



**JEWISH FAMILY &  
COMMUNITY SERVICES  
EAST BAY**

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## Refugee Resettlement Collection Drive

JFCS East Bay is heartened by our community's strong interest in welcoming and supporting newly arriving refugees. JFCS East Bay is currently resettling large numbers of Afghan refugees, some Iraqi refugees, LGBT refugees from Africa and the Middle East, and others. While our agency provides a full range of comprehensive services to each individual and family we resettle, we know from experience that "it takes a village" to help people begin their new lives here. We are glad to present these ideas for meaningful assistance.

As part of our resettlement program, we help each new refugee furnish their apartment. Through the generosity of community members, we are proud to provide refugees with quality donated household items in excellent, clean condition (no scratches, stains, or excessive wear). We welcome donations from individuals or from people who have organized a collection drive in their neighborhood, school, or congregation. Following is a list of the types of items needed by arriving refugees.

- **"Welcome Packets" in a bag:** newly purchased FULL SIZE shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, dental floss, lotion, and shaving items.
- **Small household items:** complete sets of dishes, utensils, mixing bowls, pots, pans, bakeware, microwave, toaster, mixer, crock pot, rice cooker, electric teapot, radio/alarm clock, vacuum, iron and ironing board. No plastic or anything alcohol-related.
- **Cleaning supplies:** brooms, mops, vacuums, buckets, cleaning products.
- **Baby items:** new packs of diapers and wipes, cribs, bassinets, high chairs, strollers, car seats, booster seats, educational toys/games. If gently used, items need to be very well cleaned.
- **School supplies:** backpacks, lunch boxes, pencils, pens, binders, lined paper, notebooks, markers, colored pencils, scissors, tape, staplers.

To get started: choose a theme, select a collection site, spread the word, and collect items for a specific time period. Afterwards, bring donations to the JFCS East Bay office in Walnut Creek located at 1855 Olympic Blvd., Suite 200 from Monday to Friday between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

**Please contact Nora Morton at [nmorton@jfcs-eastbay.org](mailto:nmorton@jfcs-eastbay.org) or (925) 927-2000, ext. 530 if you are interested in hosting a collection drive. Please leave your name, address, and email.**

Thank you for helping these newcomers to the East Bay!

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