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OPPORTUNITIES TO ASSIST REFUGEE FAMILIES

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Gulf Coast JFCS is committed to helping refugees rebuild their lives and become self-sufficient through education, employment, and social support services. We have several opportunities for the community to help us help refugees.

**EDUCATE**

**Help Us Educate the Community**
Promoting education about the refugee vetting process, as well as how Gulf Coast JFCS assists refugees in becoming self-sufficient is a powerful step in advocating for refugees. Staff or members of the Refugee Speakers Bureau offer presentations to educate the community.

**ENGAGE**

**Help Us Gather Essential Supplies**
Become a part of Gulf Coast JFCS refugee support by engaging the community with donation drives. Newly arriving refugee families are in need of home goods, school supplies, bus passes, groceries, and a variety of other items. Please see the following pages for a detailed list of needed items.

**EMPOWER**

**Help Us Empower Refugees**
For those seeking a more committed and in-depth volunteer experience, Gulf Coast JFCS provides volunteer opportunities that directly engage with refugee families empowering them to become self-sufficient.
WELCOME BASKETS
Refugee Resettlement and Placement has specific requirements for setting up an apartment before a family arrives. Gathering items and creating welcome baskets will greatly assist our staff in preparing for each family’s arrival.

Please use the lists on this page to help you gather the required items for each basket. The lists are detachable, so you can tear them off and take them with you as you shop!

Feel free to add your own special touches if you want. A pretty card or art work with positive and welcoming thoughts is always appreciated, but not required.

BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES
Newly arriving children are at need for basic school supplies at all times of the year. Use the list of the basic needs on this page or contact us for specific requests for our incoming families.

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WELCOME BASKETS SHOPPING LIST

BED AND BATH BASKET
1 bath towel per person
1 set of sheets and blankets for each bed
1 pillow and pillowcase for each person
Alarm Clock
Light Bulbs for lamps

KITCHEN BASKET
1 place setting of tableware (fork, knife, spoon) per person
1 place setting of dishes (plate, bowl, cup) per person
Pots and Pans (at least 1 sauce pan, 1 frying pan, 1 baking dish)
Mixing/Serving Bowls
1 set of kitchen utensils (spatula, wooden spoon, sharp knife)
Serving utensils
Can Opener

CLEANING SUPPLY BASKET
Dish soap
Bathroom/Kitchen cleanser
Sponges or cleaning rags and/or paper towels
Laundry detergent
Two waste baskets
Mop or broom
Trash Bags

SCHOOL SUPPLIES SHOPPING LIST

ELEMENTARY (K-2)
1 package (12 pack) #2 pencils
1 pencil box (5x8 size)
2 rubber erasers
5 various color erasers (2 pocket, 3 prong)
2 composition or spiral notebooks (wide rule)
1 box Crayola Crayons (16 or 24 count)
1 package (3 pack) glue sticks
1 pair blunt scissors
2 highlighters
1 one inch 3 ring binder

ELEMENTARY INTERMEDIATE (3-5)
1 package (24 pack) #2 pencils
1 zippered pencil pouch
2 packages (200 count) paper wide rule
5 various color folders (2 pocket, 3 prong)
2 composition books (wide rule)
1 box colored pencils
1 package (3 pack) glue sticks
1 pair pointed scissors
2 highlighters
1 one inch 3 ring binder

(Middle and High School lists on back.)

SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SHOES IN ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED

(More ideas on back.)
**WELCOME BASKETS SHOPPING LIST**

**TOILETRIES BASKET**
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Soap
- One toothbrush per person
- Toothpaste
- Personal hygiene items (including sanitary napkins)
- Deodorant

**SPECIAL PREGNANCY BASKETS**
- Gender neutral clothing
- Wipes
- Diapers

**ODDS AND ENDS BASKET**
- Accordion style files to store important paperwork
- Watches
- Pens
- Paper
- Pencils

**MISCELLANEOUS BASKETS**

**BOOK BASKETS**
- Reading books with illustrations or games that assist in helping learn English and cultural concepts are always in need.

**ART AND CRAFTS SUPPLIES**
- Global Sunshine Artisans is a group of refugee women who hand-make crafts inspired by their native cultures to sell at craft shows and other festivals. The income raised helps to support their families. Donations to support their work such as fabric, sewing machines, and crafting items are appreciated.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES SHOPPING LIST**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- 1 package (24 count) #2 pencils
- 1 box (12 count) colored pencils
- 1 zippered pencil pouch
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 1 ruler with inch/centimeter markings
- 1 package college ruled notebook paper
- 12 various color folders (2 pocket, 3 prong)
- 2 packages notebook dividers
- 2 composition books
- Blue and black ink pens

**HIGH SCHOOL**
- 1 package (24 count) #2 pencils
- 1 ruler with inch/centimeter markings
- 6 packages college ruled notebook paper
- 7 various color folders (2 pocket, 3 prong)
- 2 packages notebook dividers
- 2 packages (100 count) 3x5 index cards
- 1 4-function calculator
- 1 package graph paper
- Blue and black ink pens

**SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SHOES**
- In all sizes are needed

**REFUGEE SERVICES DONATION WISH LIST**
- Bicycles
- Computers for employment purposes (new laptops)
- Transportation and bus passes
- Health and Hygiene products (excluding medicine)
- General cleaning supplies
- Tools for those working in trades/construction
- Backpacks with school supplies
- Household items (towels)
- Household appliances (toasters, coffee makers)

**Gift Cards and cash donations are always welcome as they are helpful when emergency assistance is needed!**

**Donated items must be new with tags or intact packaging as applicable.**

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