



Welcome Home Pack

Each summer, AYM groups are invited to take part in a Welcome Home Pack offering. This year, the offering will go to Homeward Bound. In addition to meeting the daily needs of people experiencing homelessness at their A Hope Day Shelter, Homeward Bound also works with people to place them in permanent housing. Their Housing First program has helped to reduce chronic homelessness in Asheville by 75%. Since 2006 Homeward Bound has housed over 1750 people. 89% of the people Homeward Bound has housed have not become homeless again. Some of our groups will have the opportunity to work at the Donation Center; some groups will likely get the opportunity to move someone into their home. When folks move into their homes, they often have nothing to fill that home (not even toilet paper). Here's where AYM groups have the opportunity to help!

We invite each AYM group to make One Welcome Home Pack by having group members each bring one thing on the list and/or invite your congregation to participate in this gift. If you choose to make more kits, that is great, too! For example, last summer, we had one group choose AYM's Welcome Home Pack as their Vacation Bible School service project and they came with 4 kits.

Directions: Collect the following items. *Please make sure they are NEW or very gently used items.* Think about what you would want if you moved into your own home for the first time. Please place all items in the laundry basket or cardboard box. Label the box, "AYM/HOMEWARD BOUND Welcome Home"

Kitchen

Dish Soap
Food Storage Containers
Insulated Grocery bags
Paper Towels
Trash Can & Bags
Sponges
All-Purpose Cleaner (like 409)
Dishcloths & Towels
Set of Cooking Spoons
Set of Mixing Bowls
Can opener
2 Hot pads
Set of 4 plates & Cereal size bowls (can be plastic)
Set of 4 Cups
Set of 4 Utensils
2 Coffee mugs
Coffee Pot
Pots & Pans

Bathroom

Toilet Paper
Toilet Bowl Brush
Cleaning Supplies
2 hand towels
2 bath towels
Kleenex
Shampoo
Laundry Basket
Shower curtain/liner/rings
Toothbrush/toothpaste
Razors & Soap

Miscellaneous

Broom/Dustpan/Mop
Laundry Detergent
Coat Hangers
2 sets of sheets
Light Bulbs
New bed pillows