

YOU CAN HELP!

The *Home Furnishings Program* relies on **donations and volunteers**, and offers in return the opportunity to meet the needs of your neighbors and the satisfaction of knowing that useable items have been diverted from the landfill! Get involved----

TRUCK RUNS

Truck drivers and helpers are needed for regular monthly assignments as well as for special short notice runs. And we like to keep a list of people who are willing to pick up and/or deliver using their own vehicle.

ELSIE'S ROOM VOLUNTEERS

Small donations need to be sorted and stored in our warehouse; some items need to be washed. Volunteers staff Elsie's Room at First Methodist to help our clients select the items they need.

WAREHOUSE HELP

Volunteers manage the warehouse, make small repairs to furniture, keep the warehouse tidy and organized.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Help answer phones, complete paperwork and filing, manage the database and more.

FUNDRAISERS

Every non-profit needs dedicated volunteers to write grants and raise funds. HFP could help more people and create more jobs if we could raise more money. Join the team today!

HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS NEEDED:

- Beds – any size
- Sofas, Love seats, Sectionals, Sleepers, Living Room Chairs, Rockers
- Night Stands, End Tables and Coffee Tables, Lamps
- Book Shelves, Smaller Entertainment Centers
- Dressers, Desks,
- Kitchen/Dining Tables and Chairs

Small Household items: Dish Sets, Pots, Pans, Utensils, Cutlery, Baking Pans, Small Appliances, Bed Linens, Towels and Blankets.

We are **NOT** able to accept:

- Large Appliances
- Baby Furniture
- Large Rugs or Carpeting.
- Televisions
- Medical equipment

A FEW WORDS ABOUT DONATED FURNISHINGS...

To preserve the dignity of our clients, all items need to be in good usable condition. Sometimes our volunteers can make small repairs, but generally, we must reserve the right to refuse items in poor condition. With few exceptions, donations need to be suitable for immediate delivery and use by a family in need.



*Since 1969, providing Schenectady
County families with a way to give
-----and to receive.*

Go GREEN:

**Donate your gently-
used furniture.**

**We'll give it to a
family in need.**

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SOME FACTS ABOUT THE HOME FURNISHINGS PROGRAM (HFP)....

...HFP Involves over **50 congregations** and over **750 volunteers** each year.
...HFP Helps over **1500 individuals** from over **500 families** each year.
...HFP Accepts referrals from dozens of **human services agencies and from area clergy**. Due to limited staffing, we cannot accept self-referred clients and rely solely on case managers and clergy to accurately screen and refer people in need.
...HFP Relies on a working **Board of Directors** to oversee the total operations. Composed of volunteers from congregations and the community we meet monthly and serve on committees to carry forth the mission of Home Furnishings. Please let us know if you'd like to get involved. A member of our nominations committee will contact you and provide a Board-interest portfolio.

Due to ever-growing need in the community, unfortunately, we can't help everyone immediately. Therefore we prioritize our referrals by urgency of need:

- **Fire or other catastrophic events**
- **Domestic violence**
- **Hospital or nursing home discharge**
- **Immigration or refugees**
- **Other personal emergencies**

HERE'S HOW WE DO IT!

Congregations and civic organizations provide able-bodied **volunteers** for two or three hour shifts.

Our **part-time Program Coordinators** organize truck runs for volunteers to drive and staff our truck which is used for pick up and delivery of large items.

First United Methodist Church on State Street generously supports HFP with **office and storage space** at a reduced cost.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT comes from individual contributors, businesses, congregations, grants and from our annual White Elephant Sale of donated items which are not directly useful to our program.

MONEY and DONATED ITEMS are tax deductible:
NYS Registered Charities #047403.
IRS 501(c)(3) status

Monetary contributions are eligible for GE Matching Gifts, and Designated Gifts through SEFA and United Way.

PLEASE DONATE TODAY!



Niska Day 2009

Look for our truck in YOUR neighborhood—and call to schedule a pick-up.

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