

# The Way Home

Changing the Path for Houston's Homeless

## Welcome Home Project

### Project Description:

Houston is making incredible progress in housing our homeless neighbors; however, once they are housed, individuals often lack some of the basic items that can turn their new space into a home.

The Houston/Harris County Continuum of Care (CoC) is establishing a long-term project to assist individuals as they leave homelessness and move into Permanent Supportive Housing. The immediate need is to provide welcome baskets for approximately 350 individuals through the remainder of 2014, and to continue this project onward as we house our chronically homeless and most vulnerable neighbors.

Consider hosting a drive or putting together a kit for a formerly homeless client! This project is a great way to provide a basket full of much needed items to an individual as they settle into their new home. Each basket is valued at approximately \$250.00.

### Shopping Checklist:

#### Personal Hygiene:

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Comb and brush
- Razor
- Shaving Cream

#### Cleaning Supplies:

- Laundry detergent (40-60 oz)
- Dryer Sheets (1 box)
- Dishwashing soap (small)
- Multi-purpose cleaners (PineSol, Lysol, etc.)
- Comet (small)
- Mop
- Broom and dustpan
- Roach spray

#### Bedroom Items:

- Twin Sheets
- Pillow
- Blanket

#### Bathroom Items:

- Bath towel
- Washcloth
- Toilet plunger
- Toilet Brush
- Shower curtain and rings

#### Kitchen Items:

- Dishes (microwave safe, non-breakable)
- Plastic cups (set of two)
- Cooking utensils
- Eating utensils/silverware
- Pots and pans
- Dish towel
- Can opener (non electric)

#### Paper Goods:

- Papertowels (single or 2 roll pack)
- Toilet paper (4 pack)

#### General Items:

- Trash can (11 gallon minimum)
- Trash bags (1 box)
- Laundry basket

#### Extras:

Feel free to add a note or card with your basket(s) filled with messages of hope and encouragement. Please only sign your card with a first name or group name. Do not include your last name, phone number, cash, or gift cards.

### Delivery and additional information:

To set up a time and date for delivery or if you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Scot More at: [smore@homelesshouston.org](mailto:smore@homelesshouston.org).

**On behalf of the Houston/Harris County CoC and the clients that we serve,  
thank you for your generosity!**