



Host a Donation Drive for The Harbour

Did you know The Harbour serves approximately 100 young people per year – for up to three weeks at a time? Gifts from our generous neighbors and local community help provide for the youth in our shelters, contributing to their well-being and making a financial impact. Every dollar saved on care provisions is directed to program expenses, such as providing shelter, recreation, transportation, education, child care and food for our young people.

It's easy to host a donation drive!

1. Register your drive at bit.ly/harbourdrive.
2. Choose the item(s) you want to focus on, and set a deadline for your drive. What do we use most? See below.
3. Reach out to friends, colleagues, neighbors, family members and others in your network to share the details.
4. Once you have all the items, contact our office at 847-297-8940 x121 to coordinate delivery.

Tips for a successful donation drive

- Get kids involved! Put them in charge of specific tasks, and have them talk to their friends.
- Support your message with facts about youth homelessness and our services – visit theharbour.org.
- Social media is your friend – use it to help spread the word.
- Be creative and have fun! Offer a small prize for the person/family who donates the most, like a coffee shop gift card or a batch of homemade cookies. Or throw a themed party that relates to your donation item (like “Socktoberfest” with brats, soft pretzels and polka music).
- All items should be new/unused unless noted. We are grateful for every donation.



JANUARY Ethnic skin and hair care items

JULY Pace, CTA and Metra passes

FEBRUARY Toothbrushes and toothpaste

AUGUST Backpacks and school supplies

MARCH Kitchen items in good condition: pots, pans, dishes, silverware, small appliances

SEPTEMBER Socks, gloves, hats and scarves

APRIL Gently used or new misses career wear — call us for sizing help — and accessories

OCTOBER Towels, shower caddies, loofahs and bath poufs

MAY Graduation gifts

NOVEMBER Twin size bed linens: sheets, blankets, bed-in-a-bag

JUNE Summer experiences, museum passes, swimming passes, baseball game tickets, etc.

DECEMBER Holiday gifts

YEAR-ROUND Paper goods: paper towels, facial tissue, bath tissue

Thank you for helping The Harbour have a lasting impact.