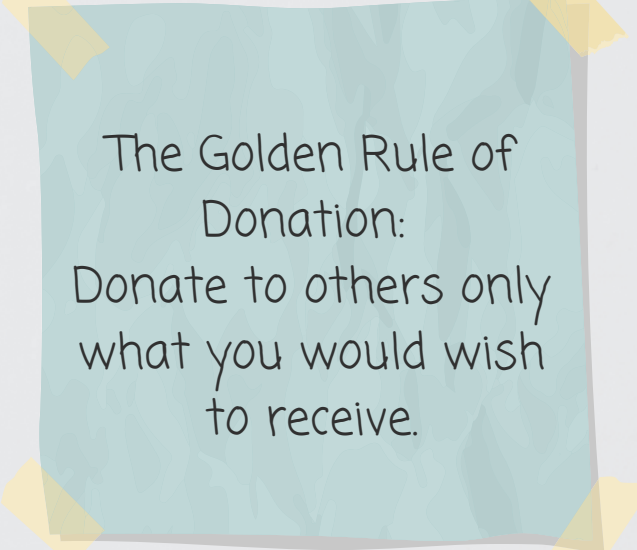


Helping Empower Community Refugees DONATION GUIDELINES

Thank you for considering a donation to our refugee families who are establishing a new home in San Diego. Please review the following guidelines to ensure your donation is appropriate.



The Golden Rule of
Donation:
Donate to others only
what you would wish
to receive.

After you have reviewed this document, please submit your donation offer via the [HECR Facebook page](#) or [website](#). Please include the following information in your Facebook post or email message:

- Clear photo of the item(s) you would like to donate
- Brief list/description of items for donation
- Your location
- Your ability to store and deliver donation

Note: Our storage space is limited and therefore, we are unable to guarantee storage of your item(s), even if they are in excellent condition.

Furniture Donations

We gratefully accept the following furniture pieces:

- Dining tables and/or dining room chairs
- Small sofas and accent chairs
- Side tables and bedside tables
- Coffee tables
- Small TV stands/tables
- Small dressers with two or three drawers
- Single bed frames (Twin or Queen)
- Bunkbed frames (Twin over Twin only)
- Lightweight trundle beds (Twin only)
- Toddler bed frames and mattresses
- Twin and Queen mattresses
- Pack 'n Plays
- TVs (32" Smart TV, Roku compatible)

We are unable to accept the following furniture pieces:

- Full or King bed frames or mattresses
- Box springs
- Tables or other furniture with glass tops or accents
- Large, heavy, or bulky dressers
- Sleeper sofas/lounge sofas
- Cribs
- Any furniture that requires a wall mount

FURNITURE DONATIONS

must be in new or like-new condition, clean, and without stains, rips, scuffs, broken pieces, or missing hardware.

If you are donating a mattress, please submit photos of both sides of the mattress.

Examples of excellent furniture donations:



Houseware Donations

We gratefully accept the following houseware items:

- Box, table, or floor fans
- Microwaves (.07 cu. ft.)
- Pressure cookers
- Electric tea kettles
- Blenders
- Tea sets
- Pots & pans
- Dishware & serving bowls or platters
- Cups & mugs
- Flatware & drawer organizers
- Knife sets & serving utensils
- Cutting boards & strainers
- Irons & small ironing boards
- Hangers & hanging closet organizers
- Kitchen, bathroom, and area rugs
- 13 gallon trash cans & bags
- 3 gallon trash cans & bags
- Shower curtains, liners & rings
- Vacuums
- Brooms & mops with dustpan or bucket
- Floor and tabletop lamps & lightbulbs
- Shoe racks
- Sewing machines

We are unable to accept the following houseware items:

- Artwork or other home decor
- Holiday decor
- Coffeemakers
- Crockpots
- Portable heaters
- Mirrors or vanities

Examples of excellent houseware donations:



HOUSEWARE DONATIONS

must be in new or like-new and working condition, clean, and without damage, broken pieces, or missing hardware.

Clothing & Linen Donations

We gratefully accept clothing and shoe donations on an as needed basis. Clothing and shoe requests are announced on the [HECR Facebook page](#).

CLOTHING DONATIONS

must be in new or like-new condition, freshly cleaned, without stains, fading, discoloration or other damage (i.e., no missing buttons and working zippers)

Women's and girls' clothing should be modest (i.e, no tank tops, shorts, or short dresses). Long-sleeved dresses and tunics with leggings or pants preferable.

UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS MUST BE NEW WITH TAGS.

Clothing donations should be neatly folded, sorted, and labeled (ex: "Men's long-sleeve tops - size small")

SHOE DONATIONS

must be in new or in like-new condition without stains, fading, scuffs, discoloration, or other damage.

We gratefully accept the following linen donations:

- Tablecloths
- Kitchen towels
- Washcloths & bath towels
- Sheets in the following sizes: Toddler, Twin, Queen
- Comforters in the following sizes: Twin, Queen
- Blankets
- Pillows (Standard/Queen)
- Pillow cases

LINEN DONATIONS

must be in new or like-new condition without stains, holes, tears, discoloration, or other damage. Please only donate complete sets of bath linens and bedding. Please launder and label (ex: "Twin sheet set with 1 fitted sheet, 1 top sheet, and 2 shams") linen donations prior to drop-off.

PILLOWS MUST BE NEW IN PACKAGING.

Examples of excellent clothing & linen donations:



Hygiene Donations

We gratefully accept the following items for our welcome baskets:

- Plastic laundry baskets
- Toilet paper
- Facial tissue
- Paper towels
- Feminine pads
- Face masks (disposable)
- Small first-aid kits (no medication, please)
- Shaving cream
- Men's and women's razors
- Men's and women's deodorant
- Nail clippers or manicure kit
- Hairbrush (men also appreciate combs)
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, & floss
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Body wash (neutral scent, please)
- Bars of soap
- Liquid hand soap full-size
- Hand sanitizer
- Body lotion (neutral scent, please)
- Laundry detergent pods
- Laundry sheet softeners
- Cleaning sponges
- Dish soap
- Kitchen/multi-surface cleaner
- Disinfectant wipes
- Bathroom/toilet cleaner
- Toilet brushes
- Small sewing kits
- Diapers (size 0-6) & wipes

Examples of excellent hygiene donations:



HYGIENE DONATIONS

MUST BE NEW and in original packaging. We cannot accept sample or travel-size products.

Toys & Books Donations

We gratefully accept the following:

- Arts & crafts kits
- Adult coloring books & colored pencils
- Puzzles (toddler - 500 pieces),
- Simple board games
- Dolls & doll accessories
- Cars, trains, construction toys
- Cosmetic bags, nail polish, hair accessories
- Blank journals & colorful pens/markers
- Plastic tea sets, toy cooking sets, toy food
- STEM activity sets
- Remote control cars/planes
- Duplos, Mega Bloks, Legos, wooden blocks
- Plastic figurines/character sets
- Interactive baby toys
- Soccer balls, kites, jump ropes, footballs
- Musical toys
- Scooters or ride-on toys & children's helmets
- Picture books
- Bilingual/ESL learning books (Pashto, Dari, Arabic, Spanish)
- Soft baby books
- Stuffed toys

We are unable to accept the following:

- Broken or damaged toys
- Toys/games with missing pieces
- Dress-up costumes
- Video games, DVDs, & VHS tapes
- Make up
- Toys depicting violence/toy weapons
- Slime, paint, permanent markers
- Baseball bats, tennis racquets, gold clubs
- Toys that have been recalled
- Chapter books, faith-based books, books with stories depicting violence
- Books that have been colored in, have torn pages, or damaged covers

Examples of excellent
toys & books
donations



TOY & BOOK DONATIONS

must be in new or like-new condition and cleaned/disinfected prior to delivery. Please include new batteries in battery-powered toys.