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Donation Needs

Your donations to Partners in Housing bring help and hope to families in housing crisis. Items donated are provided at no cost to program families and can be kept after graduation. You can find our **high-priority needs** on our **Amazon Wishlist** (visit: bit.ly/PartnersAmazonWishList), and they're highlighted throughout this document. Thank you for your support!

NEW OR GENTLY USED FURNITURE ITEMS

Many families in our program are headed by single mothers, and over half of our housing units are on the second floor without elevator access. **Furniture that is compact and can be easily moved is preferred.**

- **Loveseats**, small to medium-sized couches (no sleeper sofas, reclining sofas, or sectionals)
- Armchairs
- Desks (small to medium-sized)
- **Small to medium-sized kitchen tables** (tables that seat over 6 are too large for our housing)
- Coffee tables, end tables, nightstands
- **Dressers**
- **Shelving units and bookshelves**
- **TV stands**
- Queen size and smaller mattresses, box springs, and bed frames (mattresses must be free from stains, rips, tears, or smells)
- Cribs (less than 10 years old), toddler beds/mattresses

FURNITURE DROP OFF

To schedule a furniture drop off, please contact our office at tpotter@partnersinhousing.org with pictures of your items. Once your items are reviewed and approved, Tarin will coordinate a drop off time during our business hours.

FURNITURE PICKUP

We love our volunteers and only have the capacity to pick up furniture because of their remarkable efforts. Matching up schedules can take time and it may take three to four weeks for us to pick up your items. **If you're not in a hurry and would like to donate your furniture to families in need**, please contact Tarin at (719) 559-3286 or email tpotter@partnersinhousing.org. Please include your address (our pickup range is 20 min max from 450 Gold Pass Heights) and pictures of your items. Once the items are reviewed and approved, we will schedule a pickup.

** *We understand that waiting three to four weeks for furniture pickup isn't always possible. If you would like another local non-profit option, we recommend checking out StoreHouse Colorado, an outreach ministry. Their website is storehousecolorado.com.*

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Did you know we offer a weekly donation acceptance time? **Every Tuesday at 450 Gold Pass Heights from 9:00am to 12:00pm**, we have Donation Acceptance volunteers ready to assist with your drop off and to provide you with a donation receipt! As a reminder, **all furniture donations need to be pre-approved by Tarin prior to drop off**, but all other items in this packet can be donated at that time!

** If you have new items to donate and cannot make the Tuesday morning drop off time, please contact our Volunteer and In-Kind Donation Coordinator, Tarin Potter, by calling (719) 559-3286 or emailing tpotter@partnersinhousing.org and we will coordinate an alternate time during our business hours. **We are unable to offer alternate times for gently used items due to limited staff and volunteer resources and we apologize for any inconvenience that may cause.**

NEW OR GENTLY USED HOME ITEMS

Many families in our program arrive with few possessions and often, have fled domestic violence. The items below help transform a new, unfamiliar space into a warm and cozy home.

- **Bedding – sheets, comforters, pillowcases, pillows** (must be clean)
- Blankets
- **Towels**
- **Dishes** (no porcelain, must be microwaveable and dishwasher safe), **silverware, kitchen utensils**
- **Pots, pans, cookie sheets, measuring cups**
- Rugs (please vacuum prior to donating to remove hair and dirt)
- Laundry baskets/hampers/other storage bins
- Trash bins
- Decorative pieces such as pictures or mirrors to hang on the wall, knick-knacks
- **Must be new – crockpots**, coffee makers, lamps, any other items that need to be plugged in

*** Due to insurance restrictions, we are unable to give gently used items that need to be plugged in to the families in our program. If you have gently used, small kitchen appliances, we may be able to pass them along to the Eastside Church of Christ or the Mountain Post Thrift Shop on Ft. Carson (acceptance will be determined by the Donation Acceptance Volunteer).*

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NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHING / OTHER

The make-up of the families we serve generally consists of single moms, with some being two-parent households, grandparents with custody of their grandchildren, and single fathers. Parents and children shop for trendier young-adult clothing the fastest.

- Women's clothing and business wear (no dry clean only items)
- Men's clothing and business wear (no dry clean only items)
- Children's clothing (all ages, all genders)
- Seasonal clothing items (winter coats, gloves, scarves, shorts, t-shirts, sandals, rain gear, etc.)
- Shoes
- Accessories (purses, bags, jewelry)
- Children's toys (please check out our "Birthday Bag" section at the end of this document)

HYGIENE ITEMS

Families in the Partners in Housing program live in one of our apartments or townhomes for a year while working towards self-sufficiency. We accept hygiene items for both adults and children. Given the length of our program, **full-size items** are much preferred to travel-size. For sanitation and safety purposes, we only accept **new/unopened items**.

- **Baby wipes**
- **Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, and pull-ups are especially needed)**
- **Toilet paper**
- **Shampoo**
- **Conditioner**
- **Body wash**
- **Lotion**
- **Deodorant**
- **Toothbrushes and toothpaste**

CLEANING ITEMS

For sanitation and safety purposes, we only accept **new/unopened items**.

- **Swiffers and Swiffer pad refills**
- **Mops and mop buckets**
- **Brooms**
- **Sponges**
- **Bathroom cleaner**
- **Paper towels**
- **Floor cleaner**
- **Microfiber cleaning cloths**
- **All-purpose cleaner**
- **Glass cleaner**
- **Dish soap**
- **Laundry detergent**

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FOOD ITEMS

For sanitation and safety purposes, we only accept **new/unopened** and **unexpired items.** **All food items are appreciated throughout the year.**

- Soups – any variety
- Canned meat - tuna and chicken
- Canned or dried bags of beans
- Canned vegetables
- Diced tomatoes
- Canned fruit - any variety
- Pasta - any variety
- Pasta sauce and tomato sauce
- Snacks - any variety
- Holiday-specific food items
- Dietary or allergen-friendly food items
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Spaghettio's & mac n' cheese
- Rice or other grains (quinoa, couscous, etc.)
- Cereal/oatmeal
- Dry packets of gravy mixes or meal seasonings (chili, taco etc.)
- Kitchen staples (flour, sugar, spices, etc.)
- Boxed meals and sides - rice sides, noodle sides, hamburger helper

BIRTHDAY BAG

Every child deserves to celebrate their special day! Our Birthday Room is stocked with items families can choose from for their child's birthday. These include:

- A gift bag with tissue paper or the option to wrap the gift with wrapping paper
- Birthday candles
- Cake mix/frosting (gluten-free options are also appreciated!)
- Cake pans (can be disposable or reusable metal pans)
- A new toy
- Party decorations

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