

HOUSING FORWARD'S HOUSE TO HOME KIT PROJECT

FOR INDIVIDUALS

*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 are given a very special housewarming gift.

Our Volunteer & Community Outreach Team works with community members 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 symbolizes warmth, generosity and compassion as a new life chapter begins.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- **Decide what you wish to donate and make your purchases.** Shop on your own or consider use [our Target on-line registry](#) and have your items delivered directly to our Maywood office.
- **Contact Housing Forward's Volunteer Associate** once you're ready, and if you haven't already had your items delivered to our offices, call Enid Johnson at 708.338.1724 ext. 220 to set-up delivery.
- **Help make "Move-In Day" a warm celebration** by including a personal housewarming card or by creating a "Welcome Home" poster, banner or piece of artwork.
- After Move-In Day, **you will receive client photos and a thank you note.**

To learn more about participating in the House to Home Kit Project, contact **Enid Johnson**, Volunteer & Community Outreach Manager at **708.338.1724 ext 220** or email: ejohnson@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 & 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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A Housing Forward House to Home Kit contains:

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 Maker
- Vacuum
- Fan
- Television* (See note below.)

Bedroom

- Bedding (full/double)
- Bedbug mattress protectors
- Alarm clock radio
- Hangers



“When they moved in the boxes we couldn’t believe it! Now I can make up our beds with our own sheets and hang clothes in the closet.”

Bathroom

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

Miscellaneous

- Light bulbs
- Calendar
- Laundry basket or bag

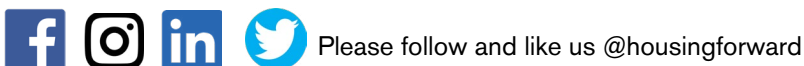
Cleaning Supplies

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

Our [online Target registry](#) helps to gather items, but you are welcome organize your own collection system.

Why are we asking for newly purchased items rather than those that are gently used? Clients who are emerging from homelessness are making a fresh start. Providing them with the warmest welcome possible means making sure they feel they are equally valued community members. We appreciate your help in sending that affirming message.

Your contribution will be greatly appreciated, and will make a world of difference to a client just starting out. To learn more about our House to Home Kit Project, contact **Enid Johnson**, Volunteer & Community Outreach Manager at **708.338.1724 ext 220** or email: ejohnson@housingforward.org.



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