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HOUSE TO HOME KIT PROJECT



When a Housing Forward client gets the keys to their new home, they're often moving in with nothing but the clothes on their back.

You can help ensure that every individual and family has what they need to turn an empty apartment into a home. **House to Home Kits** provide household essentials that support a fresh start and a stable transition out of homelessness.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Gather Volunteers (optional) Form a group to collect household items (list on the back page). This is a great project for small groups; congregations, coworkers, friends, or neighbors.

Collect the items Use the provided list to gather all required household items. Suggested stores include Target, Walmart, Amazon, and similar retailers.

Contact Housing Forward's Volunteer Manager Reach out to Cherrell Jackson when you have collected all of your items! Call (708) 383-1724 x201 or email cjackson@housingforward.org.

Move items into the apartment (optional) Your group can help set up the apartment and move in the items you purchased. Tasks may include cleaning, stocking cabinets, unpacking supplies, and writing a "welcome home" card.

ESTIMATED COST ~\$750-\$1,500 PER KIT

A HOUSE TO HOME KIT CONTAINS:

Kitchen

- ☐ Dish set with coffee cups (set of 4)
- ☐ Glassware (set of 8)
- ☐ Silverware (set of 4)
- ☐ Pots/pans set (1 pot, 2 saucepans, 2 frying pans w/lids)
- ☐ Baking sheet(s)
- ☐ Cooking utensil set/mixing spoons
- ☐ Mixing bowl set
- ☐ Kitchen knife set (chef, utility, bread)
- ☐ Can opener
- ☐ Plastic measuring cup set
- ☐ Colander/strainer
- ☐ Cutting board(s)
- ☐ Kitchen towel set
- ☐ Food storage containers (Tupperware)
- ☐ Food storage bags (Ziplock's)
- ☐ Aluminum foil

Cleaning Supplies

- ☐ Toilet brush
- ☐ All-purpose cleaner (32 oz)
- ☐ Sponges (6 pk)
- ☐ Bucket
- ☐ Mop
- ☐ Broom/dustpan
- ☐ Trashcan (13 gallon with lid)
- ☐ Trash bags (13 gallon)
- ☐ Paper towels (6 pk)
- ☐ Dish soap (28 oz)
- ☐ Toilet bowl cleaner
- ☐ Laundry basket
- ☐ Laundry soap/detergent or pods
- ☐ Dryer sheets

Bedroom

- ☐ Bedding (full/queen)
- ☐ Bedbug mattress protectors (full/queen)
- ☐ Extra blanket (queen)
- ☐ Clothing hangers

Small Appliances/Electronics

- ☐ Toaster
- ☐ Microwave
- ☐ Coffee maker (4 cup and filters)
- ☐ Box or floor fan
- ☐ Television* (see note)

Bathroom

- ☐ Towel set (2 bath, 2 hand, 2 wash cloths)
- ☐ Non-slip mat for shower/tub
- ☐ Shower curtain and rings
- ☐ Bath mat/rug
- ☐ Small trashcan

Personal Hygiene

- ☐ Facial tissues (4 boxes)
- ☐ Toilet Paper (12 roll pack)
- ☐ Bar soap (3-4 bars)
- ☐ Hand soap (2 bottles)
- ☐ Shampoo and conditioner
- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ☐ Disposable razors (men's)
- ☐ Hand lotion (16 oz)
- ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Nail clippers
- ☐ Comb & brush set
- ☐ First aid kit

**A television can be more than just entertainment- it helps clients reconnect with the world around them, stay informed, and feel a sense of normalcy. For many moving into housing after a period of homelessness, it also provides comfort and companionship during the adjustment to living alone. We ask that the TV is no less than 42" inches.*

Why are we asking for new items rather than gently used?

Clients leaving homelessness are starting over in a new space, often with limited personal belongings. Providing **new** items allows them a fresh start, and helps reinforce that they are valued and deserving of the same respect as anyone else. Thank you for helping us convey that message through your support!

Questions?

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