

Safe Havens Ministries

Who We Are:

For more than a decade, a group of Christian volunteers in Jacksonville has gathered and redirected gently used home furniture and furnishings to help the neediest among us. Our goal is to show God's love by transforming houses into homes and ensuring that struggling families can focus on independent living. Safe Havens is now excited to have relocated its furniture warehouse to the campus of Creekside Christian Church. We will partner with Creekside in order to serve our community through in-kind donations and volunteer service. We want to represent Compassion In Action!

What We Do:

While our primary focus is providing furniture necessities that empower people to achieve stability, we also strive to give the gift of comfort and beauty through the installation of curtains, pictures and decorative items... ensuring that each home is truly a haven. The opportunity to develop personal relationships with recipient families is valued.

Who We Serve:

Safe Haven's focus is to assist the "poorest of our poor" and only ministers to individuals or families who have been personally vetted by Safe Havens administration or its partnering agencies. We currently serve refugees of all races and religions (refugees are invited to the U.S. by our State Department due to persecution in their country of origin). We also serve graduates of faith-based mental health, alcohol & substance abuse rehab organizations, sex-trafficking organizations and faith-based homeless organizations. We typically have a lengthy list of vetted needy families waiting to receive assistance; therefore, we do not accept self-referrals or requests to assist individuals outside of these parameters.

How You Can Help:

Donate gently-used furniture and household furnishings (we can provide Tax Donation Receipts...see our list of items accepted.) Donate your time and talents (see our list of volunteer opportunities).

For more information, email LynnBledsoe@Gmail.com

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Volunteer Opportunities

Furniture Pick Up:

Got a truck or trailer? Volunteer to periodically pick up furniture from donors.

Furniture Delivery:

Got a truck or trailer? Volunteer once or periodically to deliver furniture and furnishings to the home (exterior) of needy families. After Safe Haven's Covid restrictions are lifted, Small Groups may volunteer to deliver & install furniture inside recipient homes.

Sort Donations:

Got a free hour or two? Volunteer to sort & organize donated items.

Furniture Repair:

Handy? Volunteer to provide minor repairs for wobbly chairs, loose picture frames, etc. Work at your place or ours!

Paint & Stain Furniture:

Love to give "rough" items a brand new look? Volunteer to paint or stain scratched & chipped furniture donations.

Wash Donations:

Got a large washer/dryer? Volunteer to periodically wash soiled donations of bed linens, towels, etc.

Alter Curtains:

Like to sew? Volunteer to periodically alter curtains to accommodate recipient window dimensions.

Find Needed Furniture Items:

Like to find "free stuff"? Volunteer to check social media sites to locate specific furniture items we are needing for a recipient family.

Purchase Supplies:

Like to shop? Volunteer to periodically purchase needed supplies such as new bed pillows, mattress covers, etc.

Clean Warehouse:

Like to Clean? Volunteer to periodically sweep floors & clean warehouse bathroom.

Seasonal Projects:

Got the Christmas Spirit? Volunteer to assist with annual projects such as the Christmas Children's Clothing Drive.

Ambassador:

Got a passion for the needy? Volunteer to spread the word about this ministry to friends & neighbors by distributing informational literature.

For more information or to volunteer: Email LynnBledsoe@Gmail.com

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Items Accepted

Furniture

Sofas
Chairs & recliners
Coffee & end tables
Bookshelves
Dining tables with chairs
TVs & TV stands
Dressers & nightstands
Headboards & bed frames
mattresses & box springs
(twin, full, queen, bunk beds)
Small student desks

Household

Decorative items
Bedding & Bed pillows
Bath towels, mats & curtains
Decorative pillows
Framed artwork
Lamps
Strollers & toys
Dish & silverware sets
Pots & Pans
Washers & Dryers
Curtains, rods & brackets

These are the only items we accept!

Do NOT Donate

No stains
No rips
No odors
No broken parts
No missing hardware
No heavy compression
No clothing
Heavy drapes
Large entertainment centers

King beds
Large armoires
Sleeper sofas
Large sectional sofas
Artwork depicting people
Clocks
Wall-mounted or box TVs
Specialty kitchen supplies
Large desks

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