



NONPROFIT

HomeStretch

DIY PROJECT

Welcome Baskets

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## IMPACT

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During the course of a year, over 35 families will work through the HomeStretch program, transitioning to permanent housing and family stability. As clients transition from homelessness into apartments, they typically have little more than their clothes. Their needs place an additional financial burden on them as they try to create stability. Welcome baskets provide a few basics to get them started and contribute to their self-sufficiency by reducing their costs when moving into their new homes.

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## INSTRUCTIONS

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**STEP 1:** Spend some time as a group learning about HomeStretch and the families they serve. Their website ([www.homestretch.org](http://www.homestretch.org)) is a good place to start.

**STEP 2:** Decide which list of items you would like to collect/donate (see below).

**STEP 3:** Discuss as a group how you will collect or purchase the needed items. Please focus on getting new items. Set a collection date.

**STEP 4:** Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ask for Natalie Anderson if you need assistance upon arrival.

**STEP 5:** Let us know how it went! Please give us your feedback by filling out this [form](#) so we can continue to improve your small group *Serve Together* experience.

### NOTES:

**Laundry Items:** iron, ironing board, laundry detergent, bleach, dryer sheets

**Bathroom Items:** shower curtain and rings, shower liner, toothbrush holder, soap dispenser, non-stick tub mat, trash can

**Kitchen Items:** kitchen trash can, trash bags, paper towels, mop, bucket, broom, dustpan, ammonia, household wipes, antibacterial spray

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## FUN IDEAS

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- Include your kids. They can draw pictures or make cards to give to the clients of HomeStretch.
- Take pictures and post them to social media using #GiveServeLove.

