



St. Paul's Center, Inc. is committed to breaking the cycle of homelessness. While a family is receiving services from St. Paul's Center we strive to instill a greater sense of self-worth. As we place our families into their new home we prefer to have them to be as proud as possible. Therefore the items we provide, through generous donations from people like you, need to be as acceptable as possible. We believe that by giving our families the best start possible we help our families to be proud of their home and their belongings - wanting to keep both, avoiding falling back into homelessness. Please bear in mind that we have limited storage space.

St. Paul's Center, Resident Wish List Updated: March 2017

Bedroom

Dressers
Sheets (twin, full, queen)*New Only
Pillow Cases *New Only
Blankets (twin, full) *New Only
Bed Frames/Head, Foot Boards
(Single beds only)
Lamps
Night Stands

Bathroom

Shower Curtain (New Only)
Shower Liner (New Only)
Toilet Brush (New Only)
Towels (New Only)
Washcloths (New Only)
Toiletries (New Only)
Hair Brush (New Only)
Mouth Wash (Adult/Child)
Deodorant (New Only)
Women's Razors
Shampoo and Conditioner
Adult/Child

Kitchen Items (Must Be Washed)

Pots and Pans (No dents, Scratches)
Serving Utensils
Glasses/Cups (Matching Only)
Coffee Pot
Can Opener
Strainer
Microwave Oven
Crock Pot
Dish Drainer
Mixing Bowls

Kitchen Items (Continued)

Cutting Board
Tupperware (matching tops and bottoms)
Toaster/Toaster Oven
Kitchen Table/Chairs

Baby Items

Diapers, Baby Shampoo (New)
Wipes, Baby Powder (New)
Walkers
Pack and Plays (Unworn/Clean)
Rattles/Infant Toys (Cleaned)

Living Room (In Good Condition)****

Chairs
Coffee Tables
Lamps
End Tables
Sofas
Shelving units
Stereos
Computers, Hard Drive Cleared
With Appropriate Operating Program

Medical/First Aid (Adult, Child, Infant)

Band-Aids, Aspirin, Ibuprofen
Ointments, Thermometers, Lice
Treatment, Motrin, Tums, Chapstick,
Skin Treatment Creams, Tweezers,
Bandages

******It is helpful to receive pictures via email of furniture being offered. Please call to ask for appropriate email address.**

Miscellaneous

Iron/Ironing Board

Sewing Kit

New Birthday Card, Candles, Cake Mix

Children's Books

Bus Tokens

Washable Pen/Pencil/Crayola,

Colouring Books

Booster Seats (for cars)

Panamas/Slippers (New)

Arts/Crafts Supplies (new)

Limited Amounts of Books

(Adult/Children)

Children School Supplies

Monetary Donations:

- Gift Cards (Please limit each card to no more than \$25)
I.E. Department Stores (Walmart/Target)
Hannaford/Price Chopper
- Checks: Please indicate in check note area if you are donating the money for any limit use. I. E. For Purchase of Diapers Only, For Angel Fund Only
- CASH: St. Paul's accepts cash donations but be sure to request written receipt.



St. Paul's Policy: Truck pick-ups are only intended for furniture or "large" (oversize for car) donations.

St. Paul's does NOT accept the following:

- *Box TVs*
- *Bedding (Mattresses/Box Springs) due to health reasons*
- *Used Clothing (health reasons)*
- *Décor such as pictures and wall decorations*
- *Used Toys (health and liability reasons) Please note we do not accept large (In or Outside) **plastic** toys or toy sets, for instance, kitchen play sets, riding toys, ovens, etc.*
- *Car Seats, (unless recently approved by local or state police)*
- *Any item(s) not found to be in good shape; appear broken; missing parts; dirty; faded; dis-coloured; torn; or tattered.*

Please note that the need for items throughout this list is subject to change based upon current quantities, current needs or current storage space available. Please call St. Paul's Center's, Coordinator of Donations, with any questions or comments regarding this listing. 518-434-2910

WHY ST PAUL'S CENTER IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT CERTAIN DONATIONS

Used Clothing: We do not have the needed resources to inspect, wash, fold and properly store. Additionally, we do not have the room in our storage to properly store large quantities of clothing; by gender; by size, by type of item for adults; children; toddlers.

Large Plastic Toy Kitchens or Other Toys: Such as toy kitchen sets, washer, dryer, refrigerator, play/riding toys. They are too large to store and to transport. If they've been kept outside, they often have water inside, are faded and in need of deep cleaning. Additionally, they are too large for normal disposal.

TVs more than 5 years old: Apartments rented by families we serve are often very small and box TVs take up a good deal of space or require large furniture to hold them. They are often old with faded pictures, etc. Donated box TVs are ones we have to dispose of if we are unable to use them and the disposal cost is prohibitive to us.

Box Spring/Mattress: We lack the ability to inspect all mattresses for possible infestations, for pet hair/dander that may impact allergies, etc. and if something is found, we lack the equipment to clean these items. Additionally, mattresses take a good deal of space to store, space that we do not have.

Car Seats: NYS law prohibits the donation of used car seat unless the car seat has been inspected and approved by the NYS Police.

Wall Pictures and Décor: We just don't have the storage available.

Cribs: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standards do not allow the donation of cribs made before 2010 or cribs with sides that go up and down; newer cribs are quite large. The size apartments the families we serve can afford have small living spaces and therefore, they often use Pack n' Plays as cribs.

We greatly appreciate your desire to help out homeless families in a way that makes them feel empowered, respected and that you value them as a peer. *Many of us have had times when we needed a hand up and not a hand out.*

St. Paul's reserves its rights to: refuse any item not found to be in good shape; that appears broken, missing parts, dirty, faded; discoloured, torn or tattered. Also needs change as does our storage space so day-to-day adjustments may be made to this listing.