



DRIVE GUIDE

Enlist the help of neighbors, friends, classmates, relatives and/or coworkers to contribute the item(s) that you are collecting.

Here are a few suggestions for starting and organizing a drive:

1. Look at HomeFront's website (homefrontnj.org) to get a good understanding of what our organization is about, what our cause is and what/who your drive will benefit.
2. Decide what you want to collect. The lists below identify our most urgent needs.
3. Create a flyer to distribute, advertising your drive. Be sure to reach out to HomeFront staff (contact info below) so we can send you our logo and if you'd like, help with the format and messaging.
Be sure to include on the flyer:
 - What HomeFront does (our mission)
 - What you are collecting for (cause)
 - What you are collecting (specific item/items)
 - Significant dates
4. Obtain brochures and educational literature from HomeFront to distribute.
5. If organizing a stationary collection at a specific location (ex. outside a grocery store, your school, church or a business), be sure to get their permission and gain support.
 - Obtain boxes to collect items in and place them in prominent locations
 - Make a large poster for the box/es using the same format as the flyer

Donations may be delivered to HomeFront's offices at 1880 Princeton Avenue in Lawrenceville.

Contact Meghan Brittingham at (609) 989-9417 ext. 133 or meghanb@homefrontnj.org for more information or answers to any questions.

Thank you for your support!

Non-perishable Food Needs

- Low-Sugar Cereal
- Canned Proteins (Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Beef Stew)
- Peanut butter and Jelly
- Shelf-stable Milk
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Tomato Sauce/Tomatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Boxed Pasta, Rice, Mac & Cheese
- Juice
- Boost or Ensure for our medically fragile clients

Personal Hygiene Supply Needs

Children and adults living in poverty often go without basic essential items to maintain proper hygiene. In addition to the daily struggle to find food and a safe place to sleep, acquiring basic hygiene items can be very challenging.

Donations of the following personal care items will help to fulfill this ongoing need:

- Bar soaps
- Shampoos & conditioners
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpastes
- Dental floss
- Deodorants
- Hand & body lotions
- Razors & shaving creams
- Hair brushes
- Combs
- Q-tips & cotton balls
- Feminine hygiene products (tampons; maxi pads)

Full-size toiletries are particularly helpful, rather than travel sizes.

Baby Care Item Supply Needs

Young parents and parents-to-be who are living in poverty often don't have the basic supplies they need to care for their babies.

Donations of the following baby care items will help to fill this ongoing need:

- Diapers (any size)
- Diaper bag
- Baby wipes
- Baby lotion
- Pacifier & baby bottle
- Rattle or toy
- Receiving blanket
- Nursing pads

Snack Bag Supply Needs

HomeFront's children use these snack bags during our after-school tutoring programs. Feel free to decorate the bags and make the kids extra happy!

- Water bottle
- Applesauce or fruit cup and plastic spoon
- Granola bar
- Bag of pretzels, goldfish, or healthy chips

Please assemble at least 25 bags.

Children's Activity Bag Supply Needs

Most children living in poverty have few or no toys to play with. They are sometimes in situations where they're expected to sit quietly for awhile—while accompanying their parents to a meeting, for instance. Simple toys and activities can really brighten a child's day and help them to be happily occupied "technology-free".

The following items in activity bags will help to fulfill this ongoing need:

- Coloring book
- Colored pencils (no crayons or magic markers, please)
- Stickers/ Sticker books
- Small puzzles
- Large LEGOS
- Deck of cards
- Jacks

Please **don't** include Play-Doh, Silly Putty, or modeling clay.

Please place the items in a simple drawstring or tote bag for each child.

Bedding & Towel Needs

Our families need bedding and towels as they transition to apartments or are temporarily housed in our Family Preservation Center.

- Sheets for twin, full, and queen beds (no king-size, please)
- Pillows
- Blankets and comforters
- Towels and washcloths

New or very gently used items would be appreciated!

Socks and Undergarment Needs

- New socks and undergarments of all sizes are an ongoing supply shortage for our clients.

Business Attire Needs

Our clients need professional attire to wear to job interviews. Help our families make a good first impression!

- Black and white professional clothing for men and women (any size)
- Black shoes for men and women (any size)
- Black socks for men
- Appropriate accessories, such as ties or scarves

Housewarming Needs

Basic supplies can help to smooth our families' transition to an apartment and make it feel like home.

- Sets of dishes, glassware, and eating utensils (at least 4 of each)
- Kitchen and Pantry supplies (detailed on separate pages below)
- First aid supplies for a home medicine chest
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Space heaters, fans, and portable air conditioners in good working order

Starter Kitchen Cookware & Cleanup Supplies

Measuring cups and spoons

Mixing bowls

Rubber spatulas

Wooden spatula and spoons

Vegetable peeler

Potato masher

Whisk

Slotted spoon

Can opener

Knives: chef's, paring, and serrated

Tongs

Rolling pin

9 X 5-inch loaf pan

8 X 8 and 9 X 13 baking dishes

12-muffin tin

Large rimmed baking sheets (2)

Grater

Colander/ strainer

Steamer basket

Wire cooling rack

Pots: soup/ pasta pot, small and medium-size pots for vegetables

Large nonstick skillet with cover

Crock pot

Potholders and oven mitts

Kitchen sponges and dishtowels

Dishwashing bin

Dish detergent

Starter Pantry Supplies

Canned and dried beans

Canned low-sodium tomatoes, tomato sauce, and tomato paste

Canned tuna in water

Canned pumpkin

Peanut butter & jelly

Low-sodium chicken, vegetable, and beef broths

Pastas

Rice and barley

Old-fashioned and quick cooking oats

Whole wheat bread crumbs

Unbleached all-purpose flour

Whole wheat or whole wheat pastry flour

Cornmeal

Granulated sugar

Light and dark brown sugars

Canola oil

Extra virgin olive oil

Canola oil cooking spray

Baking soda & baking powder

Cornstarch

Salt and pepper

Savory spices: oregano, dried thyme leaves, paprika, chili powder, cayenne pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, ground cumin, bay leaves, Worcestershire sauce

Baking spices: cinnamon, nutmeg, ground ginger, cloves

Vanilla extract

Unsulphured molasses

Foil, plastic food storage wrap, & sealable plastic storage bags