



Ongoing Operations at Esperanza En Escalante (AKA Wishlists as of 3/24/2021)

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****Instead of looking at a long list of donations needed, take a look at specific projects/operations.****

Non-Mission-Specific Needs – Good condition, working gas stoves; Good condition, working gas dryers; Boxes of disposable gloves size M, L & XL; shower curtains and rings; wallets.

Operation Barbecue – Newly launched mission. Summer is coming and many of our residences have grills. Grilling outside keeps some of the heat out of the kitchen and feels like home. We could use barbecue tools and Shell Gift Cards with which to purchase propane.

Operation Key Chain – Ongoing mission to give a little heft and substance to the keys we hand over to our residents. We used to hand over the keys with paper tags indicating the room numbers. If you have ever tried to keep a key in your pocket that just has a paper tag, you know the struggle. This is a great opportunity to clear some of those key chains out of your junk drawers.

Operation Mess Hall – Ongoing mission. There can be more to a meal than sticking a spoon in a pop top can. Immediate needs include coffee filters, strainers/colanders, pots and pans, and pots capable of a hearty batch of spaghetti. We can always use can openers, forks, knives, spoons, silverware organizers, plates, bowls, glasses, spatulas, cooking spoons, tongs, potato peelers, pot holders, and kitchen towels. Kitchen appliances like crockpots and coffee makers are handy.

Operation Move In – When our residents arrive, many have little more than a couple bags of clothes to their name. We make the bed in their room and have towels folded on their bed. A tv and a recliner are present to welcome them home. Things we need include flat screen tvs, recliners, and beds (twin & full sized). The beds need mattress covers (the kind that encases the whole mattress), new or good condition sheets, pillowcases, and blankets. Bed pillows must be NEW. Good condition or new hand towels, bath towels and washcloths are always needed.

Operation Salt & Pepper – Ongoing mission to provide seasoning to our veteran's tables. Donations of clean, good condition or new salt and pepper shakers are welcome. Yes, they can be from the dollar store; we're not fancy by any means. We're currently well stocked for salt & pepper.

Operation Smells Like a Rose – Ongoing hygiene mission. We have a high need for shaving cream and squirt type bottles to divide up the gallons of shampoo that were donated. Our need for deodorant and nail trimmers is moderate. The paperwork never ends; toilet paper is always useful. We are overstocked with razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, hair spray, combs, brushes, sunscreen, and foot powder at this time.

Operation Swab the Deck – Ongoing mission. As part of transitioning to permanent housing, our residents are responsible for the cleanliness of their rooms and houses. We are in need of toilet bowl cleaner and brushes, mops, brooms; dollar store quality is fine. Cleaning/scouring sponges and dish rags are always handy. Bleach should be in manageable sized containers (quart or half gallons). Bleach spray, cleanser, dish soap, floor cleaner, Lime-away, and paper towels are always in high demand. Also useful are kitchen garbage bags and kitchen sized trash cans.

Company Clerk's Needs – We have to keep records on everyone, sometimes in triplicate. File Folders, paperclips, post-it notes, copier paper, accordion files, highlighters, and pens are the most needed items. Oh, a good working 3-hole punch has been requested; ours is devouring the paper.