

Coordinate a Collection Drive and Support Homeless Families in Arlington Today!

Coordinating and hosting a collection drive is a fun and rewarding way to give back to your community! Rallying together friends, family, co-workers, and/or your church family can be a fun way to build community and help a local cause at the same time.

We need your help securing the household, personal care, and baby items we use daily to support nearly 100 adults and children in our three housing programs.

Follow these simple guidelines and help Doorways stock the shelves of the Family Home and Safehouse this Spring!

1. Find a group to solicit!

- Offer donating as an alternative gift idea to friends and relatives!
- Create office camaraderie and competition by creating a donation challenge among offices!
- Help your child's scout troop or faith group conduct a service project!
- Have an alternative birthday gift and encourage friends and family to donate an item to support Doorways when they attend a birthday party.

2. Schedule your collection drive with us! Contact Doorways at 703-504-9400.

- Call Doorways to schedule the drive and request a wish list of the most needed items. Doorways can provide a modifiable flier for your group to use that outlines the specific needs that we have.
- Define the timeline of the collection drive so that Doorways and your organization know when they should expect to drop-off and pick-up items.
- Request Doorways materials such as brochures and fliers.

3. Promote the Drive!

- Hand out fliers in church or post them on community bulletin boards.
- Hang up fliers in your office and break room.
- Include a list of items to donate in your holiday cards.
- Send emails to your friends and family network.

4. Collect Items!

- Collect items at home or at a secure drop-off location.
- Encourage people to include Gift Cards! Gift cards allow spending flexibility and reduce Doorways grocery costs each month.

5. Finish Drive and Drop-Off Items at Doorways!

- Call the Communications Manager to schedule a drop-off of items at the Family Home! Contact Wyatt via phone 703-504-9400 or via email at wschroeder@doorwaysVA.org.



Our Most Urgent Needs are:

- **Safeway and Giant Gift Cards** to provide perishable food to the families at the Family Home and Safehouse
- **Paper Towels and Toilet Paper** for all families at Doorways
- **Feminine Hygiene Products** for all adult female clients at Doorways
- **Household Cleaning Products and Trash Bags** for all families at Doorways
- **Diapers and Baby Wipes** for the children at Doorways
- **Day Planners** for clients to track appointments and other important dates related to financial security.