



The Gathering Place®
a refuge for rebuilding lives

The Gathering Place Donation Drive Kit

How to Host a Successful Drive

So, you've decided to host a donation drive to help the members of The Gathering Place! First and foremost, thank you for supporting our members by providing them with the basic food, clothing, and toiletry items they need every day. Here are some tips we have for making sure your drive is a total success!

1. Select a donation drive coordinator or committee
2. Contact Program Specialist Taylor Traub (info below) to discuss what items are currently most needed for members at The Gathering Place
3. Decide what item(s) you and your group will be collecting
4. Establish a goal for the number of items or pounds of food you hope to collect
5. Promote your donation drive using social media, email, internal communications tools and newsletters, and any other method that is convenient for you and your participants
6. Establish bins or boxes to collect donations and post the signs provided below (Pages 2 and 3)
7. Create incentives or establish competitions for your group or organization to participate
8. Remind your group or organization who the drive will benefit with facts about The Gathering Place (provided below)
9. Once the drive is complete, contact Program Coordinator Taylor Traub to schedule a delivery time.

About The Gathering Place

1. We are Denver's only daytime drop-in center for women, children, and transgender individuals experiencing poverty.
2. We serve about 8,000 individuals each year providing a wide range of services including nutritious meals, clothing, laundry and shower facilities, education and job readiness programs, access to mental and physical health assistance, art classes and more.
3. Every month, we distribute an average of 7,200 pounds of food and 400 toiletry bags from Betsy's Cupboard.
4. We are open Monday through Friday and provide members with three nutritious meals a day: breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack.
5. When The Gathering Place was founded in 1986, women and children made up 10% of Denver's homeless population. Now they represent around 50%.

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DONATION WISH LIST



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Food Donations

**all items must be unexpired and unopened*

Please keep in mind that many of our members may only have a microwave or no kitchen equipment at all. Therefore, we have the greatest need for food that can be made without a stovetop or oven. Pop top cans (rather than ones that require a can opener) are also in high demand.

Canned fruits

Canned veggies (reduced sodium preferred)

Canned soups

Canned tuna, chicken, and salmon

Cereal and oatmeal

Peanut Butter

Granola bars

Make-a-meal items (Hamburger Helper, macaroni & cheese, etc.)

Ready-made noodles (ramen, cup-o-noodles, etc)

Other

New underwear (sizes 5 - 12)

New or gently used bras

Reusable shopping bags

New or gently used backpacks and duffel bags

New or gently used towels and sheets

Toiletry Donations

**all items must be new and unopened*

We do distribute both hotel sized/mini/personal bottles on a day-to-day basis, and then we also distribute full-size bottles in our Family and Case Management Programs.

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

Razors

Brushes/Combs

Deodorant

Lotion

Shampoo and conditioner

Family Donations

**all items must be new and unopened*

Enfamil infant formula

Baby Wipes

Diapers (size 5)

Pull-ups (sizes 2T—5T)

Baby hygiene products (baby powder, lotion, shampoo, etc)

Neutral children's pajama sets

Children's underwear (sizes 2T-12)

Toddler sippy cups

For more information or to schedule a large donation, please contact Program Coordinator Taylor Traub at (303) 996-9046 or inkinddonations@tgpdenver.org.

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Donations for The Gathering Place



Founded in 1986, The Gathering Place is the only daytime drop-in center in metropolitan Denver that serves women, children, and transgender individuals experiencing poverty, many of whom are also experiencing homelessness. The Gathering Place provides services to 8,000 individuals every year.

Thank you for making an immediate impact in the lives of our members!