

Let's Make a Difference Together

Donations help innovate services, enhance benefits, and revolutionize support access and outcomes for New Yorkers experiencing homelessness and income insecurity.

Each menu item represents a turnkey opportunity for specific or general populations. Through established initiatives, agency tested and client approved, you can quickly and easily improve the lives of those in need.

Kits for Good

HOMENOW/REHOUSING

Essential items like pots, pans, plates, utensils, cleaning supplies, and linens for permanent housing.



HYGIENE

Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, lotion, hairbrush, wipes, tissues.



NEW WEATHER ITEMS

Cold: Winter hat, scarf, socks, hand/ body warmers
Warm: Toiletries, Sunblock



CUSTOMIZE YOUR OWN

Client needs are dynamic. We develop new kits beyond this menu as needs arise and capacity allows.



Grow with Us

CAPACITY BUILDING

Opportunities for shelter staff to enhance their skills.



TRAINING

Facilitating workshops and providing services in career building, financial literacy, housing, healthy cooking, and more.



POPULATION KEY

Single Adults and
Adult Families



Families
With Children



Street
and Subway



Getting Down to Basics

Clothing/Toiletries



Toys/Books



Backpacks/ School Supplies



Please note, to ensure the health and safety of our clients, we request items in this category are donated in new and unused condition.

The Main Event

SPECIAL EVENTS

Holiday dinners, sports events, zoo, theatrical and musical performances, and more.



ANNUAL DRIVES

Project Move-In (spring), Toy Drive (fall), Backpack Drive (summer).



FUTURE LEADERS

A signature celebration of graduating high school seniors experiencing homelessness at DHS shelters and the announcement of the Future Leaders scholarship awardees, selected from among those who are college bound.



Improving Environments

THE SPACE PROGRAM

Building shelter-based libraries, playgrounds, athletic areas, and other spaces for communal enrichment.



ADOPT-A-SHELTER

A way to make long-term commitments to support individuals and families in specific shelters.



Still Wondering How You Can Help?

Let's talk! Email us at osp@dss.nyc.gov to get the conversation started.