

HOUSING FORWARD'S HOUSE TO HOME KIT PROJECT

Providing
essentials
to turn an
individual
or family's
new empty
apartment
into a home.



Imagine living on the streets or in an overnight shelter, focused mostly on survival, with all of your possessions in a backpack.

When a Housing Forward client is ready to move into their own independent space, they receive a very special house-warming gift.

Our Volunteer & Community Outreach Team works with community groups and congregations to collect common household items needed to help someone transition from homelessness to housing stability. "House to Home Kits" contain the practical comforts of home, and give warmth, generosity and compassion as a new life chapter begins.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- > **Gather Volunteers.** Identify a group who will work together to collect the essential household items listed on the back.
- > **Identify an H2H Kit Leader.** The leader will act as project organizer within your volunteer group, and also serves as the contact for Housing Forward's Volunteer Team. Your Kit Leader should contact Housing Forward before you begin collecting so that we can have a destination aligned for you by the end of your collection. You can reach Cherrell Jackson, Volunteer & Community Outreach Manager at **708.338.1724 ext 201** or **cjackson@housingforward.org**
- > **Collect the items.** Communication among your volunteer team is very important—especially to avoid duplicate items. We recommend that your team use a "live" format (like Google Docs) to track collections.
- > **Contact Housing Forward's Volunteer Team** once you have collected all the items in your kit to be matched with a client and set up a delivery date.
- > **Help make "Move-In Day" a warm celebration** by helping the client move in. Create a house-warming card signed by members of your group or make a "Welcome Home" poster.
- > After Move-In Day, **your team leader will receive client photos and a thank you** to share with your organization.

To learn more about participating in the House to Home Kit Project, contact Cherrell Jackson at **708.338.1724 ext 201** or **cjackson@housingforward.org**

Housing Forward is the only nonprofit organization in western Cook County with a comprehensive, long-term solution for preventing and ending homelessness. Founded in 1992, the agency provides integrated services for nearly 2,000 at-risk and homeless individuals and families each year.

Housing Forward's mission is to transition people from housing crisis to housing stability. For more information, visit **housingforward.org**.

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