A WIDER CIRCLE

Our Wishlist

The Essentials: what our families need the most

- Beds (mattresses, box springs, and frames)
- Dressers
- Kitchen/dining tables
- Kitchen/dining chairs
- Sofas
- Living room chairs

Additional furniture items (for small homes)

- End tables
- Coffee tables
- TV stands
- Desks (up to 4' long side to side)
- Bookshelves (up to 6' tall by 3' wide)

Household goods and other items

- Kitchen items

  pots & pans, microwaves, toasters, and other small appliances, dish sets, silverware, cooking utensils, drinking glass sets, mug sets, glass/ceramic food storage containers, table linens, mini fridges

- Household items

  TVs*, fans, air conditioning units, vacuum cleaners, small area rugs up to 6' by 8', picture frames, artwork, rolling luggage

- Linens

  new or gently-used blankets, sheets, new bed pillows, towels, shower curtains

- Baby items

  changing tables, strollers, high chairs, pack 'n' plays, car seats, cribs/crib mattresses, bassinets, new unopened baby formula, diapers, baby clothing up to size 4T

- Children's items

  toys, ride-ons for toddlers, small children's bikes with training wheels — please no rips or stains, religious content, violent content/toy weapons, monogrammed/personalized items, items with missing pieces

- Pantry items

  new personal care products, new cleaning supplies, healthy nonperishable food

- Professional clothing

  in-season attire for men and women, including but not limited to suits/blazers, dress pants, dress shirts, blouses, sweaters, new or very gently used shoes, belts, ties, accessories [briefcases, tie clips, purses, jewelry, new packaged hosiery

*TVs should have HDMI port and include feet (no wall mounts requiring installation).
We cannot accept CRT TVs.

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We do not accept

- Headboards (unless accompanying a donated bed that includes a mattress)
- Entertainment centers, china cabinets, or armoires
- Disassembled items*, items needing repairs
- Shoe racks
- Mechanical beds/hospital beds
- Large office furniture (file cabinets, executive desks, utility shelves)
- Pianos or other musical instruments
- Firepits or fireplace accessories
- Large appliances (fridges, stoves, washers dryers)
- Exercise equipment or sporting goods
- Items related to alcohol (wine glasses, wine racks, bar accessories
- Ceiling fans
- Aquariums
- DVDs/DVD players
- Art supplies
- Adult or Young Adult books
- Medical equipment
- Tools, sewing machines, gardening supplies, or building materials
- Window treatments
- Computers and computer accessories
- Outdoor furniture or other outdoor items
- Casual clothing, maternity clothing, or undergarments
- Fine china or crystal, individual/novelty mugs
- Knick-knacks

*We can accept disassembled wooden furniture if all parts (including screws) are bundled/packed together. Other disassembled items are not accepted.

Can you still take my item and repair it/dispose of it/give it to another organization?

The volume of donations that do not meet our criteria takes up significant space in our warehouse. It requires our team to make multiple trips to the transfer station — taking time and critical space away from use for the intended purpose. We are streamlining our process and ensure that our time and space is directed to most effectively serve our clients. While we are not able to accept your item today, we are happy to refer you to another organization that may be able to use it.

Donation hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am — 4:00 pm | CLOSED SUNDAYS & THURSDAYS

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Thank you for donating to A Wider Circle. Your donation supports our neighbors in what is often the first step on the journey out of poverty — obtaining basic home essentials. This serves as a friendly reminder about the in-kind donations we are able to accept.

We accept donations that are in dignity condition: free of rips, stains, or excessive wear, and ready to use. Items that have been stored in an attic, basement, storage unit, or garage often develop mold or mildew and cannot be redistributed. Imagine giving the intended donation to a friend or neighbor — if you would be proud to share it with them, then please share it with us.

Families come to us looking for the most basic essentials for their homes: beds, couches, dressers, tables, and chairs. We also provide household items such as kitchenware to prepare and eat meals, linens for beds, towels, and baby items. To ensure we have space and selection of these items, we have key items we cannot accept, as outlined on the previous page.

Why can you not accept larger furniture and certain other items?

There are two main reasons for this. The families we serve:

- live in small apartments with limited room for non-essential furniture.
- must transport their selected items home and do not have room in their vehicle for more than the essential items.

We remain grateful to all who are interested in donating. We are fortunate that many community members are eager and willing to donate items, and never take this support for granted. Thank you for understanding.

With gratitude,
The team at
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