

WELCOME TO AMERICA! PACK

[Sign up now](#) to provide a warm welcome to a refugee family (or individual) when they first arrive in Chicago! Refugees often arrive in the U.S. 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
- Set of Sharp Knives
- Can Opener
- Cutting Board
- 3 Kitchen Towels
- Dishwashing Soap
- 2 Sponges w/ Scrubby Side
- Tall Trashcan + Trash Bags
- Plastic Wrap
- 2 Rolls of Paper Towels
- Tea Kettle
- Rice Cooker (Burmese Families)

CLEANING ITEMS

- All Purpose Cleaner Spray
- Can of Scouring Powder
- Toilet Brush
- Laundry Soap
- Broom and Dust Pan
- Laundry Basket

BEDROOM

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

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

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