Refugee Hygiene Baskets

Please make sure the following are completed.
If you are working with a group please share these instructions with your group.
Please do not drop off your hygiene basket without completing the steps outlined below.

Hygiene Baskets must be no larger than 20 quarts (recipient will have to take these items home on public transportation).

IN KIND DONATION VERIFICATION FORM

- For volunteers who want to claim their donation for tax purposes, an In-Kind Donation Verification form can be filled out upon delivery to our office:
  1600 Downing St. Denver, 80218 (6th Floor)
- Volunteer keeps the yellow carbon copy for their records and the white copy must be turned into LFS (this can be dropped off with the baby basket).

Completed hygiene baskets can be dropped off at our office located at 1600 Downing Street, Suite 600 with our Front Desk receptionist (6th floor). Do not leave your car unattended as they do tow! We are happy to come down to your vehicle and collect your baskets.

Hygiene baskets are given to newly arrived refugee families who are at our office meeting with LFS staff the day after they have arrived in Denver. We are unable to provide pictures or names of the families who receive your basket but know that we and these families deeply appreciate it!

Thank you for being a part of providing a warm welcome to newly arrived refugees. Through the generosity and the thoughtfulness of this gift you remind refugees that there are people in their new community who want them to feel welcomed.
The following is a list of items that can be included in the hygiene basket. Baskets do not need to contain all of the items on this list. Please understand that these are basic need items for a family as they are just beginning a new life in a new place. You can purchase items new, pick items up at a thrift store (*gently used*), or gather items from your own home that you no longer need. Please no ripped, stained, soiled or broken items. You can spend as little or as much as you want on a welcome basket, it’s up to you! Please do not include food items or any additional items that are not on this list. Thank you!

If you are including gift cards, please tape a note with the location and amount on gift card to the outside lid of the container. This ensures that we explain to the recipient how and where they can use the card.

- Travel Size Kleenex
- Gift Cards to Walmart, Target, Walgreens, CVS (*Places to buy hygiene products later*)
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Pads (Feminine Hygiene)
- Wipes
- Bar Soap (*no body wash please*)
- Hand Soap
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- *Welcome card

*NOTE: While we encourage you to feel free to share a personal welcome message/card, we are working with many people of many cultural and religious backgrounds who have faced many challenges to come to this country. Many have risked their lives for their beliefs, so we ask that any welcome cards refrain from religious or spiritual messages. Thank you in advance for your understanding!

Contact the LFS Volunteer and Community Relations Coordinator at **refugeevolunteer@lfsrm.org or 303.225.0199** to schedule a drop-off. *Due to limited storage space only completed baskets can be accepted. We appreciate your understanding!*