

Help say “Welcome Home!”

HOUSING FORWARD'S HOUSE TO HOME PROJECT

Provide essentials for an individual or family's home

TEAM UP TO COORDINATE A “HOUSE TO HOME” KIT

Imagine what it would be like to live on the streets or in an emergency shelter for months or years, focusing on survival, with all of your possessions in a backpack. Housing Forward's Volunteer & Outreach Team works with volunteers to furnish supplies and household items to help individuals and families more quickly transition from homelessness and into stability. These donations of “House to Home” kits provides the comforts of home made possible by the generosity and compassion of our donors.



HOW IT WORKS:

- > **Gather Volunteers** - Identify a group who will work together to collect the essential household items listed on the back.
- > **Identify a H2H Kit Leader.** The Kit leader will act as project organizer within your volunteer group and also serve as the contact for Housing Forward's Volunteer & Outreach team.
- > **Collect the items.** Communication among your volunteer team is very important—especially to avoid collecting duplicated items. Consider using Amazon or another on-line registry for ordering and Google Docs so you can share the list in a “live” format.
- > **Contact Housing Forward's Volunteer Associate** once you've collected the items to set-up delivery to our Support Center.
- > **Help make “Move-In” day a warm celebration.** Create “Welcome Home” signs, or sign a card greeting our clients moving into their new home.
- > **When a move in is scheduled,** Housing Forward will send your team leader a photo for you to share with your team.

TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR HOUSE TO HOME PROJECT CONTACT:

Volunteer & Outreach Services

Tel: 708.338.1724 ext 242 or **email:** volunteer@housingforward.org

Housing Forward is the only nonprofit organization in west Cook County with a comprehensive, long-term solution for preventing and ending homelessness. Founded in 1992, the agency provides integrated services to at-risk and homeless individuals and families in six areas: emergency assistance, employment readiness, supportive housing, outreach and engagement, supportive services, and emergency shelter. Housing Forward's goal is to transition people from financial and housing crisis to stability. For more information, visit www.housingforward.org.

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HOUSING FORWARD'S HOUSE TO HOME KIT LIST

Kitchen

Dishes (set of 4)
Glasses
Silverware
Pots and pans
Cooking utensils
Knives for food preparation
Can opener
Cutting board
Kitchen towels
Coffee mugs
Food storage containers

Small Appliances/Electronics

Toaster
Microwave
Coffee Pot
Vacuum
Fan
Television* See note below

Bedroom

Bedding (full)
Bedbug mattress protectors
Alarm clock radio
Hangers

Bathroom

Towels (4)
Hand towels
Wash cloths
Non-slip mat for shower/tub
Shower curtain and hooks
Bath mat/rug

Miscellaneous

Light bulbs
Calendar
Laundry basket or bag

Cleaning Supplies

Toilet brush
All-purpose spray
Sponges (non-scratch/scrubbing type)
Bucket
Mop
Broom
Trash can and bags
Paper towels
Dish soap
Dust spray
Toilet bowl cleaner
Laundry soap and fabric softener sheets

Personal Hygiene

Tissues
Toilet paper
Bar soap
Shampoo and conditioner
Toothbrush and toothpaste
Disposable razors (mens)
Hand lotion
Deodorant
Nail clippers
Shave gel or cream
Comb or brush

While we accept gently used items, donating new items helps convey the message of new belongings, and that “this is home.” In addition, Housing Forward’s donation policy requests that all soft items (bedding, towels, rugs, etc.) be purchased new.

Note: Televisions are important “House to Home” items because they help our clients transition back to living alone in an apartment – often after congregant living in the PADS Shelter. Watching television is one way they can re-establish their connections to the community and world around them.