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## Guidelines for Donating Items to The Haven of Grace

### **Dropping off your new or gently used donations**

Please bring your donations to The Haven of Grace at 1225 Warren Street. The optimal times for delivering your donations to The Haven are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. If you need to set up an alternate time, please call The Haven at (314) 621-6507. ***Donations cannot be accepted on the weekends without special prior arrangements.***

### **New Donations**

The Haven of Grace gladly accepts donations of new baby items and other basic supplies commonly used by the young mothers, preschoolers, toddlers, and infants residing in our Maternity Shelter. Mothers gain access to these much-needed items through our “Earn While You Learn” Incentive Closet Program, a method of positive reinforcement that rewards residents with “points” as they achieve milestones and apply new skills learned in the program to their daily lives. Residents can then use their points to “purchase” needed items from the incentive closet at no cost to them. This program is funded exclusively through community donations.

#### Needed Items

##### *Baby Items*

Diapers  
(sizes newborn to 5)  
Pull Ups  
Wipes  
Baby clothes  
(sizes newborn to 4T)  
Onsies  
Sleepers  
Receiving blankets  
Bottles  
Pacifiers  
Crib sheets  
Diaper bags  
Baby shampoo  
Baby wash  
Baby powder

##### *Toiletries*

Body Wash  
Soap  
Lotion  
Razors  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrush  
Breast pads  
Hair combs/brush  
Panty liners and maxi pads  
Toilet paper  
Multi-purpose cleaners

##### *Household Needs*

Washcloths  
Towels  
Laundry Detergent  
(fragrance free)  
Kleenexes  
Hand Sanitizer  
Vaseline  
Paper towels  
Air sanitizer  
Robes (any sizes)  
Slippers (any sizes)

From time to time, The Haven has special needs. Please refer to the “Wish List” on our website ([http://havenofgracestl.org/h\\_giveStuff.html](http://havenofgracestl.org/h_giveStuff.html)) for some of our immediate needs.

## **Gently Used Donations**

We also accept gently used donations for use by our clients, particularly our former residents who are working to reestablish themselves in the community. Many of these women are moving into a home of their own for the first time. The following is a list of accepted donations. If you question whether or not your item(s) will be helpful to The Haven's clients, please call us at (314) 621-6507.

*Note about Furniture Donations: From time to time, The Haven will offer a pickup service when the donated furniture items match a current need by one of our clients. However, this is the exception rather than the rule as The Haven incurs a fee to provide this service and we do not have the resources to support a full-scale donation and pick up service. We also have limited storage space to hold large items for extended periods of time. Of course, we are thrilled when we can match a young family's need for furniture with a donor's desire to give; however, it is most helpful when donors confer with our staff to determine the current need before making large furniture donations.*

**Remember: we accept *new or gently used* donations. We do not accept donations that are stained, heavily worn, significantly outdated, broken, or have missing pieces. Donations should be clean and ready for use by our clients.**

### **Household Goods**

- All sizes of mattresses/bed frames
- Small kitchen appliances
- Dishes and silverware
- Pots and pans
- Cooking utensils
- All sizes of sheets and comforters
- Bath towels
- Wash cloths
- Furniture
  - Toddler beds
  - Chairs
  - Sofas
  - Dining room sets
  - Kitchen tables
  - Dressers
  - Lamps

### **Clothing**

***Please remember that our clients are young and most are urban mothers. We cannot accept "out-of-style" clothing or things that are not age-appropriate for young women. The clients prefer to wear things that are commonly found in the "juniors" section of a clothing store.***

- Maternity clothing
- Young women's professional clothing/ "career/business wear"
- Young women's clothing/ "casual wear"
- Children's clothing (for infants to age 5 only)
- Shoes for women and children
  - Professional/career shoes for women
  - Infant and preschooler sized shoes
  - Women's casual shoes/tennis shoes

### **Electronics**

- Televisions
- Digital converter boxes
- DVD players
- Stereos/radios
- MP3 players/personal CD players with headphones

### **Children's Items**

- Baby equipment (play pens, high chairs, etc.)
- Educational toys (i.e. Leap Frog, Little Tikes, colors, alphabet, numbers, etc.)
- Gross motor skills toys

### **We DO NOT accept these donations**

- Cribs
- Formula and baby food
- Pillows
- Large appliances
- Curtains
- Pictures
- Household decorations
- Occasional furniture
- Out-of-style clothing
- Adult male clothing
- Craft supplies
- Computers/computer parts/computer accessories
- VHS movies
- Speakers
- Books
- Stuffed animals/soft toys
- Toys with small pieces
- Leggos
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Other miscellaneous items not listed above