

IMAGINE having lost your home
and all your belongings ...
At the time of losing your home,
if you have no storage options or funds, or
if your items are seized by your landlord
or mortgage company,
you can end up with only what you can carry
or maybe store in your vehicle ...
IF you have one.



For many of the families and individuals our Homeless Outreach Team (H.O.T.) serves, those scenarios are realities.

That's why we consider the basic, practical household items that are donated by members of the community of such value!

It's also why Housing Starter Kits have become a very helpful and efficient way of making use of those donations!

When Ronnie (above) received his Kit and saw its contents, he said, "I think it's a real blessing."

(Picture to right) Ann found joy in unpacking the Kit she received, having moved into her first apartment after many years of being homeless.

YOU can be a blessing to others like Ronnie & Ann!



AURORA

— Giving light to the homeless —

exists to bring an end to homelessness in our community

To this end, we pledge to

- *provide services to the homeless,*
- *promote services that prevent homelessness,*
- *educate the community on the issues,*
- *facilitate collaboration, and*
- *advocate for the social and economic changes necessary to make ending homelessness a reality.*

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Directions to Aurora:

From the Lloyd Expressway, take Hwy 41 South to the 2nd light & turn right (West) onto Lincoln. Go past Kerth and just before New York Ave., on the right, is an Aurora sign.

The driveway into the parking lot is RIGHT AFTER the sign ... or you can park on New York Ave. The front entrance is under the canopy & we're on the main floor.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve behind the scenes ... a short-term way to be a part of working together to end & prevent homelessness in our community!

We are actively involved with others in the implementation of *Destination: Home*, our community's ten-year plan to end homelessness. Visit the *Destination: Home* website at www.destination-home.info



Make a difference by helping to create



for
Aurora clients who are entering or re-entering permanent housing in our community

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

DONATE items,

**a 30 gal. container with lid,
or an entire kit!**

Contact our Community Liaison
428-3246 x 33

connect@destination-home.info

to learn what's most needed right now, OR
select items from the list to the right and
notify us to schedule a time to deliver them.

HOST a Housing Starter Kit **assembly event!**

Contact our Education Specialist
428-3246 x 30

connect@destination-home.info

to discuss how your group can host an
event at which donated items are
assembled by volunteers to create more
Housing Starter Kits.

Then ...

Our Homeless Outreach Team will connect
each kit with
one of our
clients as
he/she enters
or re-enters
housing.



KIT CONTENTS

Ideas
for new or
gently used
items
to
donate



KITCHEN

- **Silverware** (knives, forks, spoons)
- **Cooking Utensils** (large cooking spoons & forks, knives, spatula, pot holders, etc.)
- **Cookware** (frying & sauce pans with lids, microwave cookware)
- **Dishes** (cereal bowls, cups, glasses, large & small plates, serving bowls & spoons)
- **Misc.** (measuring cups & spoons, can opener, aluminum foil, sandwich & quart zip-lock bags, pot holders, trivets, salt & pepper shakers, 13 gal. trash can/bags)

LINEN

- Sets of sheets, pillows, shower curtain & rings, bath towels, dish towels, blankets, wash cloths

CLEANING SUPPLIES

- **Cleaning Tools** (broom, dust pan, mop & bucket, waste basket)
- **Cleaning Solutions** (toilet, all-purpose, dish soap, kitchen, window, dusting, etc.)
- **Paper Products** (facial tissue, paper towels, napkins, toilet paper)
- **Misc.** (toilet brush, plunger, laundry basket & detergent, sponges, trash bags)

SUPPLIES

- **Personal** (soap, tooth paste, tooth brush, deodorant or antiperspirant, feminine hygiene products)
- **Household** (hangers, light bulbs, small fire extinguisher, extension cord)

CONTAINERS

- 30 gal. plastic tubs with lids and sturdy handles

THE IDEA

The Housing Starter Kit idea was birthed to **lessen time** spent by the H.O.T. members in finding basic items to give to clients who are becoming housed.



THE BENEFITS

By **pre-packaging** many of the **basic essentials**, staff could easily pick up a Kit, check its contents, add to or alter as needed, and then take it to a client as they move into a new place to live.

THE LIVES

As James (above) received his Kit, he commented, "It will **help me get back on my feet now.**"

The items in a Housing Starter Kit help supply many of the basics each recipient needs, **allowing household funds to be applied to other bills and necessities.**



Delores (left), upon obtaining her home, gratefully spent the first night there. She awakened the next morning, stepped into the kitchen, and thought, "**Oh wow! My own kitchen!**"

Then, it dawned on her, "**but I don't have a pot or a pan.**"

Thanks to donors like you, those items and more came soon after for Delores.

She has a message for you as you consider giving, "**Anything is needed. It may not mean much to you, but it means a whole lot to the person who doesn't have.**"