



IRC-San Jose

Donation Opportunities

The International Rescue Committee provides opportunities for refugees to thrive in the U.S. Each year, thousands of refugees are invited by the U.S. government to seek safety and freedom. Forced to flee conflict or persecution, many have survived for years against incredible odds. They step off the plane with next to nothing but their dignity, hope, and determination. The following donations help provide families with essentials to start their new lives in the San Jose area.

Arrival Basics:

These items are needed most upon arrival for refugees. By donating these items will increase the efficiency of distributing goods and help refugee clients save money.

Bedding Basics:

- Sheet & comforter set (full or twin)
- Pillow & pillow Case



Dining Basics:

- Dishes & glasses for 4
- Silverware, 4 sets



Food Basics:

- \$25-\$50 Safeway gift card



Welcome Kits:

Completed kits offer refugees a primary set of necessities upon their arrival. Furthermore, donating a completed kit increases the staff's efficiency in distributing these goods to newly arrived refugees. Please label and package completed welcome kits in reusable bags or boxes. To learn about drop off dates & times, please email Amanda.Gamban@rescue.org

Kitchen Kit

- 4 Place setting of tableware (fork, knife, spoon)
- 4 place setting of dishes (plates, bowls, cups)
- 1 cooking pot
- 1 frying pan
- 1 baking dish
- 1 mixing/ serving bowl
- 1 set of kitchen utensils
- 2 kitchen towels
- 1 can opener & knife set

Household Kits

- 2 throw blankets*
- 2 sets of sheets (twin or full)*
- 2 pillows and pillowcases*
- 2 comforters (twin or full)*
- clothing Rack & coat hangers
- 2 small stuffed animals
- 1 laundry basket

Bathroom Kit

- 4 washcloths, hand towels, and bath towels*
- 4 rolls of toilet paper*
- 1 bottle of shampoo & conditioner*
- 2 bar of soap*
- 4 toothbrushes*
- 2 tubes of toothpaste*
- 2 sticks of deodorant*
- 1 shower curtain + hooks
- 1 first aid kit

Cleaning Kit

- 1 bottle of dish soap*
- 1 bottle bathroom/ kitchen cleaner*
- 2 sponges*
- 2 rolls of paper towels*
- 1 large wastebasket and trash bags*
- 1 small wastebasket and trash bags*
- 1 broom and dustpan*
- 1 box of laundry detergent*

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Refugee Empowerment

The items below make a significant impact in a refugee's journey towards self-sufficiency.

Adult Work Bag

- Reusable water bottle
- Insulated lunch bag
- Watch
- Portfolio holder
- USB stick 8 GB
- Notebook & Pen
- Umbrella

Tech tools

- Laptop or Desktop Computers
- Software: Microsoft Office, Excel
- Printer
- USB Memory Stick, 8+ GB
- Rosetta Stone License: English
- Phones (less than 3 years old)

Major Impact Items

- Bicycles in road-ready condition
- Bicycle Safety Equipment: U-locks, helmets, lights, etc.
- Appliances : Microwaves, TVs, electric kettles, vacuum, rice cooker



Targeted Donations

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| - VTA Transportation Pass | \$70/month |
| - Target gift cards | \$25-\$50 |
| - Safeway gift cards | \$25-\$50 |
| - Amazon Gift Cards | \$25-\$50 |
| - Clothing Gift Cards | \$25-\$200 |
| - Bed (mattress, box spring) | \$300 |
| - Housing security deposit | \$500-\$1000 |



If you would like to make a monetary donation, we accept checks written to the IRC in San Jose, and you have the option of specifying the kind of assistance you want to support. We will provide receipts for your records and tax deductions.

Thank you for your interest in donating. For more information or to learn about drop off dates and times, please contact the Volunteer and Donation Coordinator.

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We are sincerely grateful for your interest, support, and generosity as we guide refugees from harm to home.

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