

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 75+ adult and children in our three housing programs.

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

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!

2. Schedule your collection drive with Doorways! Contact the Community Education and Outreach Manager at 703-522-8858 x 19.

- 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, fliers, and donation collection boxes.

3. Promote the Drive!

- Hand out fliers in church or post them on the community bulletin board.
- 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 Community Education and Outreach Manager to schedule a drop-off of items at the Family Home! You can contact Candice via phone 703-522- 8858 x 19 or via email at clopez@doorwaysVA.org.

