



Addressing hunger at Oakton, one person at a time.

The Caring Closet is a space where Oakton students can access nonperishable food and self-care items, such as soap and deodorant, at no cost. Resources and contact information are provided for those who express greater needs.

The Need

A basic needs survey conducted at Oakton revealed that in the last year, 31 percent of students reported low or very low food security. Studies show students whose basic needs are not met may struggle to succeed academically. Oakton values equity, diversity, responsibility, and compassion, and these values guide the Caring Closet.

Requested Donations Items:

Snacks Options

- Dehydrated Milk
- Canned Soups
- Oatmeal
- Protein/Granola Bars
- Beans/Rice/Couscous
- Pasta/Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly/Jam
- Canned Fruit/Veggies
- Dried or Dehydrated Fruit

Personal Items

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Tampons/Sanitray Pads
- Socks
- Tissues
- Toilet Paper

School Supplies

- Notebooks
- Pens/Pencils
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Binders
- Highlighters

Item donations are accepted Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to noon.

Des Plaines: Center for Campus Inclusion, and Diversity, Room 1430; **Skokie:** Office of Student Life, Room A160

Financial donations to support the continued maintenance of the Caring Closet can be made through the Oakton Educational Foundation, oakton.edu/giving.

The Caring Closet is a collaboration between the Office of Student Life, Center for Campus Inclusion and Diversity, Sustainability Center, and Wellness Center—engaging students and employees in its development.

