WELCOME TO AMERICA! PACK CHECKLIST

Sign up now to greet and provide a warm welcome to a refugee family (or individual) when they first arrive in our community! Refugees often arrive in Chicago with only a few personal possessions. Help turn an empty apartment into a home by collecting and delivering all the basic household items the very first day they arrive.

All items must be new. (Gifting new items to refugees shows respect and provides dignity.)

This is a great project for an individual, small group or entire congregation.

The following list of items is required by the U.S. Government Office of Resettlement.

KITCHEN
Dishes for 8*  
Mugs for 8*  
Dish Rack  
Silverware Tray  
Silverware for 8*  
8 Drinking Glasses*  
Set of Mixing Bowls  
Set of Pots and Pans  
Baking Pans  
Set of Cooking Utensils  
Measuring Spoons  
Measuring Cups  
Set of Sharp Knives  
Can Opener  
Cutting Board  
3 Sets of Kitchen Towels  
Dishwashing Soap  
2 Sponges w/ Scrubby Side  
Tall Kitchen Trashcan + Trash Bags  
Aluminum Foil  
Plastic Wrap  
2 Rolls of Paper Towels  
Tea Kettle

BATH
4 Bath Towels*  
4 Washcloths*  
Shower Curtain w/hooks  
4 Bars of Hand Soap*  
2 Bottles of Shampoo  
4 Tooth Brushes*  
2 Tubes of Toothpaste  
Deodorant*  
15 Disposable Razors  
Feminine Supplies (pads)  
4 Rolls of Toilet Paper  
Bottle of Hand Lotion  
2 Boxes of Kleenex  
Small Trashcan

FOOD ITEMS
5 lbs. Sugar  
10 lbs. Flour  
5 lbs. Rice  
5 lbs. Onions  
10 lbs. Potatoes  
Bottle of Cooking Oil  
Box of Salt  
Box of Iced Tea  
Jar of Instant Coffee  
Can of Black Pepper  
Case of Coke/Pepsi

MISC ITEMS
Pad of Paper  
Envelopes  
Book of Stamps  
Pens/Pencils  
Fan  
Calendar  
Small Tool Kit  
4 Light Bulbs  
Scissors

BEDROOM
4 Warm Blankets*  
4 Sets of Sheets w/Pillowcase*  
4 Pillows*  
Alarm Clock  
25 Hangers

* Once you’re matched with a specific refugee family, we will share the amount and sizes needed.

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