



Shelter Network

*We often hear from members asking where to donate household items or clothes. If you are cleaning out your closets or weeding out outgrown toys or clothes in preparation for the holidays, this is a wonderful organization in our community serving families that are saving to make the transition back to permanent housing. They also have two holiday-specific drives if your family is looking for ways to share the spirit of the season with others in our community who would otherwise go without. Details are in the Outreach Section on the BMC web site and in the e-bulletin.*

*-The BMC Outreach Coordinators*

## Shelter Network's Needs List

As Shelter Network leads the way back home for thousands of homeless children, families, and individuals on the Peninsula, we're seeking donations of the items below. **Your donations are especially needed**, to help us meet the needs of our homeless residents, and to reduce our agency's overhead expenses. Working together, we can offer our homeless neighbors the support they need to return to permanent homes of their own.

### FOOD:

- milk, juice, coffee
- cheese, butter
- luncheon meats, poultry
- cereal, oatmeal
- soups
- bread
- fruit, vegetables
- sugar, sweeteners, creamer
- salt, pepper
- mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup
- salad dressing
- cooking oil

### KITCHEN ITEMS:

- paper plates, bowls, and cups
- plastic utensils, Styrofoam cups
- paper towels
- napkins
- aluminum foil, plastic wrap
- toasters, coffee makers, blenders, can-openers

- pots, frying pans, baking pans
- drinking glasses, mugs
- potholders

### CLEANING SUPPLIES:

- brooms, dust pans, mops (heads and handles), buckets
- sponges, scouring pads
- vacuum cleaners
- toilet brushes and plungers
- dishwashing soap
- cleaning chemicals: aerosol disinfectant, all-purpose cleaner, window cleaner, oven cleaner, carpet cleaner
- laundry detergent and bleach
- bug spray
- spray bottles
- multi-fold paper towels
- latex gloves (medium and large)

### OFFICE SUPPLIES:

- copy paper (8.5" x 11", 8.5" x 14", 11" x 17") - white and colored
- business envelopes (#10, 9" x 12")
- Post-Its
- file folders and hanging file folders (letter- and legal-sized)
- binder tab dividers
- labels (address, file folder, etc.)
- writing pads
- phone message books and money receipt books
- ballpoint pens
- pencils
- highlighters and permanent markers
- scotch tape and glue sticks
- paper clips and push pins
- 3-ring binders (1", 2", 3")
- cardboard letter/legal storage boxes
- scissors
- new PC-formatted 3-1/2" diskettes
- AAA and AA batteries
- white correction fluid

### CHILDREN'S SUPPLIES:

- disposable diapers (especially large sizes), Pull-Ups, wipes
- school supplies
- strollers and high chairs
- books and games for teenagers
- sports equipment and educational toys
- Halloween costumes
- tickets to movies, museums, sporting events, etc.

### CLOTHING & OTHER ITEMS:

- men's clothing
- work shoes and sneakers
- disposable cameras

### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

- sheets, pillows, blankets
- towels and washcloths
- trash cans and liners (30" x 37", 40" x 46")
- lamps, televisions, and alarm clocks
- flashlights
- extension cords
- tools and tool kits

### ALL TOILETRIES:

- disposable razors, deodorant, shampoo
- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- liquid hand soap
- feminine hygiene supplies
- toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels

### GIFT CERTIFICATES:

- to grocery stores, drug stores, department stores, shoe stores, and gas stations

#### Donation Drop Off Locations:

- **Shelter Network's San Mateo Location:**  
**First Step for Families**  
325 Villa Terrace, San Mateo  
It is a brown multi-level apartment complex located behind Ducky's Car Wash, off N San Mateo Drive.
- **Shelter Network Administrative Office:**  
1450 Chapin Avenue, 2nd Floor  
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