



Welcome Home Pack

Each summer, AYM groups are invited to take part in a Welcome Home Pack offering. This year, the offering will go to Homeward Bound. In addition to meeting the daily needs of people experiencing homelessness at their A Hope Day Shelter, Homeward Bound also works with people to place them in permanent housing. Their Housing First program has helped to reduce chronic homelessness in Asheville by 75%. Since 2006 Homeward Bound has housed over 1750 people. 89% of the people Homeward Bound has housed have not become homeless again. Some of our groups will have the opportunity to work at the Donation Center; some groups will likely get the opportunity to move someone into their home. When folks move into their homes, they often have nothing to fill that home (not even toilet paper). Here’s where AYM groups have the opportunity to help!

We invite each AYM group to make One Welcome Home Pack by having group members each bring one thing on the list and/or invite your congregation to participate in this gift. If you choose to make more kits, that is great, too! For example, last summer, we had one group choose AYM’s Welcome Home Pack as their Vacation Bible School service project and they came with 4 kits.

Directions: Collect the following items. *Please make sure they are NEW or very gently used items.* Think about what you would want if you moved into your own home for the first time. Please place all items in the laundry basket or cardboard box. Label the box, “AYM/HOMEWARD BOUND Welcome Home”

Kitchen	Bathroom	Miscellaneous
Dish Soap Food Storage Containers Insulated Grocery bags Paper Towels Trash Can & Bags Sponges All-Purpose Cleaner (like 409) Dishcloths & Towels Set of Cooking Spoons Set of Mixing Bowls Can opener 2 Hot pads Set of 4 plates & Cereal size Bowls (can be plastic) Set of 4 Cups Set of 4 Utensils 2 Coffee mugs Coffee Pot Pots & Pans	Toilet Paper Toilet Bowl Brush Cleaning Supplies 2 hand towels 2 bath towels Kleenex Shampoo Laundry Basket Shower curtain/liner/rings Toothbrush/toothpaste Razors & Soap	Broom/Dustpan/Mop Laundry Detergent Coat Hangers 2 sets of sheets Light Bulbs New bed pillows