

**HOUSING  
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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) 338-1724 x201 or email [cjackson@housingforward.org](mailto: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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