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VOLUNTEER AT HOME GUIDE



When people have the essentials they need and a stable place to call home, their lives open to other possibilities. But when families have to choose between paying the rent or buying groceries, it's clear their housing itsnt stable or affordable.

Join Greater Twin Cities United Way's Home For Good initiative by donating household essentials like cleaning supplies, hygiene items and more. With your help, we can help alleviate mental and financial burdens, so more families across the Greater Twin Cities have what they need to stay in the places they call home.

HOW TO VOLUNTEER AT HOME:

Grab your friends and family, head to the store and purchase supplies to make Home Essentials Packs or fleece tie blankets, or donate individual items.

Be sure to sign up at gtcuw.org/home-for-good and someone from the Volunteer United team will reach out to coordinate a drop-off your items.





Questions? Contact VolunteerUnited@gtcuw.org.

HOME ESSENTIALS PACKS

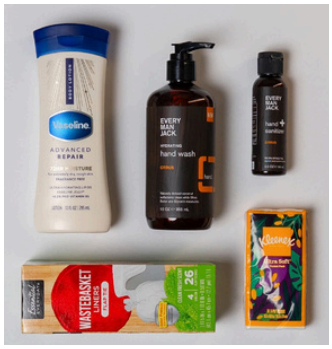
Provide household essentials and help alleviate the cost of replenishing these items to support families working to stay in their homes.



Cleaning Pack

Place the following items into a 2-gallon Ziploc bag

- 1 disinfectant spray
- 1 disinfectant wipes
- 1 toilet bowl cleaner
- 2 microfiber cloths
- 2 sponges



Bathroom Pack

Place the following items into a 1-gallon Ziploc bag

- 1 hand soap (7 oz)
- 1 body lotion
- 1 hand sanitizer
- 1 travel-size tissue
- 1 roll of garbage bags (small-medium)



Dishwashing Pack

Place the following items into a 1- or 2-gallon Ziploc bag

- 1 dish soap (10-16 oz)
- 1 hand soap (7 oz)
- 2 sponges
- 2 dish cloths
- 1 kitchen sink screen
- 1 scrub brush



Home Office Pack

Place the following items into a 1-gallon Ziploc bag

- 1 scissors (8 inch)
- 2 permanent markers
- 2 notepads
- 3 post-it notes
- 4 pens
- 1 scotch tape



Hygiene Pack (Adult)

Place the following items into a 1- or 2-gallon Ziploc bag

- 1 bar soap
- 1 deodorant
- 1 shampoo (full size)
- 1 conditioner (full size)
- 1 toothpaste (full size)
- 1 toothbrush (adult size)
- 1 floss



Hygiene Pack (Kids)

Place the following items into a 1- or 2-gallon Ziploc bag

- 1 toothpaste w/ fluoride (full size)
- 1 toothbrush (youth size)
- 1 flossers or floss-picks pack
- 1 body lotion
- 1 kids shampoo (3-in-1)

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

The following items are highly requested. We can only accept new items.

- Bath towels (full-size)
- Bath hand towels
- Bath washcloths
- Shower curtain & liner
- Shower curtain and hooks
- Laundry detergent (liquid, 30 oz)
- Toilet brush with holder
- Reusable grocery bags
- Clothes hangers
- Mixing bowl (metal or plastic, 3 quart)
- Hand broom and dustpan set (small)
- Cutting board/mat (up to 12x18" size)
- Blankets (fleece or plush, twin or throw size)



FLEECE TIE BLANKETS

You'll need: 2 pieces of fleece (each piece of fabric should be 2 yards or 72" x 60", for a total of 4 yards), scissors, a ruler and cardboard, paper or a grocery bag (to create your template).

Note: When selecting fleece, please choose neutral colors and simple designs. You can find great options at Amazon & Michaels. If purchasing fleece on Amazon, search "fleece blanket kit." They offer bundles that contain two pieces of fabric. If purchasing fleece from Michaels, search "fleece." Choose two different pieces of fleece, each in a 2-yard cut.

Follow these steps to create your blanket:

1. Cut off the selvage edges on the fleece. The selvage is the machine-finished edge along two edges of the fabric.

2. Place the two pieces of fleece on top of each other so the edges line up. Trim the fabric to make them the same size, if necessary.

3. Create the templates. Using a piece of paper, cardboard or grocery bag and a ruler, make a 5" x 5" square and a 1" x 5" strip

4. Use the square templates to cut out 5" x 5" pieces of fleece in all four corners through both layers of fleece.

5. Make fringe strips by cutting approximately 1" strips 5" deep through both layers of fleece. Cut fringe strips around the entire blanket.

6. Tie a double knot using two strips of fleece – one on top and one on the bottom of each other. Tie knots all around the blanket. You are done!

