

The Downsizing Donation Guide

A Resource for Residents of
New Haven County CT

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INTRODUCTION

The Downsizing Donation Guide's goal is to keep useful items being removed from people's homes as they downsize out of the waste stream and out of recycling bins. Its broader mission is to find a new life for these items with organizations that will use them.



As each of us makes our journey [cycles] through life, our needs and situations change. Along the way we acquire things to fill those needs, and if we are not careful to winnow down as we travel, these things accumulate. It is easy to end up with a lot of stuff.

What to do with it all? Taking it to the Goodwill or Salvation Army donation bin is an easy solution for many items. But what about eyeglasses, a bicycle, a hospital bed, a hand-crocheted afghan, a wheelbarrow, a kayak, an erector set, power tools, or a cello? If you want to give special things like these away, what are the options? Knowing that such items will find a new life should make parting with them easier.

The Downsizing Donation Guide was compiled to help residents of New Haven County remove useful, gently used items from their homes or businesses and donate them to places where they know they will be put to good use.

The first section of **The Downsizing Donation Guide** is an alphabetical listing of items that organizations have included on their wishlists, next to the page numbers for the entries of the organization(s) accepting them.

The second section is an alphabetical compilation of the 43 participating organizations. Each has its own page that includes a mission statement, a wishlist, and clear instructions for making donations. The links in this PDF are live. If you click on an underlined URL you will be taken to a web page. If you click on an email address you will generate an email. The live links allow you to learn about each organization's work in the community and exactly how your donation will be used.

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If you make a donation as a result of **The Downsizing Donation Guide**, please tell the organization how you heard about their needs so they can let me know. Please tell me as well: **downsizingdonationguide@piroet.com**. Comments are also welcome.

*"Great things are done by a series
of small things brought together."*

- Vincent Van Gogh

Please share the **The Downsizing Donation Guide** whenever you have the opportunity.

With sincere thanks.

Elaine Piraino-Holevoet

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ACES EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS (ACES ECA)

Mission

ECA's mission is to provide high school students with the experience of studying the fine arts with practicing professional artists, stimulating a life-long curiosity for learning and a passion for the arts. ECA is nestled in the heart of New Haven's Audubon Arts District and since 1973 has been a leader in fostering the education of emerging artists as they develop their unique voices. High school students from over twenty-five school districts attend ECA in the afternoon to study creative writing, dance, music, theatre and visual arts with professional artists.

More information is available at:

<https://www.aces.org/schools-programs/magnet-schools/educational-center-for-the-arts/>

Wishlist

- **Art Supplies** (gently used): **Oil and Acrylic Paints, Brushes, Canvas, Printmaking Tools, Woodworking Tools, Drawing Materials**
- **Large Drawing Paper**
- **SLR cameras**
- **iPads**
- **Flatfiles**

Before donating, please contact:

Johanna Bresnick, Visual Arts Dept. Chair

Email: **jbresnick@aces.org** or

Phone: **203-777-5451 x 14502**

ALL OUR KIN

Mission

All Our Kin trains, supports, and sustains community child care providers to ensure that children and families have the foundation they need to succeed in school and in life. Through our programs, child care professionals succeed as business owners; working parents find stable, high-quality care for their children; and children gain an educational foundation that lays the groundwork for achievement in school and beyond.

All Our Kin's Early Head Start (EHS) program provides free or low-cost, quality child care for eligible infants and toddlers in New Haven.

More information is available at:

<http://allourkin.org/early-head-start>

Wishlist

- **Cleaning and Laundry Supplies** for EHS families
- **Furniture** for EHS programs and families
- **Toiletries** for EHS families
- **Toys and Child-Appropriate Books for 0-4 year-olds** for EHS programs, EHS families, and All Our Kin office space
- **Winter Clothes and Boots** for children and adults (in season)

Before donating, please contact All Our Kin:

Phone: New Haven Office

(Nancy DeJesus): **203-772-2294**

Email: nancyd@allourkin.org

THE ANIMAL HAVEN

Mission

The Animal Haven's mission is to provide a temporary, safe, caring and humane refuge for homeless, adoptable cats and dogs and to subsequently place these animals in quality, adoptive and permanent homes. We advocate responsible pet ownership, follow a mandatory spay-neuter policy, prohibit euthanizing our animals, except when euthanasia is in the best interest of a sick or dying animals, advised to be necessary by a licensed veterinarian and/or required by law, and work in our community to fight animal cruelty through education. The Animal Haven enlists and promotes public involvement in the humane treatment of animals and the promotion of justice and compassion for animals. Since 1948, The Animal Haven has been celebrating the special friendship between people and their animal companions.

More information regarding The Animal Haven is available at: www.theanimalhavenct.org

Wishlist

- **Blankets, Sheets, and Towels** (clean)
- **Dog and Cat Food** (canned wet and dry)
- **Dog and Cat Toys**
- **Laundry Detergent**
- **Liquid Dishwashing Detergent**
- **Paper Towels**

To donate:

All donations can be dropped off at The Animal Haven, 89 Mill Road, North Haven, CT 06473 during our open hours:
Tuesday and Friday – Noon to 3 PM
Wednesday and Thursday – 4 PM to 7 PM
Saturday and Sunday – Noon to 4 PM

ARTS COUNCIL OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

Mission

We strive to advance Greater New Haven by providing leadership and support to our diverse arts community. We envision a thriving arts community at the heart of Greater New Haven. We believe that art, culture, and creativity are fundamental human rights.

From Fiscal Sponsorship to the Youth Arts Journalism Initiative, Free Membership to Make Music Day — we're working around the clock to build a strong, diverse, and united creative community in Greater New Haven.

More information is available at:

<https://www.newhavenarts.org/about>

Wishlist

- **All Kinds of Creative Supplies**

Are you searching for a new home for equipment or supplies not listed elsewhere in this guide? The Arts Council will circulate your request among its hundreds of individual and organization members.

Before donating, please contact Arts Council of Greater New Haven:

Winter Marshall

Email: [**Winter@NewHavenArts.org**](mailto:Winter@NewHavenArts.org) or

Phone: **203-772-2788**

ARTSPACE

Mission

Artspace is New Haven's leading contemporary art space, championing emerging artists through exhibitions, programs and the annual City-Wide Open Studios festival, Connecticut's largest forum for visual artists.

We were founded by artists 30 years ago. Our mission is to connect artists, audiences and resources, to catalyze artistic activity, and to redefine where art can happen.

More information is available at:

<https://artspacenehaven.org/>

Wishlist (things that might be kicking around a basement or garage)

- **Six Foot Ladder** to help artists hang their work
- **Film Stock** (unused and unwrapped) for old, 8 MM movie cameras (Tri-X)—for our youth apprenticeship to train our next gen movie makers.
- **A Moving Dolly** to help artists move in and out of their Open Studios alt spaces
- **Set of High Round Tables** for Artspace's gallery events
- **Working Power Tools** so volunteers can be more productive
- **Pickup Truck.** This will generate a good size tax deduction and help us move art and display materials.

To donate, please contact:

Helen Kauder, Executive Director

Email: **helen@artspacenh.org** or

Phone: **203-772-2709**

BEST VIDEO FILM AND CULTURAL CENTER (BVFCC)

Mission

Best Video, founded in 1985, features a DVD archive in excess of 30,000 titles, comprising a wealth of classic, foreign, independent, cult, contemporary and children's titles. In November 2015, after 30 years in business, owner Hank Paper sold the assets of the store to the recently formed nonprofit Best Video Film and Cultural Center (BVFCC).

BVFCC's mission is to maintain and augment the exceptional and deep archive of movies created by Hank Paper as a resource for the local community of academics, educators and film aficionados. BVFCC hosts an expansive calendar of film and music events in the Performance Space. BVFCC's Café is an adjunct to event programming and a vibrant meeting place for members of the local community. In addition, BVFCC plans to partner with local teachers to develop a curriculum based on the power of movies as a communication medium.

More information is available at:

<https://www.bestvideo.com/>

Wishlist

- **DVDs and Music CDs — All Genres** (in like new to very good condition with original cases and artwork). All CDS and most DVDs will be sold to raise funds to support BVFCC programming and general operations.

To donate, or to ask a question, please contact:

Richard Brown, Executive Director

Phone: **(203) 287-9286** or

Email: info@bestvideo.com

BRADLEY STREET BICYCLE CO-OP

Mission

The Bradley Street Bicycle Co-op is a community bike shop working towards an equitable New Haven by getting people on bikes. We are located in the East Rock neighborhood of New Haven and are a community space and a place to come work on your bike.

Bicycle Recycling Program: We want to get more people on bikes. In New Haven especially, there are many people who cannot afford a bike. We partner with organizations like IRIS, CMHC, and others to get these people on bikes. Through the generosity of individuals, organizations, shops, and institutions throughout the region, we get bikes donated to us and we repair them through the hard work of our volunteers and staff so that they are safe and ready for another life.

More information is available at:

<http://bsbc.co/>

Wishlist

- **ANY AND ALL ADULT BIKES, PARTS, AND ACCESSORIES that have been abandoned, are sitting in your garage, or aren't being used anymore**

To donate:

Please drop off all bikes, parts, and accessories at the Co-Op, located at 138 Bradley Street, New Haven, during Open Hours (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4 to 7 PM).

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.

Mission

Christian Community Action, Inc. (CCA) is an ecumenical social service organization that expresses faithful witness by providing help, housing, and hope to those who are poor in New Haven. We provide emergency housing, food, and support services, including case management, job search assistance programs, family counseling, and workshops to families that are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

More information is available at: <https://ccahelping.org>

Wishlist

- **Furniture: Couches, Tables, Chairs** (small to medium-sized for our shelter units). **NO Glass.**
- **Lamps** (table or floor) for our shelter units
- **Pots and Pans; Small Kitchen Appliances: Coffee Makers, Toasters, Microwaves** (in excellent condition) for our shelter units
- **Clean Seasonal Clothing, Bedding, and Towels; Dishware; New Toiletries** for our emergency services
- **Non-Perishable Food Items** for our food pantry
- **Diapers of All Sizes** for our diaper bank

Before donating furniture or making a large delivery, please contact CCA:

Phone: **203-777-7848** or

Email: cca@ccahelping.org

Unfortunately, we do not have the ability to do furniture pickups at this time.

Small donations of food, diapers, clothing, appliances, and cookware are accepted Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM at our main office at 168 Davenport Ave, New Haven. We cannot accept donations on weekends or after business hours.

COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

Mission

To provide free, nutritious meals on a regular basis in the downtown New Haven community for the benefit of the poor and underprivileged.

To enhance the dignity and sense of worth to all those who come to the kitchen.

Since we opened our doors in 1977 the Community Soup Kitchen has provided over 2.1 million meals to our neighbors in the New Haven area. We now serve over 74,000 meals annually across five locations.

More information is available at:

<https://www.csknewhaven.org/>

Wishlist

- **Laundry Detergent, Bleach, and All-Purpose Cleaner** for maintaining our kitchen and dining room
- **Coffee and Tea** to serve our guests
- **Non-Perishable Food Items** for our guests to take home with them

An updated list of our current needs is available at:

[csknewhaven.org/donate](https://www.csknewhaven.org/donate)

To donate:

Donations can be dropped off at 84 Broadway in New Haven, Monday-Friday 8 AM to 2:30 PM and Saturday 8 AM to 11 AM.

Please contact us with any questions by:

Phone: (203) 624-4594 or
via our website at [csknewhaven.org/contact](https://www.csknewhaven.org/contact)

CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP

Mission

Creative Arts Workshop is a nonprofit regional center for the visual arts that has served the Greater New Haven area since 1961. Located in the heart of the award-winning Audubon Arts District, CAW offers a wide range of visual arts classes in its own three-story building with fully-equipped studios and an active exhibition schedule in its well-known Hilles Gallery. More than 1,700 adults and young people enroll annually in the over 300 courses offered by Creative Arts Workshop, while thousands of visitors enjoy the exhibitions in both galleries throughout the year.

More info is available at:

www.creativeartsworkshop.org

Wishlist

Creative Arts often needs office supplies, occasionally needs office equipment, and specific supplies for its eight studios. Helping us secure these supplies and needed items helps us do what we do best—offer classes and workshops to encourage and develop creativity.

For a list of current needs, please go to:

<http://creativeartsworkshop.org/wish-list>

To donate:

Should you find a match between our wishlist and items you have to donate, please write to us at:

wishlist@creativeartsworkshop.org

Please do not drop off items without contacting us first. We have very limited storage space. Thank you.

DOWNTOWN EVENING SOUP KITCHEN

Mission

“To serve people experiencing homelessness or living in poverty by providing food assistance and services that promote health, community, and equity.” DESK looks forward to the day in which people come to us not because they have to, but because they want to.

Located at 311 Temple Street, DESK serves a nightly meal five nights per week and partners with Yale Community Kitchen and others to help ensure that there is place to eat in New Haven 365 days-per-year. DESK also offers a weekly food pantry, provides groceries to low-income households with school-age children during the summer, and serves a weekly lunch for low-income seniors at the East Shore Senior Center.

More information is available at: www.deskct.org

Wishlist

- **Food** (low sugar and low sodium): Canned fruit, vegetables, soups, fish (tuna & salmon), and beans; rice; cereal; pasta; and cat and dog food
- **Toiletries**: Bar soap, shampoo + conditioner, shaving cream, razors (disposable), deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, and feminine hygiene products
- **Winter Gear** (only in season, please): Coats, boots, warm socks (new only), sweatshirts and sweaters, warm long-sleeve shirts, blankets, scarves, hats, mittens, and gloves
- **Tablecloths**
- **Office Supplies** (see our Amazon Wishlist at www.deskct.org)

Donation Drop-off Hours:

Sunday-Thursday, 1 to 4 PM, or by appointment:
info@deskct.org or **203-624-6426**

ECOWORKS CREATIVE REUSE CENTER

Mission

To promote resource conservation, creativity, education and community engagement through material reuse, art, waste reduction, recycling, composting and zero waste strategies.

We are a thrift store for arts & crafts supplies. We save thousands of pounds of usable materials from incineration and landfills every year. We provide classes in basic and advanced techniques for all age groups, teacher training, and rent-time using our tools in the "Crafteria" maker space. We also offer a consignment shop for makers who use recycled materials.

More information is available at: www.ecoworksct.org

Wishlist

- **Architectural scrap:** Laminate samples, Corian samples, thin metal sheets, tiles (multiple sizes), wood scraps, industrial foam
- **Art:** Paints of all kinds, frames, canvases, stretcher strips, brushes, markers, crayons
- **Jewelry:** Charms, stringing mediums, chains, closures, wire
- **Paper (specialty):** Maps, technical drawings, old blueprints, calendars, cardboard tubes
- **Old Games, Cards, Puzzles**
- **Science Lab Supplies and Equipment**
- **Scrapbooking Materials:** Acrylic stamps, stencils, paper, cutting dies
- **Sewing and Needlework:** Fabric, leather scraps, yarn, buttons, sewing notions (thread, zippers, seam binding, needles etc.)

Before donating:

Please call: **203-498-0710** or

Email: tricia.maloney@ecoworksct.org

ELI WHITNEY MUSEUM

Mission

The Museum is an experimental learning workshop. It collects and exhibits, not objects, but the ways in which objects are made and the ways through which objects educate. We design projects to enrich the depth and scope of hands on learning. We focus on skills, materials and experience that complement the work of conventional classrooms. Invention draws no lines between math, science, literacy, art, history and geography.

A central goal of our programs is to promote pluralism in learning. We support rigorous academic achievement. But we argue that workshop learning and workplace learning identify genius that classrooms may not reward. We identify and support students who express themselves most eloquently, not with words, but with their hands. The goal is apparent in the work of students who master our smallest projects and in the work of the 85 young apprentices who share in the design, production and teaching of those projects.

Read more at: <https://www.eliwhitney.org/>

Wishlist

The Museum collects the learning toys produced by the A. C. Gilbert Company in New Haven.

- **Erector Sets or random Erector Parts**
(We sort them for reuse.)
- **Gilbert American Flyer Trains: Locomotives, Rolling Stock, and Accessories**
- **Other Gilbert Toys**

To donate, please contact:

Bill Brown, wb@eliwhitney.org or
203-777-1833

FELLOWSHIP PLACE

Mission

Fellowship Place's mission is to serve adults living with severe mental illness by offering a full range of therapeutic support and rehabilitation services that promote independence, wellness, and a meaningful life.

Fellowship Place is a multipurpose center, open 365 days a year, where adults living with a serious mental illness may access a variety of support services in one location to improve their quality of life and general health. Such services are designed to help increase their stability, self-sufficiency, and level of independence, including supportive counseling and crisis intervention, help with basic needs, meals, socialization, skill-building groups, job training and job placement, expressive arts programs, computer classes, physical recreation, and more. The agency also provides supportive housing for 45 individuals who live in our apartment buildings located near the main campus.

More information available at:

<https://www.fellowshipplace.org>

Wishlist

- **Toiletries and Personal Hygiene Supplies** for the Fellowship Inn, Homeless Daytime Drop-in Center
- **Art Supplies** including canvases, paint, brushes, colored pencils, and a small easel for Fellowship Place's Expressive Arts Program
- **Office Supplies** including paper, pens, pencils, paper clips, tape, file folders

Before donating, please contact Fellowship Place:

Melissa Holroyd, Development Director

Phone: **203-401-4227 x1211**

Email: mholroyd@fellowshipplace.org

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL (OLD STONE) CHURCH OF EAST HAVEN

Old Stone Church Thrift Shop

Mission

For 35 years, the lower level of the church has housed the Thrift Shop, staffed by hardworking volunteers. We have an extensive display of quality clothing, household items, and knickknacks for sale. The shop is open on Saturdays from 10 AM to 3 PM and after Sunday worship. Our profits go to the General Fund of the Church and help Old Stone be a community outreach site.

We also share donations we cannot use with many community organizations. More information about Old Stone's programs and missions is available at: <https://www.oldstonechurchuceasthaven.org/>

Wishlist

- **Children's Clothing**
- **Men's and Women's Clothing** (boots, coats, jackets, pants, robes, shirts, shoes, sleepwear, socks, sweat suits, sweaters, tops)
- **Men's Items** (belts, sports coats, suits, ties, wallets)
- **Women's Items** (bras, dresses, pocketbooks, scarves)
- **Books**
- **Household items**
- **Jewelry**
- **Knickknacks**
- **Picture Frames**

To donate, please contact Old Stone Church:

Phone: **203-467-2907**

THE FIRST TEE OF CONNECTICUT

Mission

The First Tee of Connecticut is a youth development organization whose mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

Through programs at 20 outdoor locations, in 162 schools, and in partnership with local youth service agencies, we annually help shape the lives of nearly 70,000 young people from all walks of life by reinforcing values like integrity, respect, and perseverance through the game of golf.

More information is available at:

<https://www.thefirstteeconnecticut.org/>

Wishlist

- **Youth Golf Clubs**
- **Golf Balls**
- **Golf Bags**

To coordinate your donation, please contact:

Timothy Swensen, Partnership Coordinator

Phone: **860-882-1660** or

Email: tswensen@thefirstteect.org

FRIENDS OF THE WOODBRIDGE LIBRARY

Bookstore Alley

Mission

Contributions from the Friends of the Woodbridge Library provide the Library with books, programs, equipment, and professional training for staff that would otherwise not be funded. The Friends' support covers hundreds of activities for all ages from preschool story times to cooking demonstrations, movie nights, and statewide museum passes. In 2017, over 1,400 people attended programs sponsored by the Friends.

Membership in the Friends is open to all interested people, organizations, and businesses.

A signature achievement of the Friends is our Bookstore Alley, a wonderful, cheerful, busy, and well-organized used bookstore amply stocked with gently used books, sorted and cleaned by our volunteers. Bookstore Alley is located on the Mezzanine level of the Library and is open during all Library hours.

Wishlist

- **Books** (new and gently used)
- **DVDs**
- **CDs**
- **Jigsaw Puzzles**

Donation Guidelines:

We ask that donations be clean and in good condition. We cannot accept any item that is damp, has mold, or has damage from smoking as these conditions can spread through our collection. Donations can be dropped off near the front desk during library hours.

For further information or to ask a question:

Email: woodbridgectfriends@gmail.com

G.R.O.W.E.R.S., INC. @ GREENBRIER

Mission

G.R.O.W.E.R.S., Inc. @ Greenbrier offers a multi-path approach to providing horticultural education, employment opportunities and therapy for adults with developmental and physical disabilities.

Our vision is to provide a challenging, rewarding and therapeutic environment for people with developmental and physical disabilities creating a community based horticultural business niche.

More information is available at:

<http://growersinc.org/>

Wishlist (in good, working condition)

- **Clay Pots** (clean, unbroken)
- **Gardening Tools: Clippers, Gardening Forks, Pruners, Rakes, Shovels, Trowels**
- **Lawn/Gardening Equipment: Lawnmowers, Weed Whackers, Ear and Eye Protection, Gloves** for our landscaping crew
- **Rototiller** for our new community garden project
- **Folding Chairs, Folding Table** (8 ft), **Brooms, iPads, Laptops** for the greenhouse area where participants have lunch and hold meetings
- **Tent/Canopy** (20 ft x 30 ft) for events
- **Potting Soil** (bagged)

To donate, please contact G.R.O.W.E.R.S.:

Scott Hickman, Executive Director

Email: **shickman.growers@gmail.com** or

Phone: **203-605-2807**

GUILFORD INTERFAITH VOLUNTEERS

Charlie's Closet

Mission

Charlie's Closet is a medical equipment clearinghouse. Our mission is to take donations of used medical equipment, clean the equipment, check it for safety, and then provide the equipment to anyone requesting it.

The durable medical equipment that we provide ranges from canes, walkers, and commodes to wheel chairs and hospital beds. We often have soft goods available such as adult diapers and washable or disposable bed pads.

We provide equipment and accept donations from clients in communities up and down the shoreline.

More information is available at:

<http://givct.org/charlies-closet/>

Wishlist

- **Wheelchairs**
- **Rollators**
- **Hospital Beds**
- **Dressing Aides**
- **Bathroom Equipment**
- **Incontinence Supplies**
- **CPAPs**
- **Low Vision Aids**
- **Other Medical Equipment**
[\(http://givct.org/unusual-equipment/\)](http://givct.org/unusual-equipment/)

To donate:

Please call **203-453-8359** during Charlie's Closet office hours: 9 AM to Noon, Monday through Friday.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY of Greater New Haven ReSTORE

Mission

The ReStore is a donation-based retail store open to the general public. All proceeds from the ReStore benefit Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven, helping to fund the building of Habitat homes in New Haven County.

More information is available at:

<http://newhavencountyrestore.org/>

Wishlist

- **Appliances**
- **Building Supplies**
- **Cabinets**
- **Fixtures**
- **Furniture** (no mattresses, no children's)
- **Household Goods**
- **Tools**
- **Windows and Doors**

(Donation criteria here: <http://newhavencountyrestore.org/donate/donations-needed/>)

Before donating, please contact ReStore:

Email photos: Restore@habitatgnh.org

Phone: **203-774-7560**

The ReStore is located at 286 South Colony Road in Wallingford. Items that can be transported by the donor may be delivered directly to the ReStore. Please call ahead to arrange a drop-off time. To arrange local pickup of large items please call **203-800-5517**.

HOMEHAVEN

Mission

We help our members remain active, independent, and productive as they grow older in the comfort of their homes and communities. We provide social and educational activities, companionship, volunteer opportunities and services, and referrals to qualified professionals. We are a membership organization comprised of six “virtual” villages: Amity (covering Woodbridge, Orange, and Bethany); Downtown New Haven, East Rock, Hamden, North Haven, and Westville. Our vision is a community of independent seniors providing a supportive network of caring friends.

More information is available at:

<https://HomeHavenVillages.org>

Wishlist

- **Telephones: 3 Cordless Phones** (One with Voicemail Capability) **and Wireless Headsets**
- **Conference Table to Seat 12-14**
(approx. 8 to 10 ft. long)
- **Compact Conference Chairs** (12-14, matching)
- **Storage Shelves** (approx. 5 to 6 ft. wide x 1 ft. deep x 3 to 4 ft. high)

To donate, please contact HomeHaven:

Phone: **203-776-7378** or

Email: **info@homehavenvillages.org**

INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CARE GIVERS OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

Mae's Closet

Mission

Mae's Closet is a medical equipment clearinghouse. Our mission is to take donations of gently used medical equipment, clean the equipment, check it for safety, and then provide the equipment to anyone requesting it, regardless of income.

The durable medical equipment that we provide includes canes, walkers, wheelchairs, and bathroom/shower access equipment. We provide equipment and accept donations from clients in communities in the Greater New Haven area and beyond.

More information is available at:

<http://www.carenewhaven.org/maescloset.html>

Wishlist

- **Wheelchairs**
- **Transport Chairs**
- **Canes** (all types)
- **Walkers** (all types)
- **Commodes**
- **Shower Chairs**

To donate:

Please call **203-230-8994** during Mae's Closet's office hours, 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday, or Email: **maescloset@carenewhaven.org**.

IRIS (INTEGRATED REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT SERVICES)

Mission

IRIS's mission is to help refugees establish new lives, regain hope, and contribute to the vitality of Connecticut's communities.

IRIS empowers refugees—people who fled their home countries due to persecution and were invited by the federal government to resettle here—to become self-sufficient and integrated in their new communities.

For more information, please visit: irisct.org

Wishlist (items in excellent condition)

- **Kitchen Supplies:** Pots, pans, tea kettles, baking sheets, cutting boards, silverware, dish sets, sharp knives, cooking utensils, can openers
- **Linens** (new or clean/like-new): Sheet sets (twin and full), blankets, comforters, towels, tablecloths
- **Cleaning Supplies** (new): Brooms, mops, wastebaskets, garbage bags, cleaners
- **Personal Hygiene and Toiletry Items** (new)
- **Furniture:** Chests of drawers, kitchen tables and chairs, side/coffee tables, folding metal twin/full bed frames (**no mattresses, no pull-out couches**)
- **Miscellaneous:** Alarm clocks, box fans, cloth shopping bags, curtains, fire extinguishers, microwaves, notebooks and pens, rugs, strollers, umbrellas, vacuum cleaners (with bags), warm waterproof boots (all sizes), hats, gloves, and scarves (**no other clothing**)

Before donating, please contact IRIS:

Bethany Delahunt, Housing & Donations Coordinator
Email: Donations@irisct.org

LIBERTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mission

Liberty Community Services' mission is to end homelessness in Greater New Haven. We offer services to individuals experiencing homelessness who are living with HIV/AIDS, mental illness, and/or addiction. For over 30 years, Liberty has been working with other community partners, offering hope, promoting health, and getting people home.

More information is available at:

<http://www.libertycs.org>

Wishlist

- **Furniture: Beds, Dressers, Kitchen Table with Chairs, Lamps** (No Mattresses)
- **Kitchen Supplies: Pots, Pans, Dishes** (lightly used)
- **Cleaning and Laundry Supplies** (new)
- **Toiletries and Personal Hygiene Supplies** (new)

To donate, please contact Liberty Community Services:

Phone: **203-495-7600**

LOAVES AND FISHES

Mission

Loaves and Fishes shares God's love by providing food, clothing, and community to our neighbors in a safe and welcoming space.

Located in the undercroft of St. Paul and St. James, on the corner of Chapel and Olive Street in New Haven, Loaves and Fishes "offers a gathering place for our neighbors where they can find food, clothing, and community. On Saturday mornings we have anywhere between 250 and 350 of neighbors visit us.

More information is available at:

<http://loavesandfishesnh.com/>

Wishlist

- **ANY AND ALL CLOTHING that needs to find a good home**
- **Canned goods***
- **Toiletries***
- **Linens***
- **Towels***

To donate clothing: Donations are accepted Monday-Saturday from 7:30-10:30 AM. St. Paul and St. James is located on the corner of Chapel and Olive Street in New Haven. The driveway to drop off donations is located on Chapel Street. Pull around to the back of the church and there will be a red door at the bottom of a ramp that will be open.

***To donate other items:** Loaves and Fishes will accept donations of canned goods, toiletries, linens, and towels. If you are unsure about whether or not they will accept what you have to offer, please email:

info@loavesandfishesnh.com

MAKEHAVEN

Mission

MakeHaven is a community makerspace that educates and empowers people by facilitating independent interest-driven projects, hands-on experiences, and access to technology.

More information is available at:

<https://www.makehaven.org/>

Wishlist

- **Sturdy Work Tables**
- **Jewelry Making Equipment**
- **EZ Up Tent**
- **Supplies related to:**
 - **Sewing**
 - **Printmaking**
 - **Vinyl Cutting**
 - **Woodworking**
(full, usable sheets of wood/2 x 4s, etc.)
 - **Metalworking**
 - **Leatherworking**
 - **Stained Glass**
- **Cricut Maker**

Donation Guidelines:

We have limited storage space and must approve all donations. Please fill out this form:

<https://www.makehaven.org/item-donation-inquiry>.

Any questions can be directed to info@makehaven.org.

Thanks for thinking of MakeHaven!

THE MARY WADE HOME, INC.

Mission

The Mary Wade Home provides the highest quality medical and social programs and supervised residential services for those in need. We support a community of caring to promote individual abilities in our traditional, dignified, and comfortable campus as well as connecting with the broader community.

The Mary Wade Home affirms its services as an integral part of a community that offers a continuum of coordinated, innovative and high quality care and services in which compassion, human dignity, diversity and social responsibility are primary concerns.

More information is available at: www.marywade.org

Wishlist

- **Toiletries and Personal Hygiene Products:**
(toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes, combs, shampoos, shaving cream, disposable razors, deodorant, bar soap)
- **Throws, Afghans, and Quilts**
- **Wheelchairs and Walkers**

To donate, please contact The Mary Wade Home:

Phone: **203-672-7812**

Donation Drop-Off Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM

MUSIC HAVEN

Mission

Music Haven empowers and connects young people through exceptional tuition-free music education, mentoring, and performance by our resident musicians in the heart of New Haven, giving all kids a chance to play.

At Music Haven, young musicians study with and are mentored by members of our resident ensemble, the Haven String Quartet, or one of our other full-time conservatory-trained professional resident musicians, from when they are in first, second, or third grade until they graduate from high school. At the heart of our model is the relationship between teacher and student, and the relationships between the young musicians, themselves—they learn not only from the members of the string quartet, but also from the foundations of chamber music: listening to each other, working as a team, communicating through music, and dedication and focus in service of creating something beautiful together. Through music, they build community, develop resilience and self-confidence, and experience collective struggle and success.

For more information, please visit: musichavenct.org

Wishlist

- **Violins**
- **Violas**
- **Cellos**

Before donating, please contact Music Haven:

Milda McClain, Director of Operations

Phone: **203-745-9030** or

Email: milda@musichavenct.org

MY SISTER'S PLACE Thrift Store & Donation Center

Mission

My Sister's Place (MSP) is a unique family thrift store and donation center supporting victims of domestic violence and their children. MSP is located in Ansonia, CT and offers a first-class retail and online shopping experience. All sales, both online and in the store, support BHcare's The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services (UCDVS). Each year UCDVS provides 24/7 counseling and support, safe shelter and so much more for over 6,000 victims and their children.

More information about MSP and UCDVS is available at: <https://supportumbrella.org/>

Wishlist (in good, salable condition)

- **Books**
- **Clothing for Children, Men, and Women, including Accessories, Outerwear, and Shoes**
- **Electronics** (flat screen TVs only please)
- **Furniture** (non-upholstered)
- **Household Goods and Housewares**
- **Jewelry**
- **Musical Instruments**
- **Sporting Goods**
- **Toys**

Donation Guidelines:

See: <https://supportumbrella.org/donations/>

Donations are accepted at the shop, located in Ansonia at 380 Main Street, Monday-Friday, 10 AM to 4 PM and Saturday, 9 AM to 4:30 PM. There is an after-hours donation bin at the rear of building. If you have any questions, please call **203-734-2960**.

NHS NEW HAVEN

Mission

Forty years into our journey, NHS New Haven remains a leader in the field of community development. We're empowering families and revitalizing New Haven via social, economic, and environmental health.

We envision a New Haven where all neighborhoods are vibrant and safe, and all residents are thriving in beautiful, dignified homes.

More info is available at:

www.nhsfnewhaven.org

Wishlist

- **Stain and Paint** (good quality)
- **Lawn Mower and Snow Blower** (working)
- **Garden Tools: Rakes, Shovels, Hoes**
- **Composting Buckets** (with lids)
- **File Cabinets** (locking, with keys)
- **Blackboards and Whiteboards** (large)
- **Bristle Blocks** (for holding business cards)
- **Wingback Chair**
- **Lamps**
- **Long Wooden Farm Table**
- **Porch Chairs** (two) **with Small Table**
- **Picnic Table**
- **Tablecloths**
- **Pickup Truck**

To donate, please contact NHS New Haven:

Rebekah Fraser

Director of Communications and Development

Phone: **203-562-0598 x 224**

NEW HAVEN DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND TREES

Mission

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for New Haven residents by creating an atmosphere of community through people, parks and programs. We are responsible for the stewardship of the Elm City's over 2,200 acres of parks and of its tree belt. Our department offers a wide variety of outdoor and indoor programming throughout the year.

More information is available at:

<https://www.newhavenct.gov/gov/depts/parks/default.htm>

Wishlist

- **Landscaping Tools and Equipment**
- **Garage Storage: Racks, Shelves, etc.**
- **Holiday Decorations**
- **Canoes, Kayaks, Mountain Bikes, Snowshoes, and Archery, Diving, and Rock Climbing Equipment** for our Outdoor Adventure Programs
- **Aquarium Tanks, Binoculars, and Fishing Gear** for our Ranger Programs
- **Arts and Craft Supplies** for our Seasonal Camp Programs
- **Sports Equipment** for our Sports and Recreation Programs

**Before donating, please call the office:
203-946-8027 or 203-946-8020**

NEW HAVEN FARMS

Mission

New Haven Farms is a nonprofit organization that promotes health and community development through urban agriculture. We transform vacant lots in under-resourced neighborhoods into productive farms sites, providing fresh organically grown produce and wellness education for low income families struggling with chronic diet related illnesses. Our seven farm sites have grown into active community spaces, catalyzing community level change and long term public health improvements across the city of New Haven.

More information is available at:

<https://www.newhavenfarms.org/>

Wishlist

- **Garden Tools/Equipment** (for adults and kids): Hoes, Metal Rakes, Wire Weeders, Pruners, Shearers, Hedge Trimmers; Gardening Gloves
- **Push Mower** (small, gas) & **Weed Whacker**
- **Folding Chairs and Tables** (4 ft and 6 ft)
- **Sturdy Pop-Up Tents** (10 ft by 10 ft)
- **Bike Trailer**
- **Sturdy Metal Shelves**
- **Heavy-Duty Garbage Cans** (30 gal., with lids)
- **Office Supplies:** 2-drawer Filing Cabinet; Large Sticky Note Wall Pads; Clipboards; Label Maker
- **Miscellaneous:** Burlap; Bungee Cords; Garbage Bags ("Contractor" 30-50 gal.); Paper Towels; Napkins; Toilet Tissue (unopened packs); Plates, Cups, and Cutlery (metal or plastic, esp. kid-sized)

To donate:

Email: info@newhavenfarms.org or

Phone: **203-977-6152**

NEW HAVEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mission

The New Haven Free Public Library (NHFPL) fosters lifelong learning, inspires curiosity, and builds community through shared access to resources, experiences, and opportunities for all.

Since its establishment in 1886, the New Haven Free Public Library has been a community pillar of learning, exploration and inspiration. It stands proud in declaring, "Everyone is welcome here." With its network of neighborhood libraries, 24/7 digital resources, and Readmobile crisscrossing the city; hundreds of personalized skill-building workshops; year-round free family-friendly programs; and a dedicated library staff, the New Haven Free Public Library enjoys a reputation as an innovative urban community hub in the city and around the state. The New Haven Free Public Library welcomes more than half a million guests through its doors annually; circulates over 350,000 books and e-resources; and offers 2,600 programs attended by 47,000 individuals. Access to free, high-speed broadband and Wi-Fi internet continues to tackle the city's digital divide, with more than 220,000 log-ins in FY2018.

Please visit our website for more information about our programs and services: www.nhfpl.org

Wishlist

- **Themed Cake Pans**
- **Legos**

Before donating, please contact:

Xia Feng, Public Services Administrator
for Young Minds & Family Learning
Phone: **203-946-2279** or
Email: xfeng@nhfpl.org

NEW HAVEN LAND TRUST

Mission

New Haven Land Trust engages people in stewardship and cultivation of the land for a healthier community and environment through:

Land Conservation: We restore and maintain 80 acres of publicly accessible open space at six nature preserves across New Haven.

Community Gardening: We manage 56 community vegetable gardens by providing technical assistance and supplies.

Environmental Education: We offer educational events and programs about the environment, nature, land, and gardening, as well as youth programming such as **Schooner Camp** for kids 6-14 and **Growing Entrepreneurs** for high-school students.

More information is available at:

<http://www.newhavenlandtrust.org>

Wishlist

- **Garden Tools** (wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, gloves, pruning tools, hoses & nozzles); **Irrigation Tape and Timers; Rain Barrels**
- **Lawnmower and Weed Whacker**
- **Laptops** (for the Growing Entrepreneurs)
- **Life Jackets and Water Shoes** (child-sized); **Sports Equipment; Craft Supplies; Board Games** (for our Schooner Campers)
- **Science Education Equipment and Binoculars**
- **Water Coolers/Water Bottles**
- **Organizational Office Supplies** (small filing cabinet, hanging folders, labels, USB drives)

To donate, please contact New Haven Land Trust:

Alex Shaheen, Office Manager

Phone: **203-562-6655** or

Email: **alex.shaheen@newhavenlandtrust.org**

NEW HAVEN LIONS CLUB

Recycle for Sight Program

Mission

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

The New Haven Lions Club, the second oldest club in New England, was formed in February 1922.

More information is available here:

http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/new_haven_ct/

For over fifty years Lions have been collecting used eyeglasses at drop-off locations in their communities. The Lions sort through the donations, pack them, and send them to one of several Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers where the eyeglasses are graded by prescription, repacked in Lions cases, and distributed to eyeglasses mission teams all over the world.

Wishlist

- **Good Quality Eyeglasses** (no sunglasses, no lenses without frames)

To donate:

Place your eyeglasses in the collection boxes found inside these New Haven locations:

- Carafano Opticians, 1215 Chapel St.
- Kennedy & Perkins Opticians, 80 Whitney Ave.
- My Eye Doctor, 1457 Whalley Ave.
- New Haven Free Public Library, 37 Harrison St.
- New Haven Ophthalmology Associates, 23 Beers St.
- Yale Eye Center, 40 Temple St.

NEW HAVEN READS

Mission

New Haven Reads, founded to 'share the joy and power of reading,' increases the literacy skills of children to empower their academic success by providing individually tailored one-on-one after-school tutoring, educational family support, and a community book bank, all at no cost to participants.

More information is available at:

<https://newhavenreads.org>

Wishlist

- **Books (New and Gently Used)**

Donation Guidelines:

New Haven Reads accepts donations at the Book Bank, located at 45 Bristol St., New Haven, during our open hours: Monday-Wednesday 1 PM to 7 PM, Thursday 1 PM to 6 PM, Friday Noon-6 PM, and Saturdays 10 AM-2 PM.* Please adhere to the following guidelines when making donations:

- Please pack all book donations flat (not upright).
- Any donations larger than five boxes must be scheduled ahead of time.
- We do not accept travel guides, encyclopedias, magazines, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, multiple copies of textbooks, or books in poor condition.
- We do not accept book donations when we are closed, except by appointment.

To schedule a donation or ask a question, please email **books@newhavenreads.org**.

*Please note that these are our school year hours, which are subject to frequent change for the summer session, school holidays, snow days, etc. It is always best to double check our website or call ahead.

NEW HAVEN URBAN RESOURCES INITIATIVE (URI)

Mission

URI is a university non-profit partnership with a mission to foster community-based land stewardship, promote environmental education, advance the practice of urban forestry, and provide Yale students with clinical learning opportunities.

URI's **Community Greenspace** program provides material supplies, technical advice, and hands-on training to support resident-driven community greening projects. Since 1995, Greenspace has completed more than 300 diverse urban restoration projects with an annual participation of nearly 1,000 New Haven residents.

URI's green jobs program **GreenSkills** employs high school students and adults with barriers to employment through the planting of street trees and the construction and maintenance of bioswales. URI has planted over 8,000 trees and constructed nearly 100 bioswales in New Haven.

Learn more and request your free street tree (New Haven properties only) at: uri.yale.edu

Wishlist

- **Working Shovels:** spades and flatheads
- **Working Rakes:** leaf and metal
- **Gardening Tools:** pruning shears and trowels
- **Leaf Bags and Trash Bags**
- **Sturdy Wheelbarrows**
- **Bike Trailer** (for hauling loads of tools and plants)
- **Folding Tables (6-8 ft)**
- **10 x 10 Pop-Up Tent**

Before donating, please contact URI:

Phone: **203-432-6189** or

Email: uri@yale.edu

NEW REACH

Mission

New Reach inspires independence for those affected by homelessness and poverty through a continuum of housing and support using the most innovative and progressive methods.

New Reach provides a full spectrum of housing services from emergency housing to eviction prevention for public housing residents to the development of affordable and supportive housing and everything in between. Each year New Reach serves thousands throughout Fairfield and New Haven counties.

New Reach's two emergency shelters, Martha's Place and Life Haven, are for women and women with children.

New Reach remains committed to ending the cycle of homelessness.

More information is available at:

<https://newreach.org>

Wishlist

- **Cleaning and Laundry Supplies**
for New Reach families
- **Toiletries and Personal Hygiene Supplies**
for New Reach families
- **Towels, Pillows, Sheets, Blankets**
for New Reach families
- **Furniture** for New Reach families

Before donating, please contact New Reach:

Mary Grande, Community Engagement Manager

Phone: **203-492-4866** or

Email: mgrande@newreach.org

SANCTUARY KITCHEN AT CITYSEED

Mission

Sanctuary Kitchen seeks to highlight the culinary skills of refugees and new immigrants in Connecticut in economically viable culinary pursuits, while promoting their traditions, cultures, and stories to improve understanding and appreciation throughout our community.

More information is available at:

www.sanctuarykitchen.org

Wishlist

- **Storage Containers** (5 gallon with locking tops)
- **Commercial sized Stock Pots and Rondo Pots**
- **Half sheet Baking Pans**
- **Double Boiler**
- **Multilayer Steam Pot** (extra large for dumplings)
- **Steel Mixing Bowls** (extra large)
- **Mini Food Prep/Chopper**
- **Half-Size Rectangle Cake Pans**
- **Muffin Pans** (regular and mini)
- **Kitchen Aid Mixer** (extra large, tilting head)
- **Hand Can Openers** (well working)
- **Knife Sharpener**
- **Bread Baskets**
- **Griddler**
- **Blender** (extra large capacity)
- **Walkie-Talkies**
- **Serving Platters** (large)

To donate, please contact:

Sumiya Khan, Kitchen Program Manager

Email: **sumiya@cityseed.org**

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME, INC.

Mission

Since 1988 we have provided permanent non-institutional home and family for children and young adults through adoption, foster care, guardianship and friendship. Medical and behavioral challenges are welcome as are sibling groups, homeless students, refugees, and international exchange students.

Wishlist

- **Canned Goods**
- **Laundry and Cleaning Supplies**
- **Paper Goods**
- **Recreational Equipment:
Basketballs, Pool Floaties, Yard Games**
- **Swimming Pool Chemicals** (chlorine type)
- **Toiletries**
- **Trash Bags** (13 & 30 gallon)
- **Yard and Leaf Bags**

To donate, please contact:

Marjorieeichler@gmail.com

YOUTH CONTINUUM STREET OUTREACH/ HOUSING PROGRAM

Mission

Youth Continuum’s mission is to prevent and addresses youth homelessness.

Youth Continuum is a community-based, not-for-profit agency serving youth ages 14 to 24, who are homeless or in state care — two groups often described as “disconnected” and who face great challenges in transitioning to successful adulthood. We are committed to helping them fulfill their abilities and improve their self-esteem through concrete academic and vocational successes and by developing long-term personal interests. Youth Continuum’s efforts result in a more educated, employable, and healthy youth population.

More information is available at:

<http://www.youthcontinuum.org/home.html>

Wishlist

- **Furniture: Beds, Dressers, Mattresses, TVs, etc.** (to furnish an apartment)
- **Towels, Pillows, Sheets, Blankets**
- **Kitchen Supplies**
- **Cleaning and Laundry Supplies**
- **Toiletries and Personal Hygiene Supplies**
- **Office Supplies**
- **Food**

To donate, please contact Youth Continuum:

Shainetta Jackson, MS,
Street Outreach Program Coordinator
Phone: **203-836-9813** or
Email: **sjackson@youthcontinuum.org**

WHERE THE LOVE IS ANIMAL RESCUE

Mission

Where The Love Is Animal Rescue is a non profit animal rescue group based in Hamden. We rescue, foster, and adopt out our dogs and cats to loving families. We began in 2011 and have saved over 600 animals!

We do not have a shelter of our own so we depend solely on volunteers and fosters. We are a group of crazy animal people who love animals of every age and breed.

More information is available at:

<https://www.wherethe love is.org/>

Wishlist (for Dogs and Cats)

- **Beds**
- **Crates**
- **Blankets, Sheets, and Towels** (clean)
- **Leashes**
- **Collars**
- **Toys**
- **Water and Food Bowls**
- **Cat and Dog Food**
- **Kitty Litter; Puppy Pads**
- **Cleaning Supplies**

To donate:

All donations can be dropped off at Hot Diggity Dog Grooming Parlor, 2676 Whitney Ave, Hamden CT 06518 Tuesday-Friday 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday 9 AM to 6 PM.

WHITNEYVILLE CULTURAL COMMONS

Mission

To preserve and enhance places of communal and historic value by providing public spaces, tools, and knowledge as shared resources to support a thriving community—socially, culturally, and economically.

We envision a future where every community has valuable resources preserved for perpetual public use, with just and equitable access to enhance the quality of life for all.

More info is available at:

www.whitneyvilleculturalcommons.org

Wishlist

- **Sound Equipment** (professional, working): Amps, speakers, equalizers, microphones, xlr & ¼" cables, mic stands, DI boxes, mixers
- **Musical Instruments and Music Stands**
- **Theater Equipment:** Lights and boards, DXM cabling, stage curtains, pipes, projection screens
- **Wooden or Plastic Topped Tables** (with folding legs, any size rectangular/5' diameter round)
- **Stacking/Folding Chairs** (matching, 6 minimum)
- **Event Linens** (tablecloths, chair covers, chair sashes, table runners, napkins, etc.)
- **Laptop Computers, Flat Screen LED/LCD TVs and Monitors, LCD Projectors, Digital Presentation equipment** (working)
- **Office Supplies** (especially printer paper)
- **Power Tools & Accessories** (esp. Ryobi one+)
- **Pickup Truck** (preferably with a plow attachment)
- **Commercial Landscaping Tools:** Large riding lawnmower, large snow blower, riding plow

To donate: Please fill out the WCC's Item Donation Form at: **donateitems.whitneyville.cc**

