Tubman

Donation Wish List

Each year, Tubman helps about 25,000 women, men, youth and families who have experienced relationship violence, elder abuse, addiction, sexual exploitation or other forms of trauma. We provide safety planning, support and information, safe shelter, legal services, mental and chemical health counseling, youth programs and community education.

Last year, nearly 400 adults and youth and more than 500 children stayed in Tubman's two family violence shelters. Additionally, our transitional housing program served 21 adults and 37 children, and the Safe Journeys shelter and housing program for young adults served 49 youth and their 21 children.

Tubman depends on the generosity and support of community members to help those in crisis. If you would like to donate a tax-deductible gift to help people find safety, hope, and healing, here is a list of suggested items.

Donations are accepted at all three Tubman locations. For more about how you can give help, call Tubman at 612-825-3333.

For Families in Shelter

Food and Kitchen

- Cold breakfast cereal
- Single-serve snacks, such as cups of applesauce and pudding, crackers, granola bars, etc.
- Condiments
- Dinner napkins
- Paper plates & paper towels
- Styrofoam cups
- Snack-size Ziploc bags
- Sandwich-size Ziploc bags

Bed and Bath

- Bath towels
- Washcloths
- Crib sheets
- Twin-size sheet sets (with fitted sheet, flat sheet and pillow case)
- Full-size sheet sets (with fitted sheet, flat sheet and pillow case)
- Blankets (twin or full size)
- Pillows
- Laundry soap (powder or pods)
- Hand sanitizer
- 18-gallon storage bins with lids

Personal Care

- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Shampoo and conditioner for women and men
- Hair products for women of color, such as AA hair grease
- Vaseline
- Body wash
- Body lotion
- Deodorant
- Hair brushes and combs, including boar bristle brushes
- Socks and underwear, all sizes
- First aid kits, Ibuprofen and Tylenol
- Key and combination locks (single locks only, not multipacks)
- Plastic shower caddies

For Infants and Toddlers

- Baby bottles and toddler sippy cups
- Bottle brushes
- Pacifiers
- Baby wash, lotion and powder
- Diaper rash cream
- Diaper wipes
- Diapers (especially sizes 4, 5 and 6)
- Pull-ups (all sizes)
- Umbrella strollers
- Booster seats (must be new)
- Infant car seats (must be new)

For Children and Teens

- Dolls of all ethnicities and doll clothes
- Books for all ages
- Play dough
- Children's music CDs
- Children's movies on DVD
- Teen movies on DVD
- Headphones

Harriet's Closet

Harriet's Closet provides youth and adults of all sizes with new or gently used clothing, shoes and accessories. A clean and stylish outfit can make a world of difference to a person attending a court hearing or interviewing for a new job.

Seasonal and in-style clothing for all genders and in all sizes is needed. For more information about Harriet's Closet, call 612-825-3333 or see the "Harriet's Closet Donation Guidelines" sheet on our website.

NorthStar Youth Outreach Center

The NorthStar Youth Outreach Center opened in June 2016 at Harriet Tubman Center East in Maplewood. This drop-in space provides services for homeless youth ages 13-24 and their children.

Items needed at this center include:

- Nonperishable food and portable snacks
- School supplies
- Laundry supplies
- Baby supplies
- Health and hygiene products
- Bus and Metro passes

Transitional Housing

In addition to its two emergency shelters, Tubman also has transitional apartments for people who need continued support and advocacy. Services include personalized goal planning, educational and life skills workshops, child and youth programs and more.

Items needed in transitional housing apartments include:

- Home cleaning supplies
- Toilet paper
- Dishes and glasses
- Pots and pans
- Sheet sets and blankets
- Pillows

Please note that we are unable to accept the following:

- Used computers and televisions
- Used infant car seats or toddler booster seats
- Used strollers and cribs
- Used sheets or bedding