

Volunteer at Home Guide



We know that **stable housing is the key to success in school, work, health, family and community life**. Without a place to live and belong, everything else in life becomes more complicated.

Join Greater Twin Cities United Way during Home For Good to provide our neighbors with welcome home bins filled with towels, kitchen utensils, cleaning supplies, hygiene necessities, blankets and more.

How to volunteer at home:

Grab your friends and family, head to the store and purchase supplies for home essentials packs, individual items or fleece tie blankets. Be sure to sign up at gtcuw.org/home-for-good to let us know what you plan to donate and where. See page 5 for drop-off information.

Home Essentials Packs

The following groups of household supplies will be added into each welcome home bin and provided to a family or individual transitioning from homelessness into housing.



Baking Pack

Place the following items into a 2-gallon Ziploc bag

- 1 set of measuring spoons
- 1 set of measuring cups
- 1 rubber spatula
- 1 mixing spoon
- 1 hot pad
- 1 oven mitt



Kitchen Utensil

Place the following items into a 2-gallon Ziploc bag

- 1 turner (spatula)
- 1 can opener
- 1 paring knife
- 1 vegetable peeler
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 tongs



Dishwashing Pack

Place the following items into a gallon Ziploc bag

- 3 sponges
- 2 kitchen towels
- 1 dish soap (10-16 ounce)
- 1 sink strainer



Dental Pack

Place the following items into a gallon Ziploc bag

- 4 toothbrushes (adult)
- 4 packages of floss
- 1 toothpaste (full-size)

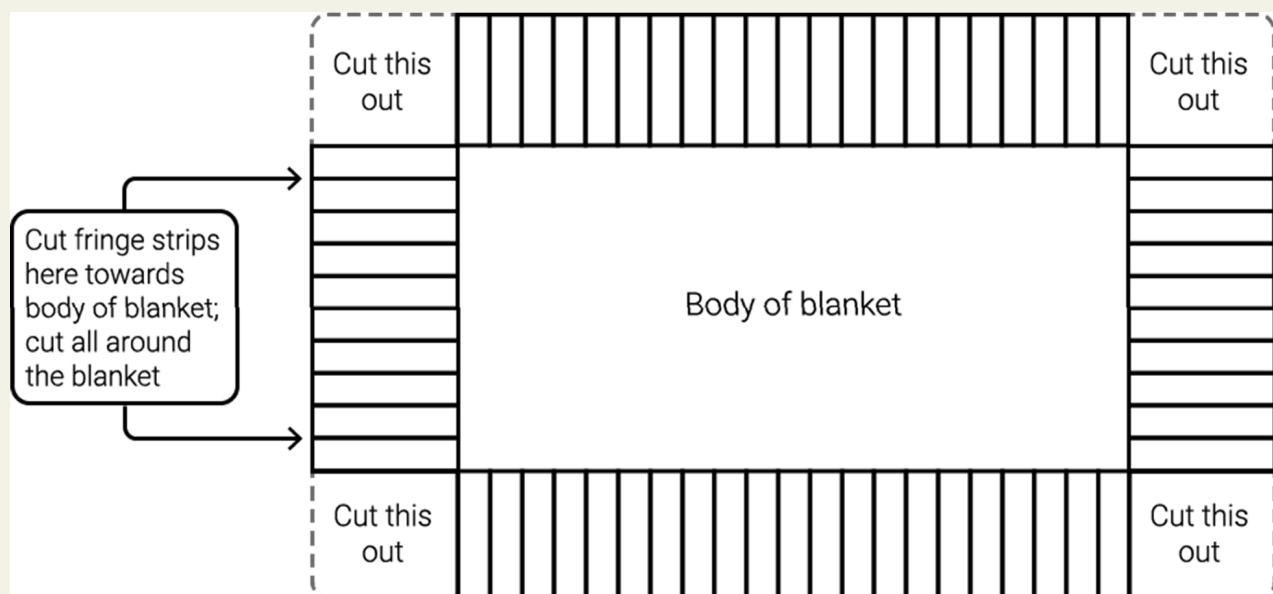
Fleece Tie Blankets

You'll need: 2 pieces of fleece (each piece of fabric should be 2 yards or 72" x 60", for a total of 4 yards), scissors, a ruler and cardboard, paper or a grocery bag (to create your template).

Note: When selecting fleece, please choose neutral colors and simple designs. You can find great options at Amazon & Joann Fabrics. If purchasing fleece on Amazon, search "fleece blanket kit." They offer bundles that contain two pieces of fabric. If purchasing fleece from Joann Fabrics, search "fleece." Choose two different pieces of fleece, each in a 2-yard cut.

Follow these steps to create your blanket:

1. Cut off the selvage edges on the fleece. The selvage is the machine-finished edge along two edges of the fabric.
2. Place the two pieces of fleece on top of each other so the edges line up. Trim the fabric to make them the same size, if necessary.
3. Create the templates. Using a piece of paper, cardboard or grocery bag and a ruler, make a 5" x 5" square and a 1" x 5" strip
4. Use the square templates to cut out 5" x 5" pieces of fleece in all four corners through both layers of fleece.
5. Make fringe strips by cutting approximately 1" strips 5" deep through both layers of fleece. Cut fringe strips around the entire blanket.
6. Tie a double knot using two strips of fleece – one on top and one on the bottom of each other. Tie knots all around the blanket. You are done!



Drop-Off Options

Open drop-off:

A designated collection box will be located inside the lobby at each of these locations until Friday, November 1. Items can be dropped off during open business hours. Please note that all Bremer Bank locations will be closed for a Federal Reserve Bank Holiday on Monday, October 14th.

- **Bremer Bank – Brooklyn Center:** 5540 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Center, MN 55429
- **Bremer Bank – Eagan:** 1995 RahnCliff Court, Eagan, MN 55122
- **Bremer Bank – Edina:** 6900 France Ave S, Edina, MN 55435
- **Bremer Bank – Lake Elmo (Service Center):** 8555 Eagle Point Blvd, Lake Elmo, MN 55042
- **Bremer Bank – Plymouth:** 3415 Vicksburg Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55447
- **Bremer Bank – Roseville:** 1715 County Road B2 West, Roseville, MN 55113
- **Bremer Bank – St. Louis Park:** 7924 Highway 7, Saint Louis Park, MN 55426
- **Bremer Bank – St. Paul:** 423 Snelling Ave N, St Paul, MN 55104

Scheduled drop-off:

If you aren't able to drop off your packs at a Bremer Bank location, select "Schedule a Drop-off at United Way" during signup, and a member of the volunteer team will reach out to coordinate a drop-off at Greater Twin Cities United Way's office: 404 S 8th St, Minneapolis, MN 55404.



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