

Essentials for Newcomers

Settling in a new community is challenging for all newcomers. It is especially difficult for recent refugee and asylum-seeking newcomers to Montgomery County from Latin America. Most, if not all, arrive with very few personal belongings and are in urgent need of the basics. So, we are reaching out to you and a small group of friends of Identity with a list of desperately needed items that are not currently available from fellow nonprofits as they are currently overwhelmed.

Since October 2021, we have worked with about 1200 newcomers in more than 200 families, many of them arriving with little more than the clothes on their back.



NEW ITEMS ONLY	
Winter jackets for children	XS, S, M, L, XL
Winter jackets for toddlers	12-18 m, 18-24 m, T3, T4, T5
Gloves	All child sizes
Mittens	Toddlers
Hats	Kid and toddler
Scarves	Kid and toddler
Socks	12-24 m, T3, T5, 5-7 years, 7-10 years, 10-13
Girl and boy underwear	2, 3, 4, 5, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16
Pillows	
NEW OR CLEAN AND VERY GENTLY USED ITEMS	
Blankets	Twin and Queen
OTHER	
Walmart Gift Cards	Denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100

All items should be shipped to Identity, 415 E. Diamond Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

We will be accepting donations through December 23rd. And again, from January 3rd – 14th. **We will not be accepting packages by delivery or in person between December 24th- January 1st as the location will be closed.**

If you make a purchase through Amazon, please consider going through Amazon Smile and designating Identity (in Gaithersburg MD) as your charity of choice.

Of course, we would really like to acknowledge your gift. So, please either leave a note with contact information with your donation, or email development@identity-youth.org with a simple description of your donation, whether delivered by you or through an online purchase.

In pursuit of a just, equitable and inclusive society, Identity creates opportunities for Latino and other historically underserved youth to realize their highest potential and thrive.

Like an extended family, we teach and model for young people, ages 7-25, the social-emotional, academic and workforce skills they need to thrive in the modern world. All programs and services are provided after school, in the community and on playing fields and are complimented by family case management, mental health and substance abuse counseling, non-clinical emotional support, and recreation. We also work to empower parents to engage in their child's education and be a champion for their success and the success of the community.

Like family, we celebrate their victories and offer help when something extra is needed.

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