MEANINGFUL WAYS TO GIVE

If you are looking for a team, group or club giving opportunity, many organizations need items that are extra to their budget. For many organizations these are important items that require finding funds by either fundraising or finding ways to cut in other areas. YOU CAN HELP BY CREATING YOUR OWN DRIVE. While we often participate in formal drives, particularly for food, these are other ways that you might contribute to lesser known organizations.

PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEE FAMILIES
Organization Name: Reception House Waterloo Region
Contact Person: Kathie Must
Phone Number: txt or email Kathie SMS TXT 519-998-6419 or kathie@receptionhouse.ca
List of items needed: Link to Donations Guide
Drop off location: 101 David St, Kitchener, N2G 1Y1
Best dates to drop: Any day but please contact Residence Manager Fran Olmstead in advance at fran@receptionhouse.ca or 519-743-2113 ext 20
Would you be able to give a tour to the person or group donating: Yes -- but please pre-arrange (txt or email Kathie)
Is this request for a specific time of year or can donations be made at any time? Ongoing

We have a Donations Guide -- on the web at http://receptionhouse.ca/get-involved/donate/ and as a pdf (attached) -- listing the items that are most helpful to the refugee families getting started.

GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD
Organization Name: Canadian Blood Services
Contact Person: Tara Gutscher, Territory Manager
Phone Number: 519-884-5646 x4883
List of items needed: Blood donations
Drop off location: 94 Bridgeport Rd E, Waterloo
Best dates to drop: The KW Blood Donor Clinic is open 6 days a week. Visit www.blood.ca to check out hours.

SUPPORT NEWCOMER YOUTH
Organization Name: KW Multicultural Centre
Contact Person: Anika Williams-Hewitt, Program Coordinator
Phone Number: 519-745-2531 / anika@kwmc-on.com
List of items needed: reusable (tote) bags for program participants (7 required for short term program needs; 90 for long term program needs)
Drop off location: 102 King Street West, Kitchener, ON N2G 1A6
Best dates to drop: Monday – Thursday: 9AM – 5PM; Friday: 9AM – 1PM
SUPPORTING REFUGEES AND NEWCOMERS TO CANADA
Organization Name: Mennonite Central Committee
Contact Person: Jon Lebold
Phone Number: 519-745-8458 ext. 234
List of items needed: [https://mcccanada.ca/search/site/kits](https://mcccanada.ca/search/site/kits)

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<td>•Any combination of 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (about 21.5 cm x 27 cm) totalling 500–600 pages, OR 7 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (80 pages each; about 21.5 cm x 27 cm) •8 new unsharpened pencils •1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional) •12 coloured pencils (in packaging) •1 large eraser •2 new black or blue ballpoint pens •1 small all metal pencil sharpener, one or two holes. All metal sharpeners can be found online Amazon.ca or in the art supply section of retail stores like Staples. Plastic case pencil sharpeners are not accepted because these are poor quality and do not last as long. If you cannot find all metal sharpeners please pack the kits without them and we will add the sharpeners</td>
<td>•4 large bars bath soap (leave in wrapper) •Shampoo (1 or 2 bottles, totalling more than 600 ml; place in resealable plastic bag) •4 large bars laundry soap (such as Sunlight®, Fels Naptha®, or Zote® brands) •4 adult-sized toothbrushes (in manufacturer’s packaging) •4 new bath towels (medium weight, dark or bright colours; approx. 75 cm x 150 cm) •2 wide-toothed combs (15–20 cm) •1 nail clipper (good quality) •1 box adhesive bandages (minimum 40, assorted) •Sanitary pads (THIN; 1 or 2 packages, minimum 28 pads total)</td>
<td>•1 adult-sized toothbrush (in manufacturer’s packaging) •1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper) •1 nail clipper (good quality) •1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colours; approx. 40 cm x 65 cm) •1 wide-toothed comb (15–20 cm)</td>
<td>•3 gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material) •3 undershirts/onesies (short or long sleeves) •1 receiving blanket (lightweight fleece or flannel, minimum 75 cm x 75 cm, larger sizes preferred) •4 large, heavy-duty safety pins •1 large bar mild soap (leave in wrapper) •1 pair of socks •1 cap</td>
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Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Due to strict regulations some countries have on the expiration date of toothpaste, MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kit. Instead, we will provide toothpaste with the kits when they ship from our warehouse.

Drop off location: MCCO 50 Kent Ave Kitchener
Best dates to drop:
- **Mon to Wed:** 9:00am – 6:00pm
- **Thurs & Fri:** 9:00am – 9:00pm
- **Saturday:** 9:00am – 5:00pm

Would you be able to give a tour to the person or group donating: **Yes** (please contact us before hand to arrange a time when the co-ordinator is available)

Is this request for a specific time of year or can donations be made at any time? **Ongoing**
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
Organization Name: Reep Green Solutions
Contact Person: Faiza Nuru
Phone Number: 519-744-6583 X 234
List of items needed: Carpet and comfortable chairs
Drop off location: 222 Frederick Street
Best dates to drop: Monday to Friday from 9a.m. to 1p.m.
Would you be able to give a tour to the person or group donating: Yes
Is this request for a specific time of year or can donations be made at any time? Ongoing

CARING FOR THE HOMELESS, THOSE WITH ADDITIONS, AND OTHERS IN NEED
Organization Name: Ray of Hope Inc
Contact Person: Jessica Van Es
Phone Number: (519) 578-8018 Ext. 221
List of items needed: Men & women new socks & underwear; toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, soap, shampoo; food protein items like tuna, peanut butter, canned stew and chili; instant coffee, milk powder and sugar; rice and cereal; jam and canned fruit; spaghetti sauce and soup
Drop off location: ROH Community Center 659 King Street East (rear of the building)
Best dates to drop: M-F 9am-2pm
Would you be able to give a tour to the person or group donating: Yes
Would this be an ongoing request that we can continue to promote past the holidays? Yes

AIM – SUPPORTING ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Organization Name: AIM
Contact Person: Laura Faria
Email: aim@phoenixcares.ca
Phone: 519-577-3723
The wish list items include:
- Lysol wipes / cleaning supplies
- Games (Physical and Cognitive i.e deck of playing cards)
- Throw pillows and blankets
- Sensory items (textured balls, weighted blanket)
- Large print crossword puzzles
- Office supplies (colourful cardstock paper, dry erase makers, printer paper)
- Art supplies (markers, crayons, pencil crayons, colouring books)
- Paper towel
- Wet wipes
- Ziploc bags, large and small
- Bus tickets
- Gift cards for: Grocery stores, dollar store, Tim Hortons and McDonald’s gift cards
- Wheelchair (large)