



Formerly InnVision Shelter Network

Donation Drives:
“How-To” Manual

Quick Start/Overview for Donation Drives

We couldn't do it without you!

Each year volunteers and donors host specific “Drives” for much-needed items and supplies that are needed – and greatly appreciated – and put to immediate use by the homeless families and individuals we serve at LifeMoves in addition to our staff as these supplies also help maintain our programs and facilities.

LifeMoves serves over 9,000 homeless people each year in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Volunteer engagement and donor support (both financial and in-kind) from the community are essential to the success of our programs. Everything you donate means our clients and our staff won't need to purchase them, and helping clients save money and helping LifeMoves keep administrative costs down.

The following pages are ready-to-go, pre-packaged and tested-for-success themes and timing for Drives that you can schedule and get started with today.

Please register your drive for LifeMoves today. Contact Jessie Ellington at jellington@lifemoves.org or call 650.685.5880 ext. 180.

Your Drive will directly assist our clients and our staff by providing them with the things they need. Thank you for helping them build their savings while they build a brighter future for themselves and their families as they work hard toward a rapid return to self-sufficiency and permanent housing – a place they can call “home”.

Drive On!

Drive for: Financial Support

Timing for Drive: All Year, Any Month

LifeMoves, the largest provider of housing and services for homeless families and individuals in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, needs your help! Providing innovative and highly successful programs requires an investment from our community. A gift of any amount is meaningful and much needed.

Here are just a few ideas to get you started with your Financial Drive for Support. Be sure to share your ideas with us as well.

Financial Support is Needed to Pay for Successful Programs

Did you know? 97% of families and 82% of the individuals who complete the LifeMoves programs return to stable housing.

You are an important part of their success! Here are just a few ways your financial support helps end homelessness in our community:

\$25,000 “adopts” an apartment that 3-5 families will occupy during a year at a family shelter

\$8,000 “adopts” a bed and small living space that 4-5 homeless individuals will occupy during a year at a shelter

\$1,500 supports a homeless child by providing shelter, food, therapeutic child care, counseling, and other practical assistance

A gift of any amount is meaningful and will be put to use where there is the greatest need. Thank you!

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Drive for: Supplies for Homeless Infants

Timing for Drive: All Year, Any Month

LifeMoves, the largest provider of housing and services for homeless families and individuals in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, needs your help! Families come to LifeMoves often lacking the most basic necessities. A drive to provide the basic supplies needed to care for infants is meaningful and much needed. Thank you for your support.

Baby Supplies Needed

- Baby Wipes
- Disposable Diapers
- Pull-Up Diapers
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Powder
- Towels & Blankets
- Child's Hair Comb and Brush
- Formula
- Baby Food
- Baby Lotion
- Table Edge Guards
- Plug & Outlet Covers
- Door Locks (Lever & Knob)
- Stove Guards
- Non-Slip Bath Mats
- Cabinet Sliding Lock
- Door Knob Covers
- Bath Thermometers
- Spout Covers

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Drive for: Toy for Homeless Children

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Families and individuals at LifeMoves are working hard to regain stable housing and self-sufficiency. Unfortunately, everyday purchases of toys are out of financial reach for parents whose children are celebrating a birthday, who need a gift to take to a birthday party, or as a reward for children achieving good grades. At LifeMoves, toys are always needed throughout the year – not just during the holidays. Your donations of toys are much needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support!

Types of Toys Needed

0 – 4 years old

- Bath Toys
- Stuffed animals
- Educational/age appropriate toys

5 – 9 years old

- Games
- Action figures
- Scooters/skates & Helmets

10 – 12 years old

- DVD's/Books
- Games
- Basketballs/Baseball mitts etc.

Teens

- Movie Tickets
- Clothing Store Gift Card
- Coffee/Jamba Juice-type gift cards

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Drive for: Pajama & Underclothing

Timing for Drive: All Year, Any Month

Families and individuals at LifeMoves are working hard to regain stable housing and self-sufficiency.

You can make a real difference in their lives with much needed donations of new pajamas, undergarments and socks. Your generous donation helps our clients build their savings as they build a brighter future! Thank you for your support.

Pajamas & Underclothing Needed. New only please.

- Pajamas/Nightgowns (all ages/sizes)
- Slippers (all ages/sizes)
- Socks (athletic and trouser)
- Flip Flops/Shower Shoes (all sizes)
- Robes (all ages/sizes)
- Undergarments
 - Underwear (girls & women)
 - Boxers/briefs (boys & men)
 - Gift cards for other needs

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Drive for: Arts & Crafts Supplies for Homeless Children

Timing for Drive: All Year, Any Month

All LifeMoves facilities for families have active children's programs staffed by Children's Coordinators and Volunteers who work to stimulate their education and their creative exploration. This is a list of the general arts & crafts supplies that are always needed, year 'round to help with those programs. Thank you for your support!

Arts & Crafts Supplies Needed

- Construction paper (all colors)
- Drawing, sketch and/or butcher paper
- Glue (glue sticks and/or Elmer's glue)
- Pencils
- Pom-poms
- Pipe cleaners
- Hama or fuse beads and pegboards
- Markers
- Crayons
- Charcoal/Pastels
- Sidewalk Chalk
- White board dry erase markers & easers
- Masking tape
- Tape & Tape dispensers
- Clear contact paper
- Watercolor paints
- Stickers and 'foamies' (all shapes/sizes)

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Drive for: Toiletries for Homeless Families

Timing for Drive: All Year, Any Month

Families LifeMoves are working hard to regain stable housing and self-sufficiency. Donations of new soap, toiletries, and cleaning supplies to homeless families in LifeMoves program are very helpful. Your donations help our families build their savings as they build a brighter future. Thank you for your support!

Toiletries Needed

- Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Floss
- Soap
- Shampoo, Conditioner
- Razors, Shaving Cream
- Sponges, Loofahs
- Nail Clippers & Nail Files
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hair Combs, Brushes
- Towels & Wash Cloths
- Disposable Diapers
- Pull-up Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Toilet Plunger, Toilet Scrubber
- Shower Shoes, Flips Flops
- Toilet Paper, Tissues
- Bath Products

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Drive for: Cleaning Supplies

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Families and individuals at LifeMoves are working hard to regain stable housing and self-sufficiency.

You can make a real difference in their lives by donating cleaning supplies. Your generous donation helps our clients build their savings while they build a brighter future. Thank you for your support!

Cleaning Supplies Needed

- Plastic Buckets
- Sponges
- Sturdy Paper Towels
- Window Cleaner
- All – Purpose Cleanser
- Toilet Brush
- Disinfectant
- Dish Soap
- Toilet Bowl Cleanser
- Mops and Brooms
- Duster
- Kitchen Towels

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Drive for: Professional Clothing to Help Job Seekers

Timing for Drive: All Year, Any Month

LifeMoves has Job Prep Clinics designed to help our clients' secure sustainable employment that will move them forward on their path to self-sufficiency.

Donations of new or gently-used business and professional attire are extremely helpful for homeless adults searching for jobs. Your gift clothing will ensure that our clients make an excellent impression on potential employers. Your donation also helps them build their savings while they build a brighter future. Thank you for your support!

Men's Clothing Needed

- Dress pants/slacks
- Button-down shirts
- Pullover sweaters
- Jackets/blazers
- Dress shoes

Women's Clothing Needed

- Professional skirts/dresses
- Dress pants
- Blouses/button-down shirts
- Sweaters and Cardigans
- Dress shoes

Other Items Needed

- Scarves / Purses
- Belts & Ties
- Portfolios
- Current year planners/calendars

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Drive for: Winter Clothing

Timing for Drive: November to January only

Families and individuals at LifeMoves are working hard to regain permanent housing and return to self-sufficiency.

You can make a real difference in their lives by donating much-needed warm winter clothing and inclement weather gear. Your generous donation of clothing helps our clients build their savings while they build a brighter future. Thank you for your support!

Winter Clothing Needed for All Ages

- Warm Socks
- Water Proof Boots
- Winter Hats
- Long-Sleeved/Turtle Neck Shirts and Sweaters
- Gloves, Mittens
- Scarves
- Rain Ponchos
- Rain jackets
- Warm Winter Coats
- Warm/Fleece Jackets
- Umbrellas
- Long Underwear (Men/Women)

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Drive for: Thanksgiving Dinner Basket

Timing for Drive: October & November

There's nothing like a delicious meal to bring a family together for the holidays. With your help, every family in LifeMoves interim housing program will be able to cook and gather to enjoy a holiday meal in their own apartment. Have fun and get creative with the actual "basket"! It can be highly durable and re-useable like a re-useable grocery bag, a plastic storage bin, a laundry basket, or as simple as a paper bag.

Your donation also helps our clients build their savings while they build a brighter future. Thank you for your support!

Shopping Guideline: Plan for 1 dinner basket to serve approximately 6 people for a donation of approximately \$40 per basket.

Suggested Dinner Basket Items

- Russet (baking) potatoes
- Canned vegetables (green beans)
- Canned yams
- Canned gravy
- Canned cranberries
- Dinner rolls
- Stuffing
- Pie
- Apple cider or other non-alcoholic beverages
- Turkey or Ham
- Holiday napkins, roasting pan, containers for leftovers, cling wrap etc.
- \$10 - \$15 grocery store gift card for families to purchase perishable items

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Drive for: Christmas Dinner Basket

Timing for Drive: November & December

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Drive for: Easter/Spring Holiday Meal

Timing for Drive: March & April

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Suggested Dinner Basket Items

- Potatoes, Rice or Beans
- Canned vegetables
- Dinner rolls
- Fruit Pie, Cake or other Dessert
- Non-alcoholic Beverages
- Turkey, Ham, or other roast
- Holiday napkins, roasting pan, containers for leftovers, cling wrap etc.
- \$10 - \$15 grocery store gift card for families to purchase perishable items

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Drive for: Easter/Spring Basket for Homeless Children

Timing for Drive: March & April

Spring is a time of hope and renewal. A wonderful time of year to reach out and connect with families at LifeMoves. Hold a special drive by creating and giving sharing Easter/Spring Baskets with homeless children. Thank you for your support!

Suggested Basket Items

Children 4 – 10 years old

- Basket
- Plastic Eggs with surprises inside
- Stickers
- Small Toys
- Books

Children 1 – 3 years old

- Basket
- Bath toys
- Stuffed toys (bunnies, chicks)
- Books

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Drive for: Summer Camp Supplies

Timing for Drive: April & May

Support LifeMoves Summer Adventure Camp by donating supplies and materials needed for on-site camp for 250 homeless children.

A financial donation of \$500 sponsors one child in our program for the summer camp. Thank you for your support!

Supplies and Materials needed for Summer Adventure Camp

- Swimsuits, goggles, flip flops
- Towels, sunscreen, bug spray
- Sports equipment, game balls, Frisbees, jump ropes
- Shoulder bags, small backpacks
- Reusable water bottles, first aid kits
- Arts and crafts materials, markers, paper, washable paint
- Glue sticks, children's scissors, composition books, stickers
- Water balloons, bubbles, chalk
- Kites, parachutes, hula hoops, sand toys

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