

## **Making a House a Home**

### **An Opportunity for Schools**

If you and your school are looking to get involved in a meaningful way, we have a great program for all ages!

Through our Making a House a Home program, we match up volunteers with our newly housed (and recently homeless) clients who need everything from sheets and pillows to wastebaskets and toasters. Our volunteers collect those gently used items and deliver them to those in need.

For schools, this is a great way to get involved– either during the week or on the weekends – and do something that truly makes a difference in your community!

There are three ways that you can help! The first is to be part of our group move-ins, which happen twice a month on Saturday or Sunday mornings. Our volunteers meet one of our staff members at a storage facility in South Windsor, load up a U-Haul with donated furniture and make deliveries to four or five clients.

The second way to help is to hold a drive for household items. In which you collect items for our clients that have recently moved into housing after experiencing homelessness. Many times, the clients move in with only what they can carry. So collecting sheets and towels, toiletries and cleaning items, or kitchen utensils and pots and pans would be a great way to help them get back on their feet. Or even collecting CVS, Dunkin Donuts, or Stop and Shop gifts cards to give to clients would be a great way to help them when money is tight.

A third way to get involved would be to help create a craft or gift for the clients that are moving into their new homes! A welcome home wreath, a picture frame, a mug with their name on it, or even letters to give them wishing them good luck would be a great gesture and a cozy touch to add to their home.

We encourage you to have fun with this – be creative! Think of new ideas on how you can help those in need. You'll be amazed at how many people want to help, how rewarding it is, and what a difference you can make in the lives and comfort of other people. To get started give us a call at 860.808.0336.