Welcome Kit

Arrive Ministries

Serving Refugee & Immigrant Neighbors Together

Help a family in transition by collecting an arrival welcome kit.

Get Involved

When refugees arrive in the United States, they come with very few, if any, household items. They need to furnish an entire home with very few financial resources. You can help bless refugee and immigrant families by gathering the items listed and bringing them to Arrive MInistries (or delivering them directly to a family's apartment). You may gather an entire kit for a particular family or host a collection for a variety of of items which will be distributed to multiple families. If you prefer to give, your donation will help us purchase needed supplies as together we make a difference in the lives of new arrivals.

Welcome Kit Recommendations

Note: Items or categories marked with * must be new.

Bedding & Linens

Sheet sets - twin & full
Blankets, quilts or comforters
Pillows* & pillow cases
Towel sets - bath, hand, washcloths
Shower curtain* & rings
Bath mat*

Hygiene Supplies*

Toilet paper
Kleenex
Shampoo & conditioner
Soap (Bars)
Soap dish
Toothbrushes & toothpaste
Toothbrush holder
Deodorant
Hand/body lotion
Chapstick
Razors & shaving cream (for men only)
Maxi pads

Cleaning Supplies *

Dish soap
All-purpose cleaner (non-toxic)
Sponges
Paper towels
Laundry detergent
Waste baskets (bathroom & kitchen)
Broom & dust pan
Mop & bucket
Trash bags
Toilet brush

Household Items

Alarm clock with batteries
Notebook & pens
Light bulbs
Laundry basket
Clothing hangers
Pocket dictionary
Picture dictionary
Calculator
Microwave
Vacuum cleaner

School Items*

Folders with pockets
Wide-ruled notebooks
#2 pencils, pencil sharpener
Erasers
Scissors
Highlighters
Rulers
Glue or glue sticks
Crayons
Pencil bags or boxes
Pens (black or blue)
Three-ring binders

Kitchen & Dining

Tableware (knives, forks, spoons)
Place settings (plate, bowl, cup, glass, etc.)
Mixing & serving bowls
Kitchen utensils (serving spoons, spatula, etc.)
Sharp knives
Can opener
Water/juice serving pitcher
Set of pots & pans
Baking dishes
Dish towels
Rice cooker
Large Rubbermaid storage containers

Baby items*

Diapers & wipes
Blanket
Baby bottles
Baby-sized bowls & utensils
Baby wash/shampoo & lotion
Car seat*

Note:
We are also accepting used cell phones, in partnership with Secure the Call.

To show respect to our clients, we only accept new or slightly used items. If a used item is potentially unsafe, may not work properly, or is so worn or old that the previous owner no longer wishes to use it, we respectfully ask that you refrain from donating that item to our refugees. Arrive Ministries reserves the right to refuse any donation that does not meet our standard.

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