

Overview

Our Furniture Program is committed to providing basic furniture for our clients including families encountering serious economic distress, impoverished immigrants, victims of spousal abuse, and formerly homeless individuals. Our clients are all referrals from county social workers, local faith communities, and several non-profit groups serving the formerly homeless of the victims of spousal abuse.

Donations

We seek clean and gently used furniture for living rooms, beds, dressers, living room sofas, chairs, end tables, lamps, kitchen and dining room tables and chairs, bags of linens, boxes of kitchen supplies, etc. We do not handle major household appliances such as washers and dryers, sofa beds, large entertainment centers, exercise equipment, etc. or smaller electrical appliances which are not in working order.

Donors contact Share though our furniture hotline at 703-448-1054 and volunteer schedulers match up donations with client needs. Our two tricks run on Saturday Mornings, typically beginning at 8:30 am and concluding between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM depending on each day's schedule.

Each Saturday our two trucks, manned by three-person volunteer crews, set out with a schedule of planned pickups and deliveries. Volunteers send in their monthly availabilities, and our Furniture Program coordinators schedule volunteers based on their schedules.

Job Description and Qualifications

- Volunteers serve as drivers and crews for our furniture trucks. Adult volunteers and occasionally fathers and high school students participate as crews moving furniture.
- Volunteers need to be in reasonable health and capable of carrying the end of a sofa up one or two flights of stairs
- The ability to be sympathetic to our client circumstances, to treat our clients with respect, and to be flexible to the inevitable changes in scheduled pickups and deliveries are necessary characteristics for volunteers, as is a good sense of humor!

If you might be interested in volunteering, please email Stew Lingley at <u>slingley@aol.com</u> for more information or to arrange a no-obligation ride-along with one of our crews.