

Room at the Inn -- Wish List

Shelter Needs:

Chairs for the dining area

We need 16 chairs for the clients to sit at the table. They need to be well built, restaurant quality chairs as they see heavy use. The chairs we found are about \$60 per chair. It would be best to make a donation toward a chair rather than buying a chair. (See the Tax Credit item below!)

Pots & pans for the client's kitchen

Something like a 10 pc. Kitchen Aid brushed stainless steel cook set (Target, \$129 on-line) or similar would be great.

We also could use flatware of any kind.

Can openers – manual

Irons

Brooms & dustpans

Dish pans

Dishes – plates, cereal bowls

Cups

Glasses

Bath & face towels

Cleaning supplies, e.g. All-purpose Cleaner, Toilet bowl cleaner

Laundry detergent

Bleach

Dish detergent

Paring knife and large knife

And we can always use:

- Bus and Metrolink passes (again, a donation is best to cover these since they have an expiration date)
- Laundry Detergent (we do more than 4,000 loads of wash each year)
- Diapers
- All kinds of paper products: paper towels, napkins, tissues
- All-purpose cleaners

Hygiene needs: bath soaps, pampers, deodorants, tooth paste, shampoo, conditioner

Hair brush (with stiff bristles) and heavy combs

Utensils: forks, knives, spoons

Pillows

Totes – 18 gal.

House shoes (adult & children)

Gift Certificates to pay for medicines (Walgreen's & Wal-Mart) for prescription co-pays and over-the-counter medications

Client Gift Baskets:

For clients who are ready to move into housing here are some suggestions for “gift baskets.”

3-gallon bucket with:

- dish detergent
- all-purpose cleaner
- dish cloths
- dish towels
- can opener
- wet mop

Clothes hamper with:

- toilet paper
- paper towels
- hand sanitizer
- table napkins
- bleach
- laundry detergent

5-gallon waste basket with:

- toilet bowl brush
- toilet bowl cleaner
- soft scrub cleaner
- bar bath soap or gel
- hand soap in dispenser
- Lysol spray
- shower curtain
- cleaning sponges
- handi-wipes

13-gallon waste basket with:

- 30 gal. black plastic bags
- gallon size zip-lock
- quart size zip-lock
- sandwich size zip-lock
- dust pan & brush
- scouring pads
- broom

Room at the Inn Missouri State Tax Credits

There are always many needs throughout the year. If people like to shop then these items will always be welcomed. For people who don't enjoy shopping we can make a great offer!

Starting July 1, 2009 any donation of \$100 or more to Room at the Inn is eligible for a 50% Missouri state tax credit in addition to the regular charitable tax deductions. This means a **\$100 donation really costs \$19**. See the enclose brochure for all the details. This tax credit is available through the Missouri Department of Social Services and Room at the Inn became eligible under this program on July 1, 2009. Cumulative donations from July 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 of \$100 or more are eligible. This is clearly an outstanding opportunity for the donor and for Room at the Inn. We would appreciate your help in spreading the word about this great opportunity.

Room at the Inn can buy many items in bulk or through special programs that can make things less expensive. A cash donation of \$100 or more costs the donor \$19 and allows Room at the Inn to leverage other cost saving programs. This is a very efficient way to support Room at the Inn. Please call Gil Weyhaupt at 314-209-9181 if you have any questions about the tax credit program.