



Refugee Welcome Baskets

Welcome baskets are given to newly arrived refugee families. Welcome Baskets can be accepted in bins **no larger than 20 quarts (16.88" x 11.5" x 9.25")**, **reusable shopping bags, small duffle bags, or small backpacks**. This is for the convenience of our community members who have to carry these items home – usually on public transportation.

The following is a list of items that can be included in the welcome basket. Baskets do not need to contain all of the items on this list. These are basic need items for a family as they begin a new life in a new place. You can purchase items new, pick items up at a thrift store (*gently used*), or gather items from your own home that you no longer need. Please no ripped, stained, soiled or broken items. You can spend as little or as much as you want on a welcome basket, it's up to you! Please do not include food items or any additional items that are not on this list.

- Small sewing kit
- Plastic food storage container sets with lids
(Ziploc/Rubbermaid/Tupperware)
- Silverware set
- Package of lined business size envelopes
- Booklet of stamps
- Calendar
- Folders
- Reusable shopping bags
- Flashlight with battery combo set
- AA batteries
- Small beginner toolset
- Hot pads for kitchen
- Large serving utensils (*large plastic spoons, wooden spoons, etc*)
- Tape
- Pens
- Notebooks
- Energy efficient light bulbs
- First Aid Kit
- Power strip
- Plastic water bottles (*like Nalgene*)
- Lunch totes
- Drying mat for dishes
- Travel size kleenex
- Scrubbing pads for kitchen (*scotch bright*)
- English flash cards
- Kitchen towels
- Booklet of bus passes
- Welcome card
- Gift Cards to Walmart, Target, King Soopers, Safeway, 711, Walgreens, H Mart, Payless Shoes

If you are including gift cards, please tape a note with the location and amount on gift card to the outside lid of the container. This ensures that we explain to the recipient how and where they can use the card.

Contact the LFSRM Community Engagement Coordinator at lydia.monte@lfsrm.org or 505.933.7032 to schedule a drop-off.



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Thank you