

On the following pages, you will find a listing of some of the organizations in our community need material (in-kind) donations. The organizations are grouped into the categories outlined below. The information was compiled from their websites. Sometimes, an organization may need an item, but it is not posted on their website. Sometimes, an organization has items listed on their website, but they already have enough of that item. Before making a donation, you should check the website to see if there is an updated wish list posted with more current information than is listed here or if anything has changed. Also, it is always a good idea to check with an organization to see if they need your items, before driving over to make a donation. If you know of an organization that should be listed here, but is not, please contact Andi Ferrari at [andi\\_ferrari@yahoo.com](mailto:andi_ferrari@yahoo.com) or 703-503-9320. Thank you.

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## Organizations in Need of Many Types of Items

Items Needed	Organization Name / Purpose	Contact Information
<p><b>Gift Cards:</b> Best Buy, Target, Wal-Mart, Old Navy, movie passes, bed &amp; bath stores, Toys &amp; Babies 'R Us, Staples, MicroCenter, Home Depot, grocery, restaurants, car wash, house cleaning, metro and bus passes</p> <p><b>Educational:</b> School supplies, calculators, notebook paper, binders, 2-pocket folders, educational games &amp; DVDs, journals, math &amp; word flash cards, chapter books (2nd-6th grade)</p> <p><b>Recreational:</b> Video games (no violence) for Playstation 2, Nintendo Wii, Game Cube &amp; Nintendo 64, Portable CD players, and-held electronic games, DVDs (PG-13 and below), DVD players, sports balls &amp; equipment, bike helmets, art &amp; craft supplies, single &amp; double strollers</p> <p><b>Supplies:</b> Bathroom &amp; kitchen cleaners, household cleaners, Clorox cleaning wipes, sponges, liquid hand soap, vacuum cleaners &amp; bags, brooms, mops, storage bins, laundry detergent, hand truck, umbrellas, A-frame ladder, gardening tools, rakes &amp; shovels</p> <p><b>Kitchen:</b> Napkins &amp; paper towels, cooking utensils and silverware, drinking glasses, oven mitts &amp; dish towels, sponges, zip lock bags, garbage cans, tall garbage bags, dish soap, dishwasher detergent, high chairs, disposable plates &amp; cups</p> <p><b>Food:</b> Cereal, salty &amp; sweet snacks, granola bars, Goldfish, fresh fruits &amp; veggies, milk &amp; juice, canned goods, baby formula, rice cereal, baby food, taco shells &amp; mixings, fresh meat &amp; poultry, hamburgers &amp; hot dogs, and grocery store gift cards for produce</p> <p><b>Bedroom:</b> New twin &amp; full size linens &amp; comforters, new pillows, curtains, area rugs, clothing hangers</p> <p><b>Clothing (children &amp; teens):</b> New socks, new undergarments, plain t-shirts, boxers, maternity clothes, sweatshirts &amp; sweaters, fleeces &amp; jackets, gloves, hats, scarves, boots &amp; shoes, belts</p> <p><b>Bathroom:</b> Combs &amp; brushes, barrettes &amp; hair ties, razors, deodorant, toothpaste &amp; tooth brushes, hair care products, feminine hygiene, toilet paper, paper towels, air fresheners, baby wipes &amp; powder, baby shampoo &amp; lotion, new bath towels &amp; mats</p> <p><b>Office Supplies:</b> computers, printers, binders, pens, markers &amp; sharpies, 2-pocket folders, flash drives, surge protectors</p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Alternative House</a></u></b></p> <p>THE ABUSED AND HOMELESS CHILDREN'S REFUGE</p> <p>Alternative House, founded in 1972, provides support to at-risk children, youth and families through counseling, shelter, crisis intervention and neighborhood outreach. Our programs recognize that families are interdependent and that a crisis or challenge facing one family member affects everyone. We empower children, teens and families to work together and build on their strengths.</p> <p>Originally situated in a trailer on the grounds of Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, the Emergency Shelter for Teenagers moved to its own home on Gallows Road in 1974. Fifteen years later, the Shelter moved down the street to its current location at 2100 Gallows Road. In 1990 the Northern Virginia Home Building Industry and Home Aid donated a renovation that doubled the size of the house.</p> <p>In 1993 Alternative House expanded its services to reach out to at-risk young people in Fairfax County. The Community Outreach Program began with two counselors walking through the Culmore, Springfield and Route 1 neighborhoods reaching out to young people on the streets providing them with food, clothing, supplies, counseling and support. This mobile outreach continues today with staff walking the streets and with the Alternative House van. Additional recreational and educational services have been added to give young people safe places in which to spend their free time. These programs help children and teens stay in school and improve their grades, while staying away from gangs, drugs and violent behavior.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.thealternativehouse.org">www.thealternativehouse.org</a></p> <p>Phone: 703.506.9191</p> <p>Alternative House 2100 Gallows Road Vienna, VA 22182 (703) 356 – 6360</p> <p>Donation Delivery Times: Weekdays and weekends between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.</p> <p><i>Please call if you have any items to donate that are not listed and you think they might be interested in them.</i></p>

<p><b>Food:</b> Pasta, Canned Soup, Tuna Fish, Canned Foods, Fresh Fruit &amp; Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, Breakfast Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Rice</p> <p><b>Baby care:</b> Baby Powder, Baby Formula, High Chairs, Strollers, Play Pens, Cribs, Swings, Car Seats, and Diapers</p> <p><b>Household:</b> Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Cleaning Supplies, Laundry Detergent and Bleach, Silverware, Sheets and Towels, and Tissues</p> <p><b>Kid Stuff:</b> Paint Brushes &amp; Paint, New Infant Toys, Costumes, and Car Seats</p> <p><b>Toiletries:</b> Feminine Products, Soap, Shampoo, African-American Hair Products, Hotel Size Products, and Toothpaste &amp; Brushes</p> <p><b>Other items:</b> Alarm Clocks, TVs, VCRs, Radios, Dishes, Cups, , Can Openers, Microwaves, Flash Lights, and Supermarket Gift Certificates</p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless</a></u></b></p> <p>Created in 1985 by concerned citizens of Arlington and Alexandria, AACH works in coordination with public agencies, businesses and community groups to give homeless people the support, shelter, counseling and employment training they need to regain self-sufficiency.</p> <p><i>Please call if you have any items to donate that are not listed and you think they might be interested in them.</i></p>	<p><a href="http://www.AACHhomeless.org">www.AACHhomeless.org</a></p> <p>3103 9th Road North Arlington, VA 22201</p> <p>Contact Katie Tressel at 703-525-7177 ext. 23 or <a href="mailto:ktressel@AACHhomeless.org">ktressel@AACHhomeless.org</a> if you have questions about other in-kind donations.</p>
<p><b>Non-Perishable Food and Beverages:</b> Pop-top soups and pastas, crackers, single serve packs, peanut butter &amp; jelly, canned tuna &amp; chicken, bottled water, juice boxes, granola bars/healthy snacks, cereal, canned fruits &amp; vegetables, spaghetti and sauce</p> <p><b>Hygiene Items:</b> shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, disposable razors shaving cream</p> <p><b>Household Supplies:</b> laundry detergent, fabric softener, glass cleaner, furniture polish, toilet bowl cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, sponges, dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, hand-held can openers</p> <p><b>New School Supplies:</b> notebooks, loose-leaf paper, pencils, erasers, crayons, glue sticks, rulers, scissors, backpacks (child, youth, adult), children's books, coloring books</p> <p><b>Gift Cards:</b> Target, Wal-Mart, Payless Shoe Source, McDonald's, Giant, Safeway, Dunkin' Donuts</p> <p><b>Baby Care Products:</b> diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, baby wash/ lotion, diaper cream</p> <p><b>Specific Clothing Items</b> (other clothing items are not being accepted at this time): New or gently used baby clothes, new child or adult underwear, t-shirts, &amp; socks, new gloves, hats &amp; scarves</p> <p><b>New Camping Supplies:</b> tents, tarps (preferably not blue), sunscreen, bug spray, sleeping bags, flashlights w/ batteries, new towels</p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">FACETS</a></u></b></p> <p>FACETS was founded in 1988 to respond to the diverse and multiple needs of homeless and low-income people living in Fairfax, Virginia. It began as an outreach project by its founder, Linda D. Wimpey, and three Episcopalian churches. Today, more than 95 local faith communities, as well as numerous businesses, schools and organizations actively serve as FACETS' Partners.</p> <p>Initially, FACETS' work consisted of delivering hot meals to homeless families three nights a week and personal outreach by Ms. Wimpey. In the past year, nightly meals and Sunday morning breakfasts were served by a core group of 35 faith partners and 300 volunteers who cooked and delivered more than 35,000 meals to men, women, children who are homeless in Fairfax.</p> <p>With an additional 400 volunteers, FACETS also provides social work services, housing, and supportive programs for individuals &amp; families that are homeless or living in four government-subsidized housing sites in Fairfax County. The FACETS office serves as a walk-in center for individuals and the Client Resource Center provides immediate assistance for people in need of help. Through a scheduled rotation, social workers respond to individuals who walk into the office. Clients are provided with transportation, food, water, hygiene items, sleeping bags, tents, and other items as needed. In addition, phones, computers, and the internet are available for use and allow clients to identify resources and schedule appointments.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.facetscares.org">www.facetscares.org</a></p> <p>10565 Fairfax Blvd. Suite 10 Fairfax, VA 22030</p> <p>Phone: (703) 352-5090 Fax: (703) 352-5088 Email: <a href="mailto:facets@facetscares.org">facets@facetscares.org</a></p> <p><i>Please call the main line, 703-352-5090, if you wish to donate an item that is not covered in the guide.</i></p> <p>FACETS accepts donations weekdays between 9 AM and 4 PM. Please do not leave donations outside our office when it is closed, as we cannot guarantee the security of the donations.</p> <p>In the past year, FACETS helped more than 4,790 individuals who were homeless or living in poverty in Fairfax County, VA. This represents an increase of nearly 60% in just the past 12 months.</p>
<p><b>Food:</b> non-perishables</p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">ECHO</a></u> (Ecumenical Community</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.echo-inc.org">www.echo-inc.org</a></p>

<p><b>Clothing:</b> especially boys' and men's jeans</p> <p><b>Home goods:</b> bedding, flatware, dishes, pots/pans, microwaves, blenders, sewing machines, etc.</p> <p><b>Hygiene Items and OTC medicines:</b> toothbrushes, shampoo, feminine products, laundry detergent, razors, Kleenex, shaving cream, soap</p> <p><b>School Supplies:</b> long list on website</p> <p><b>Supplies:</b> masking tape, 2 gallon and quart Ziploc bags, AA batteries, 13 gallon kitchen bags, black marking pens</p>	<h2>Helping Others)</h2> <p>Please check their website for a more detailed listing of their needs. They have two pages of items on their wishlist.</p> <p>We provide temporary or emergency assistance, including food, clothing, household items, and financial support to about 1,000 families a year. We serve those in need who live in the Springfield and Burke communities and selected parts of the Lorton and Fairfax Station communities. ECHO is all-volunteers - almost 400 - they accept and log donations; counsel clients; sort clothes; bag groceries; mow the lawn; shovel snow; and even clean the bathroom. No one receives a salary.</p> <p>ECHO stands for "Ecumenical Community Helping Others", a reference to our creation in 1968 by nine religious congregations in Springfield and Burke. We are now supported by 27 religious congregations.</p>	<p>Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM</p> <p>Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 PM</p> <p>7205 Old Keene Mill Road Springfield, VA 22150 Phone 703-569-9160</p>
<p>Most families come to Homestretch with few or no belongings. We provide them with everything they need to make a home. Families may keep items when they graduate.</p> <p><b>Beds:</b> Single and double beds/frames, cribs and toddler beds</p> <p><b>Kitchen Items:</b> Flatware, pots and pans, dishes, glasses, small appliances, vacuums, sewing machines, telephones</p> <p><b>Linens:</b> Sheets, towels, blankets, quilts, bedcovers, pillows</p> <p><b>Furniture:</b> Dressers, floor and table lamps, rugs, dining room tables and chairs, coffee tables and highchairs</p> <p><b>Children's items:</b> School supplies, dictionaries, arts and crafts materials, camp supplies, disposable diapers, pull-up-pants and baby wipes</p> <p><b>Gift Cards:</b> For Stores such as Target, Wal-Mart, CVS, Payless Shoes, Ross, grocery stores and gas stations</p> <p><b>ESL Materials:</b> English dictionaries, videos and reading material</p> <p><b>Safety Items for the Home:</b> Smoke detectors, Carbon monoxide detectors and 9 volt batteries</p> <p><b>Office:</b> Computers: Pentium 4 and up; paper, printer cartridges, toner cartridges, paper shredders and paper cutter, metal shelves with racks for storage, Printing, catering, office equipment, graphic design, website maintenance, products for events</p>	<h2><u>HomeStretch</u></h2> <p>Homestretch is a comprehensive program that helps homeless families in Fairfax County find the resources they need to rebuild their lives. Once a family is accepted into Homestretch, they move into a fully furnished apartment and embark on a journey with Homestretch that can last two or more years. During this time, Homestretch works with the family to help find the adults meaningful employment and to build their skills and education so that they can substantially improve their ability to earn a living wage. Meanwhile, our child services staff works with the family to address the needs of their children, including academic, social and health issues.</p> <p>In a given year, Homestretch will work with as many as 100 families and 300 children. It is important to note that the average of a homeless person in the United States is nine years old so it is imperative to break the cycle of poverty and help these children have more promising futures.</p> <p>Since 1990, Homestretch has assisted 850 families and over 2,000 children. Of those families entering Homestretch, 83% complete the program and successfully transition into permanent affordable housing. Recent tracking demonstrates that after two years of having left our program, 93% of graduates remain stable, housed and employed.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.homestretch-inc.org">www.homestretch-inc.org</a></p> <p>370 South Washington Street Suite 400 Falls Church, Virginia 22046</p> <p>Tel: 703-237-2035 Fax: 703-237-4540</p> <p>Or email us <a href="mailto:info@homestretch-inc.org">info@homestretch-inc.org</a></p> <p><i>Please call if you have any items to donate that are not listed and you think they might be interested in them.</i></p>
<p>Some in-kind donations are always helpful:</p> <p>Sheets, blankets, towels and washcloths, especially during winter months when the number of residents in shelter increases</p>	<h2><u>New Hope Housing</u></h2> <p>Mondloch House (I and II), Eleanor U. Kennedy Shelter, Emergency Overflow Unit at the Kennedy Shelter, Falls Church Winter Shelter,</p>	<p><a href="http://www.newhopehousing.org">www.newhopehousing.org</a></p> <p>For information on current in-kind donation needs, check the Current Needs List, or contact Chris</p>

<p><b>Toiletries:</b> soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste, mouthwash (all especially helpful in small, personal-use sizes)</p> <p><b>Baby care items:</b> diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, etc.</p> <p><b>Food donations:</b> large donations for meals at shelters, or smaller donations that can be distributed to residents in transitional housing programs</p> <p>There are many other items that may be needed occasionally or during particular seasons, such as:</p> <p>children’s clothing and school supplies to prepare for the school year;</p> <p>furniture items of all types and other household items (flatware, dishes, pots and pans) as a family or single resident prepares to move from the shelter to transitional or permanent housing;</p> <p>games, toys, puzzles, books, or athletic equipment for recreational programming for residents.</p>	<p>Ventures in Community Hypothermia Outreach Program</p> <p>New Hope Housing operates five emergency shelter programs providing 119 shelter beds year-round plus an additional 22 beds during winter months. In addition, during extreme cold or hot weather, a “no turn-away” policy provides that all who seek shelter will be accommodated. During the last fiscal year, these five shelters provided 45,092 bednights of shelter for persons who were homeless in our community.</p> <p>New Hope Housing is the oldest and largest provider of shelter beds in Northern Virginia. We provide shelter, transitional, and permanent housing to homeless families and single adults, with support services designed to break the cycle of homelessness. We offer innovative responses to homelessness in a spirit of hope and hospitality, taking in anyone in need and not giving up until we have exhausted all possible avenues of change.</p>	<p>Bramante, Outreach &amp; Volunteer Coordinator at 703-799-2293, ext. 22, or <a href="mailto:cbramante@newhopehousing.org">cbramante@newhopehousing.org</a>.</p> <p><i>Please call if you have any items to donate that are not listed and you think they might be interested in them.</i></p>
<p><b>Child-care items:</b> diapers &amp; wipes, formula, crib sheets &amp; small blankets, rattles, baby “proofing” safety items (like outlet covers),</p> <p><b>School and Art Supplies:</b> colored paper, glue sticks, “fat” crayons, clear contact paper, stickers, children’s board books, new toys for children aged 0-3,</p> <p><b>Hygiene items:</b> lotions, soaps, shower gels, etc.</p> <p><b>Gift cards:</b> McDonald’s, Chick-Fil-A, Burger King, groceries, gas.</p> <p><b>Training Futures Job Training Program:</b> Bus tokens/Metro Cards, Panty Hose, knee highs, Copy &amp; construction paper, Spiral notebooks, pens, highlighters, dry erase markers, tissues &amp; paper towels, paper cups, plates, &amp; plastic ware, first aid supplies</p> <p><b>Prescription Medicine Access Program:</b> Gift cards to CVS, Wal-Greens, Rite Aid, Wal-Mart, Target, etc. in \$25 increments</p> <p><b>Clock Tower Thrift Stores:</b> clean clothes, shoes, accessories, books, housewares, linens, small appliances, Gift items, collectibles, estate goods, records &amp; CDs, artwork, sporting goods, luggage, toys, and MORE!</p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Northern Virginia Family Services</a></u></b></p> <p>Northern Virginia Family Service was established by volunteers in 1924 to help people in need. Today, it is a private, non-profit organization staffed by professionals trained in counseling, social work and community outreach.</p> <p><b><u>PROGRAMS</u></b></p> <p><b>HEALTH CARE--</b> The goal of NVFS Health Care programs is to provide a link to quality, affordable health care.</p> <p><b>HOUSING SERVICES--</b> NVFS offers Eviction Prevention, Housing Counseling, Transitional Housing and Housing Assistance to those in danger of losing everything.</p> <p><b>EARLY CHILDHOOD--</b>The Healthy Families and Early Head Start programs offer home visits and center-based child development that parents need to provide a healthy beginning for their children's lives.</p> <p><b>FOSTER CARE--</b>Special Foster Care provides temporary, quality, family settings for children with emotional, behavioral, physical or developmental needs. NVFS trains foster parents from all backgrounds.</p> <p><b>YOUTH INITIATIVES--</b>NVFS offers two programs created just for teens:</p> <p>Equipping Teens is based on the Equip model, a proven group approach for teens that integrates anger management with other important goals for teens.</p> <p>Drug Abuse Prevention Program for Youth (DAPPY) is an educational program that teaches groups of young people about the negative</p>	<p><a href="http://www.nvfs.org">www.nvfs.org</a></p> <p>Northern Virginia Family Service operates from seven offices in Northern Virginia, and is headquartered in Oakton, Virginia.</p> <p>Oakton Headquarters* 10455 White Granite Drive Suite 100 Oakton, VA 22124 703.385.3267</p> <p>Contact Jennifer Rose at 703.219.2174 or <a href="mailto:jrose@nvfs.org">jrose@nvfs.org</a> to make a donation</p> <p><i>Please call if you have any items to donate that are not listed and you think they might be interested in them.</i></p>

	<p>consequences of drug use and the benefits of a drug-free lifestyle.</p> <p><b>LIFE COUNSELING</b>-- Licensed and masters-level clinicians provide counseling for adults, children, groups, separating and divorced parents, and entire families. Therapy groups and court-ordered services are also provided. Affordable and sliding-scale fees available.</p> <p><b>JOB TRAINING</b>--Construction Training Opportunities Program (CTOP) Trainees receive marketable skills certifications from a recognized provider in specific construction trades including OSHA and CPR certification. Ongoing case management addresses barriers to employment; financial management, job development services; interviewing skills, and employer outreach.</p> <p>Training Futures teaches computer skills, business english, business math, keyboarding, bookkeeping, filing, basic accounting, medical terminology and business communication skills. Trainees are also provided one-on-one support during their job search with assistance in resume writing, interviewing and business etiquette.</p> <p><b>9.11 RECOVERY</b>-- Now in its sunset phase, the Survivors' Fund Project has provided effective, long-term case management services to more than 1,100 survivors of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.</p> <p><b>CLOCK TOWER THRIFT STORES</b>-- NVFS operates three thrift stores which provide name-brand, affordable clothing and accessories to bargain shoppers in Northern Virginia. Donate your gently used items - all proceeds benefit NVFS programs!</p>	
<p><b>Household items:</b> towels, rugs, bookshelves</p> <p><b>Non Perishable Food items and snacks</b></p> <p><b>Furniture:</b> couches and dressers</p> <p><b>Computers / Printers:</b> Windows 2000 or better</p> <p><b>Used Toys, DVDs, Books</b></p> <p><b>Gift cards</b></p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Novaco</a></u> (Northern Virginia Coalition)</b></p> <p>Novaco helps homeless victims of domestic abuse become healthy, secure and self-sufficient through community collaboration to provide housing, education, childcare, counseling and mentoring. Novaco focuses on safe housing that offers services to a family that would otherwise be homeless, due to fleeing abuse.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.novaco.org">www.novaco.org</a>  9677 A Main Street  Fairfax, VA 22031  Phone: 703-218-3987</p> <p><i>Please call if you have any items to donate that are not listed and you think they might be interested.</i></p>

## Local Organizations Seeking Clothing and Shoe Donations

<p>Career clothing for men</p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Career Gear</a></u></b></p> <p>Since 1999, Career Gear has helped thousands of disconnected and</p>	<p><a href="http://www.careergear.org">www.careergear.org</a>  c/o NAFFCCA  5505 5th Street NW,</p>
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	<p>underserved job-seeking men become self-sufficient members of their communities. By providing interview counseling and business attire, Career Gear offers vital services to men of all ages and ethnic backgrounds, as well as recipients of public assistance, the disabled, recovering addicts, Iraqi war veterans, former foster care children, recent immigrants, and the formerly incarcerated. We invest in men who have begun to turn their lives around. Each has completed a job-training program and has a scheduled interview that could change his life forever.</p>	<p>Washington, DC 20011  Office: (202) 291-1603  Fax: (202) 291-7160  dprice@naffcca.org,  www.naffcca.org  Contact: Deneen Price,</p>
<p>What would you wear to a job interview? That is exactly the type of clothing we are looking for to distribute to our clients. Your fabulous suits and other professional apparel could furnish another woman with the confidence to enter or return to the workplace, make a great first impression and land a job that could change her life.</p> <p>To suit our clients in style, Dress for Success currently accepts new or nearly-new and cleaned:</p> <p><b>Coordinated, contemporary, interview-appropriate skirt and pant suits</b></p> <p><b>Beautiful, crisp blouses, Gorgeous blazers and jackets and</b></p> <p><b>Professional shoes. We are particularly in need of larger-size suits and apparel.</b></p> <p>Sorry, we <b>cannot</b> use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suits and dresses that are not interview-appropriate</li> <li>Sportswear or casual clothes</li> <li>Evening wear</li> <li>Jewelry</li> <li>Belts</li> <li>Used cosmetics</li> <li>Used pantyhose</li> <li>Men's clothing</li> </ul>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Dress For Success</a></u></b></p> <p>The mission of Dress for Success is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Founded in New York City in 1997, Dress for Success is an international not-for-profit organization offering services designed to help our clients find jobs and remain employed. Each Dress for Success client receives one suit when she has a job interview and can return for a second suit or separates when she finds work. Since 1997, Dress for Success has served almost 450,000 women around the world. Each year we reach more than 40,000 women in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and the Netherlands.</p> <p>On her initial visit a woman receives a suit appropriate for the industry in which she is interviewing and, if available, accessories. After a woman finds a job she returns to Dress for Success for additional clothing that can be mixed and matched to make several outfits, providing her with the foundation for a professional wardrobe.</p> <p>While we may be best known for providing suits to women, it is our employment retention programs that are the cornerstone of the organization. Soon after Dress for Success was founded we came to recognize that finding work is only one step in a woman's journey towards economic independence; remaining employed and building a rewarding career are essential if a woman is to become self-sufficient.</p> <p>To meet the need for services that would help women both find and keep jobs, we established the Professional Women's Group (PWG) program, which offers women ongoing support as they successfully transition into the workforce, build thriving careers and prosper in the mainstream workplace. Once a woman joins the PWG she is a member for life, able to attend meetings at any affiliate throughout the world, and can benefit from additional employment retention and mentoring programs.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.dressforsuccess.org">www.dressforsuccess.org</a></p> <p>101 Q Street, NE, First Floor  Washington, DC 20002</p> <p>(202) 269-4805 or (202) 269-4806 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:washington@dressforsuccess.org">washington@dressforsuccess.org</a></p> <p>Donations can be dropped off at their Washington D.C. location on Fridays from 10:00am to 3:00pm (appointments needed)</p> <p>Dress for Success Washington D.C. (DFS Washington DC) serves the metropolitan area including Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties in Maryland, Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax Counties in Northern, Virginia. Our offices are conveniently located just a few blocks from the New York Avenue Metro station.</p>

	<p>Dress for Success also has developed Career Center, an initiative that promotes confidence and professionalism by providing women career guidance, the chance to acquire technology skills and assistance in their job searches.</p> <p>Another way in which Dress for Success supports women joining or returning to the workforce is through Steps to Success, an initiative that focuses on the crucial first 30 days of employment, during which newly-hired women face many potential challenges.</p>	
<p>Seasonal clothes (casual and work), shoes, accessories for men, women and children. In December, used toys and stuffed animals.</p>	<p><b><u>Fairfax FISH Clothing Closet</u></b></p> <p>Fairfax FISH operates a Clothing Closet located in the Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10273 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 22030. The Clothing Closet stocks clothing (both career and casual), linens and other items for all family members and is distributed free of charge to any person in need.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.fairfaxfish.org">www.fairfaxfish.org</a></p> <p>Donations are accepted 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM, Tues and Thurs and the first Sat of each month. If you have any questions, call 703-978-0280.</p>
<p>New and used shoes (men's, women's and children's)</p> <p>Individual donations accepted by</p> <p><b>Comfort One Shoes</b>  1790 International Drive, McLean, VA 22102 (703) 288-1591  2900 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22201 (703) 816-0288  201 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314 (703)-549-4441</p> <p><b>Foot Solutions</b>  3686 King St. Alexandria, VA 22302</p>	<p><b><u>Soles4Souls</u></b></p> <p>Soles4Souls facilitates the donations of shoes, which are used to aid the hurting worldwide. Shoe companies, retailers, and individuals can donate footwear (both new and used). Soles4Souls has a simple concept. They get shoes and give them away.</p> <p><i>Please rubberband each pair together so they do not get separated</i></p>	<p><a href="http://www.soles4souls.org">www.soles4souls.org</a></p> <p>Check website for other dropoff locations. Also, Rodef Shalom collects shoes for Soles4Souls as part of their Mitzvah Day.</p>

## Maternity / Baby Items

<p>Maternity clothes, Baby and children's clothes, Toys, Baby items (strollers, highchairs, cribs, car seats, diapers, wipes, etc.). Call them if you have a question about whether they need a particular item.</p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Assisting Young Mothers</a></u></b></p> <p>AYM provides counseling and support for pregnant and parenting teens through residential and community-based programs. Young women receive counseling, shelter, life skills training, parenting education, and job readiness training to help them become nurturing parents and successful members of the community. AYM strives to promote self-sufficiency and nurturing parenting, and to prevent child abuse and stop the cycle of teen pregnancy.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.thealternativehouse.org/aym.htm">www.thealternativehouse.org/aym.htm</a></p> <p>Phone: 703.280.2162</p> <p><i>Please call if you have any items to donate that are not listed and you think they might be interested in them.</i></p>
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## Website to Match Donors with Specific Goods to Donate with Organizations in Need of Items

<p>Needed items posted on their Donation HotLink : <a href="http://volunteer.united-e-way.org/acvo/org/giftmatch/dir-all.html">http://volunteer.united-e-way.org/acvo/org/giftmatch/dir-all.html</a></p> <p>You post the items that you wish to donate and you will be matched with an organization that needs those items.</p>	<p><b>Volunteer Arlington</b></p> <p>Represents hundreds of organizations in Arlington and Alexandria. Provides a link between individuals/businesses that are looking to donate goods and services and the agencies that need them.</p>	
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## Some Local Animal Shelters

<p>We are very much in need of donations in the way of cat food, cat litter, towels, and blankets.</p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Animal Allies</a></u></b></p> <p>Animal Allies is a non-profit animal rescue group located in the metro Washington D.C. area. Animal Allies volunteers work to rescue lost, abandoned, or stray animals and find loving homes for them if possible. All animals in our system are vetted to check for disease and spayed and neutered to stop the cycle of unwanted animals.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.animalallies.com">www.animalallies.com</a></p> <p>(703) 940-9183</p>
<p>We need pillow cases, towels, newspapers, washable blankets, quilts and other bedding (no sheets or pillows, please).</p> <p>We also need washable cat and dog toys.</p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Animal Welfare League of Alexandria</a></u></b></p> <p>Whether you want to adopt a new best friend, need advice about deterring wildlife, find an injured cat, want your scout troop to learn about animals or want to have your dog neutered, the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is a full-service resource for our community.</p> <p>Dedicated to the welfare of both animals and people in our community, the League operates the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter and cares for unwanted and homeless animals, places animals in permanent, loving homes, and also offers many programs and services to help animals and their companions.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alexandrianimals.org">www.alexandrianimals.org</a></p> <p>4101 Eisenhower Avenue Alexandria, VA 22304 703-838-4774 (phone) 703-838-4862 (fax)</p>
<p>They have a long list of needs, by type of animal, listed on their website. Some items are: blankets, pillow cases, towels, bowls for feeding, hand sanitizer, exam gloves, nail clippers, shoe boxes, pet food, pet cages, and pet toys. They also need office supplies, bleach, plastic bags, and dish and laundry detergent. See their website for a complete list.</p>	<p><b><u><a href="#">Animal Welfare League of Arlington</a></u></b></p> <p>The Animal Welfare League of Arlington (AWLA), the official animal shelter for Arlington County, Virginia, rescues and shelters all kinds of animals including dogs and puppies, cats and kittens, bunny rabbits, birds, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, rats and more.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.awla.org">www.awla.org</a></p> <p>2650 S Arlington Mill Dr Arlington, VA 22206 (703) 931-9241</p>

## Some Organizations That Will Come to Your Home to Pick up Your Donations

<p>WE ESPECIALLY NEED CLOTHING, SMALL APPLIANCES, TOYS AND OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. WE CAN USE JEWELRY, POTS &amp; PANS, DISHES, UTENSILS, KNICK-KNACKS, SPORTING EQUIPMENT, RADIOS, GAMES, RECORDS, LINENS, SHOES, TOOLS AND SOME FURNITURE ITEMS.</p> <p>The Purple Heart Service Foundation can put those unneeded things to good use again. The list is too numerous to list here. Please call (301)277-0063 or "CONTACT US" by email for additional much needed items.</p>	<p><b><u>(Military Order of the) Purple Heart</u></b></p> <p>Military Order of the Purple Heart offers: Direct service and emergency assistance to veterans in VA and Military hospitals, and also helps veterans' dependents and survivors. For over 60 years, Purple Heart has existed to serve, not only combat wounded, but all veterans and their families at no cost. The Purple Heart supports, sponsors, and participates in rehabilitation programs for the handicapped, amputees, paraplegics, and the blind. It provides an Outreach Program for veterans in remote areas, promotes education through a grant and scholarship program and maintains a Service Officers Program to provide free individual counseling and processing of claims &amp; benefits.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.purpleheartpickup.org">www.purpleheartpickup.org</a> and <a href="http://www.purpleheart.org">www.purpleheart.org</a></p> <p>(301) 277-0063</p>
<p>Your unused or unwanted clothing of any type or size. We can also accept toys, knick-knacks, small appliances, as well as numerous other household items. <b>(NOTE: On the website is a very detailed list of what they can and cannot use.)</b></p> <p>Please no large furniture items.</p>	<p><b><u>National Children's Center (NCC)</u></b></p> <p>The mission of the National Children's Center is to provide a lifetime of opportunities for people in our community with developmental disabilities to live full, meaningful, and productive lives. NCC's community-based services include early intervention, schools, employment, adult day and residential programs. These quality, personalized, lifespan services now benefit more than 500 infants, children and adults with developmental disabilities every day.</p>	<p><a href="http://NCCpickup.org">NCCpickup.org</a> and <a href="http://www.NCCinc.org">www.NCCinc.org</a></p> <p>(800) 296-1122 (301) 595-3840</p>
<p>We especially need clothing (Men's, Women's and Children's in all sizes). We need clothing accessories, shoes, bedding, drapes &amp; curtains, housewares, glassware, cosmetics, toys/games/bikes, small appliances and televisions, and tools of all types.</p>	<p><b><u>Vietnam Veterans of America</u></b></p> <p>VVA's goals are to promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam veterans. Specifically, we: Aggressively advocate on issues important to veterans; Seek full access to quality health care for veterans; Identify the full range of disabling injuries and illnesses incurred during military service; Hold government agencies accountable for following laws mandating veterans health care; Create a positive public perception of Vietnam veterans; Seek the fullest possible accounting of America's POW/MIAs; &amp;Support the next generation of America's war veterans.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.vvapickup.org">www.vvapickup.org</a> and <a href="http://www.vva.org">www.vva.org</a></p> <p>(800) 459-8387</p>