

VERA HOUSE WISH LIST

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN SUPPORTING VERA HOUSE!

Your generosity is important to us and is very special to the people we serve. Your gifts help our programs offer resources that might otherwise be unavailable to our clients. With your help, Vera House is able to provide some of the most basic items for those who need them the most. **Critical needs have been BOLDED.**

SEASONAL & SPECIAL NEEDS

- beach buckets/toys
- bubbles
- backpacks
- water sprinkler
- chalk
- rain boots (0-5 years)*
- beach towels*
- sunscreen
- **NEW children's swimsuits (all sizes)**
- flip flops/sandals (children's and adults, all sizes)
- hula hoops
- zoo passes
- **gift cards** in any denomination are used throughout the year and:
 - empower clients to buy their own groceries and other family specific needs.
 - assist with transportation needs.
 - allow for activities for families staying in our shelters.
- **school & crafting supplies:** pencils, colored pencils, markers of all sizes, large glue sticks, folders, pencil holders, pens, composition and notebooks, glitter jar materials, construction paper.
- **call-out clothing:** for victims of sexual assault/abuse: **NEW** sweatpants, t-shirts, sweatshirts, underwear, socks (all sizes).
- **children's play sets for counseling sessions:** Melissa & Doug house cleaning play sets, toy telephones, children's cash register with toy money, magic wands, dress up clothes.

Suggestions for gift cards are on the reverse side.

NEW HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- **towels & washcloths***
- silverware/utensils*
- pillows
- paper products (paper towels/napkins/paper plates/tissues)
- coffee makers
- shower curtain liners
- sheets (twin and full size)*
- toasters
- pots & pans*
- brooms/dustpans/mops
- drinkware (no mugs)*
- **blankets & comforters (twin & full preferred)***

NEW TOILETRIES / PERSONAL CARE ITEMS (travel sizes not needed at this time)

- conditioner
- liquid hand soap
- deodorant
- ethnic hair care products (olive oil products, cocoa butter lotion, Palmers lotion)
- shampoo
- body wash/shower gel
- hair ties
- floss
- razors
- petroleum jelly/Vaseline
- hand/body lotion

NEW BABY ITEMS

- diaper wipes
- umbrella strollers*
- pull ups (all sizes)
- Infant/baby carriers*
- infant/baby sleep sacks

NEW CLOTHING

- slippers
- shower shoes/flip flops
- kids pajamas (all sizes)
- underwear (all sizes for children, women & men)
- pajamas (all sizes for children, women & men)

NEW MISCELLANEOUS

- journals
- board games
- umbrellas*
- family/children's DVDs*
- plain gift bags/tissue paper

Items followed by an * asterisk above can be accepted in LIKE NEW condition in limited quantities. If you have questions about a specific item that is not listed, please contact Maryann at mwood@verahouse.org or call (315) 425-0818 x 2234.

DONATION DRIVE IDEAS!

Donation Drives play an important role in helping Vera House keep costs down and meet the needs of individuals and families who use our services. We ask that **donation drive** items be **NEW** as we have very limited storage for gently used items.

GIFT CARD DRIVE

Gift cards in any denomination are used throughout the year to provide basic needs for clients. Gift cards empower clients to buy their own groceries and other essentials; assist with transportation needs and allow for activities for individuals, families or children staying in our shelter.

Retail/Transportation

- grocery store
- laundromat
- bus passes
- gas station
- pharmacy
- retail store
- salon/barbershop
- restaurant
- Visa/Mastercard

Activities

- movie passes
- mini-golf / bowling
- laser tag
- bounce house
- zoo passes
- art and children's museums
- sporting event tickets
- Lights on the Lake
- other individual, family or child activities

NEW & GENTLY USED TOWEL DRIVE

Vera House always has a need for towels to use in our shelters as well as share with residents transitioning to permanent housing. We are happy to accept **NEW** and **GENTLY USED** towels and washcloths.

TOILETRY DRIVE

The shelter requests new, unopened, full-size toiletry items to share with clients in crisis and transition. **Suggestions for current needs are updated regularly on the reverse side of this wish list.**

HELP SPONSOR A FAMILY IN NEED WITH A "WELCOME HOME BASKET"

Create a memorable gift for a family transitioning from shelter into their new home. **Consider filling a laundry basket (or two) with some of the essential items listed below:**

- pots & pans
- silverware
- kitchen utensils
- shower curtain liner
- dish soap
- toilet paper
- blankets/sheets
- dish set/drinkware
- dishrack
- mixing bowls
- paper towels
- sponges
- all-purpose cleaner
- broom/dustpan
- mop
- towels
- baking sheets
- laundry soap
- trash bags
- pot holders

PAPER PRODUCT DRIVE

These items are used in our shelters as well as shared with families moving into their new homes.

- paper plates/bowls/cups
- tissues
- paper towels
- plastic utensils
- trash bags
- storage bags (Ziploc, etc.)
- toilet paper
- napkins

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

When and where can I drop off my donations?

Donations can be dropped off Monday - Friday between 8:30 am - 5:00 pm at our Administrative & Outreach Offices located at 723 James St, Syracuse, NY 13203

Do you accept gently used items?

Vera House accepts some gently used items as noted above but we **no longer accept used clothing or furniture items**. We now partner with the **Rescue Mission** to ensure our client's clothing and furniture needs are met. Consider donating your used clothing and furniture items to the Rescue Mission. Visit www.cleanthatcloset.org for a list of drop-off locations.

What if I have additional questions?

Any questions about our in-kind donations program can be directed to **Maryann Wood at (315) 425-0818 ext 2234 or mwood@verahouse.org**. You can also visit our website at www.verahouse.org/give/material-donations.