the road less traveled", over 6,000 vehicles per year traverse our road. Traffic, weather and time has taken its toll, and 10 years after completely repaying it, our *welcome mat* needs a facelift.

Every year, more and more people find Hollis, and we are thrilled about this.

Extending intentional Christian hospitality to all is our mission, passion and purpose, and that welcome begins when they leave the narrow, pothole filled Kansas Avenue and descend down the smooth tree lined Hollis hill. As good stewards, we must tackle this maintenance issue now, as opposed to waiting till expensive, complete replacement is needed. Complete replacement of the Hollis Road is NOT needed, but we must resurface and seal the road to guarantee it is safe and welcoming for the coming years of use.



This year, we have given out an estimated total value of \$66,870 in clothing to neighbors in need. There has been an additional 2370 visits to the clothing room from January to October as compared to last year. With cold weather upon us, we are in need of the following items:



- Children's winter clothes
- Coats (all sizes)
- Men's jeans (all sizes)
- Bedding

Blankets, comforters/quilts, twin & queen sheet sets

- Winter coats, hats, gloves
- Hygiene Items (For Christmas Families and everyday families)

Individually wrapped tooth-brushes

Razors for shaving

Full sized toiletries

Toothpaste

Soaps

Shampoo/Conditioner

Deodorant

The need for food for our neighbors has increased dramatically. This year, we have spent \$50,000 on food to keep our shelves stocked (we projected only \$8,000 being needed). This year, we have given out almost 120,000 pounds of food. Last year we gave out 81,000 pounds. That's almost a 50% increase; and we're not even done yet! Currently, we are in need of the following items:

- Beans —Canned & Dried
- Boxed Potatoes
- Canned Fruit
- Hand Can Openers
- Egg Noodles
- Milk —Canned & Powdered
- Oatmeal
- Pancake Mix
- Pasta —Boxed Pasta, Spaghetti, Spaghetti O's, Macaroni & Cheese, Ravioli
- Peanut Butter
- Peas
- Pork & Beans
- Soups —Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Tomato, & Cream of Mushroom
- Tuna