



Houston Area Women's Center
Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence

Urgent and Ongoing Needs Donation Items

Many clients have to quickly leave a dangerous situation and come to us with only a few belongings they were able to stuff in a bag. Your gifts will help give the women and their children a sense of normalcy as they work to move their lives forward.

We Cannot Accept Used Items

We do not accept used clothing. Cosmetics, toiletries, and other personal products must be new and in unopened packages or with tags attached. We cannot accept used items of this kind for health and safety reasons.

Delivering Donations & Parking Information

You may deliver your donations to the address listed below. You may park in the lots on either side of the front door and speak to the receptionist. If your donation is large, the receptionist can arrange for staff to help unload your car. You will receive a receipt for your donation that can be used for tax purposes.

*Houston Area Women's Center
1010 Waugh Drive at West Dallas
Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.*

Organizing a Drive

If you or your group is interested in organizing a drive to collect urgent and/or ongoing needs, or if you have questions about our ability to accept a donation, please call Dana Deats, Volunteer Coordinator, at 713.528.6798 ext. 2298 or via email at ddeats@hawc.org

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Non-Residential Services

Personal items for Women:

- Cotton balls, cotton swabs, tissues
- Perfumes and lotions
- Blow dryers, curlers, and curling irons
- Combs, brushes, accessories
- Hair products (ethnically diverse)
- Pillows, travel alarm clocks, umbrellas
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Bars of soap
- Deodorant
- Razors and shaving gel
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, and mouthwash
- Sanitary napkins and tampons



Personal items for Children:

- Diapers, especially sizes 3-6
- Pull-up diapers for boys and girls
- Diaper bags and changing pads
- Baby items (wipes, wash, diaper ointment, powder)
- Bottles, pacifiers, feeding spoons, and bowls
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Baby blankets and crib sets
- Car seats, booster seats, single and double strollers

Food Pantry:

The Houston Area Women's Center (HAWC) maintains a non-perishable food pantry for emergency needs of non-residential clients, as well as sexual assault survivors and domestic violence survivors that are visited by our advocates in the hospital. We also provide snacks to children working with our Children's Court Services and our Child Care when their parents are attending a counseling group.

- Similac Advance Infant Formula
- Gerber baby food
- Canned fruits in light syrup
- Canned soups
- Canned vegetables (peas, corn, green beans, mixed veggies)
- Canned tuna or chicken, packed in water
- Microwave food (macaroni, noodle cups)
- Cereals, cereal bars, and oatmeal
- Pastas, spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, and sauces
- Drinks (100% juice cans or boxes, or bottled water)

If you have in questions in reference to these items, please contact Suzanna Sheldon, NRS Program Assistant, at 713.528.6798 ext. 2477 or via email at ssheldon@hawc.org

Hospital Accompaniment

Hospital Accompaniment Clothing Items:

HAWC offers a Hospital Accompaniment Program for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Parts of the services we offer include a change of clothing. Clothing is so important to survivors as the majority of the time their clothing is kept for evidence. The hospitals can only provide hospital robes and this piece of clothing can be uncomfortable to wear for anyone, even more so for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Help us continue to bring much needed comfort during this difficult time in our clients' lives. We accept the following items:

- T-shirts (all sizes, no company logos)
- Jogging pants (all sizes)
- Yoga pants (all sizes)

If you have any questions in reference to the Hospital Accompaniment Program, please contact Celinda Guerra, Manager of Hotline Services, at 713.528.6798 ext. 2282 or via email at cguerra@hawc.org



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Residential Shelter Services

Personal items for Shelter clients:

Most of the women and children who arrive at our shelter bring with them just a few belongings that they were able to stuff in a bag. Part of the services we offer to them include providing them with new clothes and personal items. Please consider donating the following items:

- T-shirts, shorts, pants
- Pajamas
- Socks, casual shoes
- New undergarments (bras and underwear, especially in larger sizes)
- Business attire
- School uniforms
- Accessories and jewelry
- Tote bags for clothing and other personal items

Shelter Library:

HAWC provides a library for clients that stay at our shelter. The following educational items can be donated:

- Books in all languages (leisure reading)
- Career counseling and advice books

If you have any questions in reference to donating to the Residential Shelter, please contact Pamela Ellis, Director of Residential Client Services, at 713.528.6798 ext. 5316 or via email at pellis@hawc.org

Children's Court Services

Court Activity Bags:

The Children's Court Services provides assistance to children and their families who are involved in the criminal justice system. They educate, advocate, support, and accompany children and their families to testify in court. Please consider donating the following items to occupy children that are waiting to testify in court:

- Travel or handheld games for teens
- Journals, notepads, diaries
- Gel pens
- Crayons, colored pencils
- AA and AAA batteries
- Silly putty
- Disney coloring and activity books
- Pop Culture word find books

If you have any questions in reference to donating to Children's Court Services, please contact Pam Hobbs, Manager of Children's Court Services, at 713.528.6798 ext. 2255 or via email at phobbs@hawc.org