

FAQ'S For Donating Goods

How Do I Get Started?

First, choose the type of item you would like to donate. (i.e. food, clothing, toiletries). It is best to have a start and end date for your drive. Collection drives can run two weeks, a month or even throughout the year it's up to you and every drive is greatly appreciated. Thank You!

What Does Community Housing Innovation's Clients Need Most Often?

CHI and the clients we service are always in need of the life's basic essentials: food, clothing, personal care items. Look at our WISH LIST and understand you can collect **one item in bulk** or **choose a category and collected the assorted items in that area of need.**

How Do I Spread the Word?

Ask your family members, co-workers, group members and community members to contribute to your collection drive. Here are some ways to advertise

- *Create a flyer:* All flyers must be approved by Community Housing Innovation's Development Department. We can help you design a flyer or make one for you- just ask!
- *Send an email:* Send an email to your address book asking to contribute items.
- *Post on Social Media:* Update your status, post on your wall, tweet it out! Here are some examples of social media posts (Feel free to cut and paste and edit to include your own information):
- Facebook: (sample) ***Girl Scout Troop #1234 is holding a clothing drive to benefit Community Housing Innovations a nonprofit that assists individuals and their families challenged by homelessness and poverty. Please donate warm winter clothing and accessories at our next meeting in the gym PS 345, this Wednesday at 6pm!***
- Twitter: Girl Scout Troop 1234 Winter Clothing Drive for @CHIDONATIONS Bring new and gently used winter clothes to donate to PS 345 Wed at 6!

What Do I Do Once I Have My Items Collected?

Pickups can be scheduled for Nassau & Suffolk and parts of Westchester, but we would be most grateful if drop-off's at our 2 office locations could be coordinated by the drive organizer.

Are there any items you DO NOT accept for donation?

Yes. Community Housing Innovations cannot accept the following items:

- Dented or opened cans, bags or boxes of food, any partially eaten items or leftovers.
- Anything missing labels or items that appear damaged or spoiled (moldy rotten or past expiration date)
- At this time, we have suspended all acceptance of furniture and electronics.
- Stained, broken or rusted items or anything needing repairs to function.
- Toys
- *Any items that will pose a health or safety hazard to staff, volunteers or guests.*

Who Do I Contact If I Have Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact our Development Department at 631-475-6390. Emails are preferable and can be sent to info@communityhousing.org

What if Someone Wants to Give a Monetary Donation?

Online contributions can be made on our donation page of our website: www.communityhousing.org

Contributions can also be mailed to:

Community Housing Innovations, 55 Medford Avenue Patchogue, NY 11772

Make checks out to: Community Housing Innovations.

Please note the name of your food drive on the memo line of the check or in any letter or online contribution sent to Community Housing Innovations.

Credit card monetary donations can be processed on the website- www.communityhousing.org or you can call our Development Department at: 631-475-6390 x 2228