



Suggested Items for Baskets of Love

One of Union Mission's main goals for the women that are enrolled in Magdalene's Emergency Services Program (ESP) is to obtain stable housing. Some women transition out of Magdalene's ESP and directly into their own private apartment or subsidized housing. Other women may move their family into the Tom D. Austin Transitional Housing for formerly homeless families where they can stay up to two years while they work toward stability. Regardless of where the mother's move with their family after Magdalene – Transitional or Permanent – they all lack basic household items that will help them get through the first few weeks of a stressful transition. **Baskets of Love** filled with various household items that could ease this transition could be given to mothers as they leave Magdalene and move into their new place. What an amazing housewarming gift from generous and compassionate donors!

Below I have listed a few suggestions that one could include in the Baskets of Love, but please keep in mind that these are only some of the many possibilities. Please feel free to add items that I may have overlooked and not included!

Bedroom and Bathroom

Laundry baskets (could be used to put other items into)

Bath towels	Blankets
Wash Cloths; Hand towels	Bedsheets; pillow cases
Toilet Paper	Cleaning supplies
Hangers	Shower curtain; liner
Bathroom rugs	

Kitchen

Pots or pans	Cutting boards
Kitchen Utensils	Measuring cups
Small bowls, plates, cups	Paper towels; holder
Dish soap	Can opener
Oven mitts	

Miscellaneous

Basic tools: Hammer, Screwdriver, Scissors

Flashlight and batteries

