

Imagine coming to a brand new country with your entire family and everything you can bring in a few suitcases. You would need a few things to help you get started in your new home. We have provided a list of the most important things to set up a refugee household. We rely on donations from the community to help newly arriving refugee families get off to a good start in their new home.

Accepted Donations

We are only able to accept the following donations brand new:

- Cleaning Supplies:
- Mops, Buckets
 - Brooms, Dustpans
 - Toilet brush/holders
 - Wastebaskets*
 - Bottles of dish detergent
 - Cans of kitchen cleanser
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Packs of sponges

- Paper/Plastic Supplies:
- Rolls of paper towels
 - Rolls of toilet paper
 - Boxes of facial tissue
 - Packs of food storage bags
 - Packs of trash bags
 - Plastic shower liner, shower rings
 - Rolls of tape

- Personal Hygiene:
- Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
 - Bars of soap
 - Bottles of shampoo
 - Deodorants
 - Packages of: Disposable razors, Sanitary napkins, Band-Aids
 - Bath towels, Washcloths*

- Kitchen Goods/Misc.:
- Bath mat
 - Packs) of: Clothing hangars, Paper/notebooks, Pens/pencils, Light bulbs
 - Scissors*
 - Corded telephone(s)*
 - Set of flatware/silverware* For 4-8 people
 - Alarm clock*
 - Pillows/cases*
 - Twin/double sheets*
 - Flashlights*
 - Mixing bowls*
 - Cooking utensils*
 - Dish/glass sets*
 - Pots/pans*
 - Can opener*

*We can also accept these items gently used

School supplies welcome!

We are able to accept the following donations either new or gently used:

- We can gratefully accept:
- Beds (twin, double, full only)
 - Couches (no pull-out beds)
 - Tables
 - Chairs
 - Dressers
 - Sheet sets
 - Blankets
 - Winter coats and boots
 - Gift cards to Grocery and Dept. Stores
 - Toasters
 - Frying pans
 - Woks
 - Rice cookers
 - Laundry baskets
 - Futons (to be used as a couch)

Items must be new or gently used; we cannot repair. Small stains or scratches are usually okay.

- We cannot accept:
- TVs
 - Washing machines/dryers
 - Stoves
 - We cannot accept clothes except for coats, boots, and children's clothes
 - We cannot accept books except for children's books, books for English learners, and dictionaries
 - Non-essential items (baskets, knick-knacks, random decorative items)
 - Microwaves

While there are many other items that may be useful in some way, USCRI has very limited storage space and has to prioritize certain essential items.

- Other local agencies that can accept donations:
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore (518-275-6638): Washers, dryers, stoves, doors, windows, cabinets
 - Salvation Army (518-463-6678): Books, clothes, knick-knacks

If you are able to drop off your donation at our office, (M-F 9:30 – 3:30) that is a great help to us.

Please call first so we can arrange to use the building's freight elevator and have someone assist you as needed. A pick up may also be available.

THANK YOU!