



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Arlington

MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES

MRS relies on the support of our donors to help meet the urgent needs of our clients, we appreciate your compassion and your interest.

Below is a current list of our most needed items. Please only donate items specifically listed here; this will help our donations staff and volunteers serve our clients as respectfully and equitably as possible.

Current Top Needs:

- New sets of silverware; **we are not accepting used silverware at this time**
- New dish sets (dinner plate, bowl, cup); **we are not accepting used dishes at this time**
- New bath towels and wash clothes; Please no hand towels
- Trash cans – tall indoor trash cans and small waste baskets
- Laundry detergent - High Efficiency (HE) only and please no bulk sizes

Gift cards:

- Gift cards to stores such as Dollar Tree, Walmart, Target, IKEA, and Visa (which can be used at multiple stores) for purchasing items for newly arrived refugee families
- Grocery store gift cards to Giant, Safeway, Food Lion, Aldi, or Shoppers Food Warehouse
- Metro cards to help clients get to interviews and work (amounts of \$40 or less preferable)
- Prepaid cell phones with minutes cards – for client contact and needed in case of client emergency

New household items as listed below:

- Bedding: new twin and queen size sheet sets, blankets/comforters, and pillows. We cannot accept used bedding of any kind.
- Brooms with dust pans (please no mops)
- Baking dishes – clear, pyrex baking, or casserole dishes. No cookie sheets or pie/cake/muffin tins please
- Mixing bowls
- New kitchen utensils. Please no used.
- Kitchen knives – general purpose, please no steak knives or knife blocks
- Floor lamps (preferably with appropriate light bulbs)
- Alarm clocks that do not require batteries
- Shower curtains and rings; bath mats are also appreciated.
- Hand can openers – no electric can openers please
- 100 or 60 watt (equivalent) light bulbs

We are not currently accepting the following: diapers, any types of clothing, infant or toddler toys, used car seats, cribs with drop-down sides, and bassinets. All donations are accepted at the discretion of MRS staff.

The above list encompasses the items that we need the most. Our list of needs is constantly changing so please check back in with our Resource Coordinator if you have questions about a donation you would like to make or how and when you can make your donation. You can contact MRS's Resource Coordinator at 703-841-3891 or MRSdonations@ccda.net or Jean Shirhall, St. Agnes project coordinator, with any questions at jshirhall@gmail.com or 703-528-2617.