



General Needs for My First Place Program

(Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Solano Counties)

Young people often have little more than a small bag of belongings when they come to us. Some are coming from group homes or foster homes and others are coming directly from the streets. Your donations of supplies are needed and received with excitement and gratitude by our young people.

The young people in the My First Place Program are moving into their first apartment and beginning to build their life skills, while continuing their education and finding their first job. They need many essential items that most of them cannot afford. Donations of school, work, and household supplies are always welcomed. Below are examples of specific items that would help kids to build their futures and achieve their goals.

- **School supplies:** flash drives, backpacks, binders, paper, notebooks, pens, mechanical pencils, rulers, highlighters, calculators, note cards, file folders
- **Employment supplies:** professional clothing (men & women), resume paper, portfolio binders, professional shoulder bags or backpacks
- **Computers/laptops**
- **Gift cards for household items and necessities** (Target, WalMart, grocery stores)
- **Household items:** pots, pans, bake ware, dishes, cups, utensils, etc.
- **Cleaning items:** Vacuum cleaners, brooms, buckets, mops and cleaning supplies
- **Transportation support:** bus passes (county-specific), BART passes, preloaded Clipper Cards
- **Non-perishable food items**
- **Hygiene products** (hair combs/picks/brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.)
- **Diapers, young children's clothing and toys**

*For more information and to donate items, please contact
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