



Items Male Heroes need when transitioning from Homeless to their new Apartment

From Homeless to Hopeful!

GENERAL/PERSONAL ITEMS	
Gift Card(s)	60w light bulbs Laundry
Oscillating Fan	Basket/Hamper
Broom/Dust Pan	Toilet paper
Paper Towels	Nail clippers
KITCHEN	
Kitchen rug	Canisters (for coffee, flour, sugar, etc)
Crockpot, 5 qt or above	Storage containers for leftovers
Bakeware	Blender
Electric Skillet	Toaster Oven
Small/Medium microwave	Kitchen brush
Pots and Pan set	Brush to clean dishes
Mixing bowls	Zippered plastic bags (all sizes)
Aluminum Foil	Plastic Wrap
Kitchen trash can	Corning ware for baking/cooking
Dishes, Sets (2 to 4 people)	Pyrex for baking/cooking
LIVING ROOM	
TV, no older than 7 years	DVD Player
Vacuum Cleaner Floor/Table	End Tables
Lamp	
BEDROOM	
Sheet Sets, Twin, Full & Queen	Comforter, Twin, Full & Queen
Mattress Pads, Twin, Full & Queen	Small Trash Container
Bedside lamp	Side Tables
<i>(Please no throw blankets)</i>	Please no bed pillows
BATHROOM	
Shower Curtain/Rings	Bath rug
Towels	Small Trash Container
Bath/Shower Mat	<i>(Please no toothpaste or toothbrushes)</i>
TOILETRIES	
Cologne	Electric Hair Trimmer
Razors	Lotion, Men

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CLEANING SUPPLIES

Dishwasher detergent	Toilet bowl cleaner
Toilet bowl brush	Dust pan/brooms
Trash Bags, tall Kitchen	Laundry soap
Wisk Broom/Dust pans	Dish soap
Paper Towels	Scrub sponges
Cleaning supply caddies	Swiffer type mops

Veteran Homelessness in Sedgwick County and surrounding areas

According to reports from our local VA, the problem of homelessness among veterans is growing instead of decreasing. There are over 50 homeless veterans that remain chronically homeless every year. These are men or women who “fall through the cracks” and remain homeless even after receiving services. The VA indicates that there are not enough programs to help the veteran overcome the issues they face daily. The VA directs those to Passageways who need more one-on-one assistance with obtaining services. However, with only 9 available beds in our facility, we end up turning away several veterans every week.

Passageways is the only program in the area of its kind. We are the only program that works directly with the individual. While we have effected some change within the statistics for male veterans, we haven't even begun to address the issues among homeless women veterans, for which currently there are no programs. We must put an end to this growing plague among men and women who have faithfully served our country, who fought to protect our very freedoms.

Passageways has, to date, graduated 85 veterans in the last five years. We know that when the program is taken seriously, Heroes succeed. We provide a holistic approach to healing the whole person by giving a hand-up to our Heroes so they can and do succeed. We continue to work with our Heroes even after they graduate. This follow-up is crucial in assuring their success upon leaving our program. Follow-up visits or calls are made monthly to program graduates so we can continue to help them with their personal goals. So you see, our veterans never really leave the Passageways program. Once they graduate, they return to volunteer or to become mentors to new entrants. Program graduates are invited to attend our many group functions and events. They will always be a part of the Passageways family.

The future for Passageways, Ltd. includes expanding to provide the first ever veteran only complex, to be called Homefront Veteran Neighborhood. The neighborhood will give us the opportunity to assist more Heroes and to include providing temporary and permanent housing for males, females and veteran families. Homefront Veteran Neighborhood will also include playgrounds, dog parks and garden areas all within a gated community. There will be a public side to the neighborhood that will include a resource center, community center, chapel, memorial park and a warehouse for storage.

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