May 2020
Hope Solutions Opportunities for Involvement

Volunteers to Pick Up and Deliver Beds: Transporting beds to new residents throughout Contra Costa County is a great challenge during these times. A volunteer that can pick-up mattresses and platforms (both in boxes) from our Pleasant Hill office and deliver them to various resident’s households throughout Contra Costa County is needed. Deliveries will be PORCH DELIVERIES ONLY, no need to set up beds. If you are able to help, please contact Sandibel at sarnold@hopesolutions.org.

Home Activities for Children/Teens: Children in California will not be returning to school until the next school year. As we encourage parents to use a variety of at-home learning activities we are asking for age appropriate toys, board games, and arts and crafts items. If you are interested in providing fun activities for the children in our program, please email Sandibel Arnold at sarnold@hopesolutions.org or call 925-788-3676.

Care Packages: While the coronavirus continues to spread throughout the county, we are urging our residents to stay at home. In the event that one or more members of a household becomes ill, we are providing care packages so individuals may continue to shelter in place and start treatment immediately. Please see the attached Care Package Ingredients List for a complete outline of items.

Food: At this time we are not accepting food donations, but we are encouraging you to donate food and/or financial resources to our participating local food pantries and/or food banks. Movement restrictions paired with food insecurity is a harsh reality for the residents we serve. Please see the latest Food Donations sheet on our website for a list of local food banks and food pantries to donate to.

Furnishings: Every month we have families and individuals moving into homes. We try our best to provide furnishings and household items. We are looking for furnishing donation and this month we are in need of a few items, such as cleaning supplies, kitchen kits, bath towels, dishes, pots and pans, and silverware. We are also in need of $25 gift cards to Target for new families moving into homes. For a complete list of furnishings needed this month, please take a look at the attached Furnishing Request sheet here.

Face Masks: Are you a sewer? If so, we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to sew face masks for our residents. If you are interested in making face makes for our program but movement restrictions are holding you back, we can arrange to drop off materials and pick up completed masks at your residence. If you are interested in sewing face masks for our residents, we encourage you to use these patterns: https://tinyurl.com/sfwstpy. Please contact sarnold@hopesolutions.org or call 925-788-3676 to make arrangements for materials.

Seeking In-Kind Donations:
- Feminine hygiene products of all kinds
- Diapers sizes 1 through 6 and baby wipes for families in our programs
- Cinemark or Fandango movie passes to give to families who participate in our programs
- Welcome Kits for new families moving into permanent housing (laundry basket filled with cleaning supplies, key chain, and $25 gift card to FoodMaxx or Safeway)
- Paper products (plates, cups), snacks, copy paper for after school programming
- Cleaning Supplies for our multi-site clients (Comet, Windex, Simple Green, buckets, mops, etc.)

Stay Informed! Get all the latest news about Hope Solutions and the housing landscape in Contra Costa County. Read stories about our impact, and the many residents we serve together. Sign up for our mailing list here: https://tinyurl.com/lgdp3gs

For more information, please go to our website: https://www.hopesolutions.org/ or contact Sandibel Arnold, Volunteer and Donations Coordinator at info@hopesolutions.org or call 925-448-2004. Hope Solutions formerly known as Contra Costa Interfaith Housing is a 501(C)3 organization.