

The Candy Monster Returns!



Every year, SFFS collects fun-sized Halloween candy in the Candy Monster in our lobby to donate to our friends at At the Crossroads for use with street outreach to homeless youth. This is ATC's biggest source of candy for the entire year, so our contributions really make a difference. Why candy you ask? As ATC has shared...

"Our work is bolstered by the fact that we hand out a variety of snacks, not just the standard fare found at soup kitchens and shelters. Food distributed to the homeless population is usually geared toward things other than fun; the fact that we sprinkle candy and other treats into our mostly healthy options sends the message that we're trying not just to help these young people survive, but to be happy and have pleasurable things in life. Handing out the candy packs really helps us bring clients into the fold, and build trust with our youth. Only at that point do these kids really let us in, allowing us to help them move forward in life. And don't worry, we hand out toothbrushes and toothpaste as well."

This year, ATC is especially low on non-chocolate, fruity candy (ex: Skittles, Starburst, Sour Patch kids). Drop off donations in the main lobby and *feed the Candy Monster!* To learn more about the work and impact of At The Crossroads visit: <https://atthecrossroads.org/>