



Refugee Welcome 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 welcome basket without completing the steps outlined below.*

Welcome Baskets can be accepted in bins **no larger than 20 quarts, reusable shopping bags, small duffle bags, or small backpacks** (recipients will have to take these items home on public transportation).

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.

Thank you

Completed welcome 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.

Welcome 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!



The following is a list of items that can be included in the welcome 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.

- Gift Cards to Walmart, Target, King Soopers, Safeway, 711, Walgreens, H Mart, Payless Shoes
- Small sewing kit
- Plastic food storage container sets with lids (*Ziploc/Rubbermaid/Tupperware*)
- Silverware set
- Package of safety envelopes
- Booklet of stamps
- Calendar
- Folders
- Reusable shopping bags
- Flashlight with battery combo set
- AA batteries
- Small beginner toolset
- Hot pads for kitchen
- Large serving utensils (*large plastic spoons, wooden spoons, etc*)
- Tape
- Pens
- Notebooks
- Energy efficient light bulbs
- Power strip
- Plastic water bottles (*like the Nalgene's*)
- Lunch totes
- Drying mat for dishes
- Travel size kleenex
- Scrubbing pads for kitchen (*scotch bright*)
- Simple english children's books
- English flash cards
- Bar mop towels
- Booklet of bus passes
- *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!



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