How you can help Afghan evacuees arriving in Philadelphia

Material goods are not being collected right now at the Philadelphia locations where people from Afghanistan are arriving.

The best way to support individuals and families is through monetary donations to vetted groups who are providing immediate long-term relief.

The City's Office of Immigrant Affairs is working with the Nationalities Services Center (nscphila.org) and HIAS Pennsylvania (https://hiaspa.org/afghanistanhaiti/) which have donation pages on their websites.

If you wish to donate material goods, the U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Strike Team (https://www.facebook.com/USCGAtlanticStrikeTeam/) has created a list of good and materials that can be dropped off or mailed to:

US Coast Guard Atlantic Strike Team
ATTN: CPOA
5614 Doughboy Loop
Fort Dix, NJ 08640

- Diaper Cream
- Baby clothes for all baby ages and baby logistics: diapers, wipes, bottles, baby food (no glass jars and no meat) spoons and new pacifiers
- Towels
- MEN'S CLOTHING-IMMEDIATE NEED* (no shorts or tank tops)
- Women's clothing (mostly long sleeve but modest short sleeve is acceptable, no shorts, dresses or tank tops)
- Children's clothes (long sleeves and pants)
- Feminine hygiene product
- Newborn hats and socks
- New modest underwear for adults and kids
- New socks for adults and kids
- Hats for all ages (cold weather and warm)
- Blankets (clean or new)
- Shoes (new or clean with very little wear)
- Toys (not battery operated)
- Balls
- Stuffed animals

For more information about how to help, please see the City of Philadelphia's blog post: https://www.phila.gov/2021-08-27-how-you-can-help-afghan-refugees-arriving-in-philadelphia/