

# October 2020 Opportunities for Involvement



**Spirit of Giving 2020:** We are excited to launch our 2020 Spirit of Giving program. This program allows each donor to sponsor a family or individual during the holidays by purchasing gifts and necessary items, bringing hope and happiness during the holiday season. This is a highly anticipated program for our residents, and we rely on your support to make this program as successful as it can be. If you are interested in spreading some holiday cheer by sponsoring a family or individual during the holiday season, please contact Mariel McMIndes at [mmcmindes@hopesolutions.org](mailto:mmcmindes@hopesolutions.org)



**Homework Club Support:** As the new school year begins, we have started to plan for Homework Club. Although there are still many uncertainties of what is to come for the 2020-2021 school year, we are determined to provide academic support for the children in our program. If you are interested in providing academic support and mentoring, whether it is remotely, on site, or a hybrid of both please contact Mariel McMIndes at [mmcmindes@hopesolutions.org](mailto:mmcmindes@hopesolutions.org)



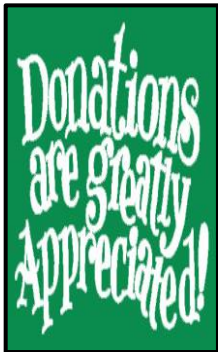
**Volunteers to Pick Up and Deliver Beds:** Transporting beds to new residents throughout Contra Costa County is a great challenge during these times. A volunteer that can pick-up mattresses and platforms (both in boxes) from our Pleasant Hill office and deliver them to various resident's households 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 Mariel McMIndes at [mmcmindes@hopesolutions.org](mailto:mmcmindes@hopesolutions.org)



**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 donations, 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 masks 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 [mmcmindes@hopesolutions.org](mailto:mmcmindes@hopesolutions.org) or call 925-788-3676 to make arrangements for materials.



**Seeking In-Kind Donations:**

- Menstrual products of all kinds
- Diapers size 1 through 6 and baby wipes for families in our programs
- \$5 Starbucks and Jamba Juice gift cards for report card check-ins
- 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.)

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