



# November 2020 Opportunities for Involvement



**Spirit of Giving 2020:** We still have many families and individuals in need of sponsors for our 2020 Spirit of Giving program! This program allows donors to sponsor a family or individual during the holidays by purchasing gifts and necessary items, bringing hope and happiness during the holiday season. 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, please contact Mariel McMIndes at [mmcminde@hopesolutions.org](mailto:mmcminde@hopesolutions.org)



**Homework Club Support:** We are looking for compassionate individuals to help in our (now virtual) afterschool Homework Club that runs from August through June. You will provide academic and mentoring support to children from extremely low-income homes in grades K-12. Commitment is one day a week (AM or PM) per week (Monday-Thursday) for the entire school year. Adults and high school sophomores through seniors are encouraged to apply at [www.hopesolutions.org/volunteer](http://www.hopesolutions.org/volunteer).



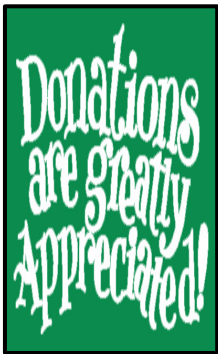
**Ruby Slippers Gala:** This year, Hope Solutions will present our annual fundraising gala, [Ruby Slippers - There's No Place Like Home](#) in the comfort of your own home on Saturday, February 27, 2021. *Ruby Slippers* will be virtual and live-streamed from our event page and Hope Solutions' YouTube Channel. There will be a live and silent auction with some fabulous items to bid on, and we hope to add even more! If you have vacation homes, unused airline miles, luxury items or unique experiences that you are willing to donate to our auction, please contact Carrie Veurink, Manager of Development Outreach at [cveurink@hopesolutions.org](mailto:cveurink@hopesolutions.org) or call (925) 542-5068.



**Volunteers to Pick Up and Deliver Furniture:** Transporting furniture to new residents throughout Contra Costa County is a great challenge during these times. A volunteer that can pick-up donated furniture and deliver them to various resident's households throughout Contra Costa County is needed. Deliveries will be PORCH DELIVERIES ONLY, no need to set any furniture up. If you are able to help, please contact Mariel McMIndes at [mmcminde@hopesolutions.org](mailto:mmcminde@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](#).



**Seeking In-Kind Donations:**

- **New Twin and Full size mattresses, mattress pads, comforters, sheets, and frames/platforms**
- \$25 gift cards to Grocery Outlet, FoodMaxx, or Walmart
- 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
- 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)
- Cleaning Supplies for our multi-site clients (Comet, Windex, Simple Green, buckets, mops, etc.)

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For more information, please go to our website: <https://www.hopesolutions.org/> or contact Mariel McMIndes, Volunteer and Donations Coordinator at [mmcminde@hopesolutions.org](mailto:mmcminde@hopesolutions.org) or call 925-510-4134. Hope Solutions formerly known as Contra Costa Interfaith Housing is a 501(C)3 organization.