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Jail donates more than \$3,000 worth of items to St. Francis House in 2008

Since January, the Alachua County Jail has donated \$3,098.09 worth of toiletries and other items to clients of the St. Francis House Homeless Shelter and Soup Kitchen in Gainesville.

The items included toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, combs, soap, lotion, disposable razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, foot powder, and socks to those who sought help from the shelter. The jail donations are delivered to the shelter periodically during the year.

Last year, the jail donated more than \$2,850 worth of commissary items to the shelter. In the past eight years, the jail has donated an average of \$2,500 worth of items per year for a grand total of \$20,000 worth of items to St. Francis House.

St. Francis House is a transitional housing program that provides emergency food, shelter and support for homeless and hungry people in Alachua County.

For more information on this news release, contact Eugene Morris, Bureau Chief of Programs at the jail at 352-491-4525.

For more information on other programs at the Alachua County Jail, go to www.alachuasheriff.org/jail.

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