

# COLLECTING HOUSEHOLD ITEMS



When newcomers arrive in the United States, they come with very few, if any, household items. Your team has the opportunity to collect items that will furnish their first home in the US.

## WHAT TO COLLECT

Collect items listed in the [Material Needs Support Form](#). Check with World Relief for the most up-to-date list. All items will need to be in good condition and some items will need to be new (e.g., mattresses).

## STORING ITEMS

Often times, WR will not know about the exact time and date of the arriving individual or family until 1-2 weeks before they arrive. It is recommended that you begin collecting items before arrival.

You will need to find a place to store the items until the individual or family arrives. Also, find out if someone on your team owns a truck for the apartment set-up day. If not, you will need to rent or borrow one.

## INVITING OTHERS TO PARTICIPATE

As you share with others about your involvement in the GNT program, they may ask you how they can help. This is a great opportunity to invite friends, family, or your church to participate with you in welcoming the individual or family. If your team does choose to invite others to give, be specific about what you will be collecting.

### KEEP IN MIND

Due to the sensitive nature of resettlement, do not share specifics about the individual or family with others. The details of their life and their case are confidential. It is up to the individual or family to decide when and how they want to share about their life and their story.

### REMEMBER TO

- Log your volunteer hours
- Log case notes if required of GNT
- Check with the World Relief office regarding their Gift-in-Kind and reimbursements policies