

Dear Community Members,

Over seven hundred people return to the city of Durham from state prison every year. Many struggle to find work, homes, and even basic items necessary to start their lives anew. That's why the City of Durham and the Local Reentry Council are asking for your help to sponsor a Welcome Home care package for our returning residents.

This package includes the following items:

- A Welcome Home letter from the mayor
- A list of community resources
- A regional bus pass
- Groceries (detailed list below)
- Toiletries (detailed list below)
- A cell phone and 1 month of minutes (Provided by City / Sponsoring Agencies - DO NOT PURCHASE)
- A \$25 gift card to Walmart (for personal necessities such as underwear and socks) RCND will provide - DON'T BUY
- Up to 20 hours of peer support (Provided by City / Sponsoring Agencies)

Welcome Home  
Program  
provides

A list of needed items, packing, and drop-off instructions are included below. Please consider sponsoring one (or several!) Welcome Home care packages.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support!

Sincerely,

*The City of Durham innovation team*

For more information, contact **Drew Doll @ 919.228.0997 or drewcdoll@gmail.com**

### **WELCOME HOME BOX CHECKLIST** You can get the box at Walmart, Staples, etc.

#### **Toiletries**

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Suave 3 in 1 shampoo, conditioner & body wash
- Arm and Hammer deodorant
- Small packet of wet wipes
- 8 oz lotion (shea butter or cocoa butter)
- Razor
- Shaving cream
- Finger nail file and clipper kit
- Small package of q-tips (100 count)
- Travel size hand sanitizer
- Band-aids
- 16 fluid ounce alcohol
- 16 fluid ounce peroxide
- 16 ounce container of mouthwash
- maxi-pads (optional)

#### **Food**

- Ritz crackers
- Creamy peanut butter
- Grape/strawberry jelly  
(squeezable containers preferred)
- Box of instant oatmeal
- Box of instant grits
- 2 cans of soup
- 2 cans of fruit
- 2 cans of vegetables  
(especially Margaret Homes pre-seasoned products)
- 2 cans/pouches of tuna, chicken or salmon

We know that hand-sanitizer, alcohol, and peroxide can be hard to find. Don't worry if you cannot locate them.

## **DROP-OFF INSTRUCTIONS**

Boxes can be dropped off to:

Contact Drew Doll @ 919.228.0997 or [drewcdoll@gmail.com](mailto:drewcdoll@gmail.com) to arrange pick-up. We prefer to pick up Monday and Friday late morning, since this allows us access to the storage location.

Drop-off hours:

Once you arrive:

## PACKING AND LABELING INSTRUCTIONS

Below you will find a step-by-step "how to" of the Welcome Home Box process with photos that complement each step.

## Materials

The box: 14" x 14" x 14"

Items inside: toiletries and food



## Packing the box

Goals for packing:

- Tape the bottom of the box well with packing tape.
- Make sure box is stable and items don't shift around.
- Separate items so that smells don't permeate food.

## Labeling the box

There are a total of 6 labels. Each label is printed on letter-sized paper and comes with instructions on where to cut. Glue sticks work well to adhere the labels.

1. Outside, top panel ("The City of Durham")



2. Outside, bottom panel (skyline)



4. Inside, bottom panel ("home")



3. Inside, top panel ("welcomes you")



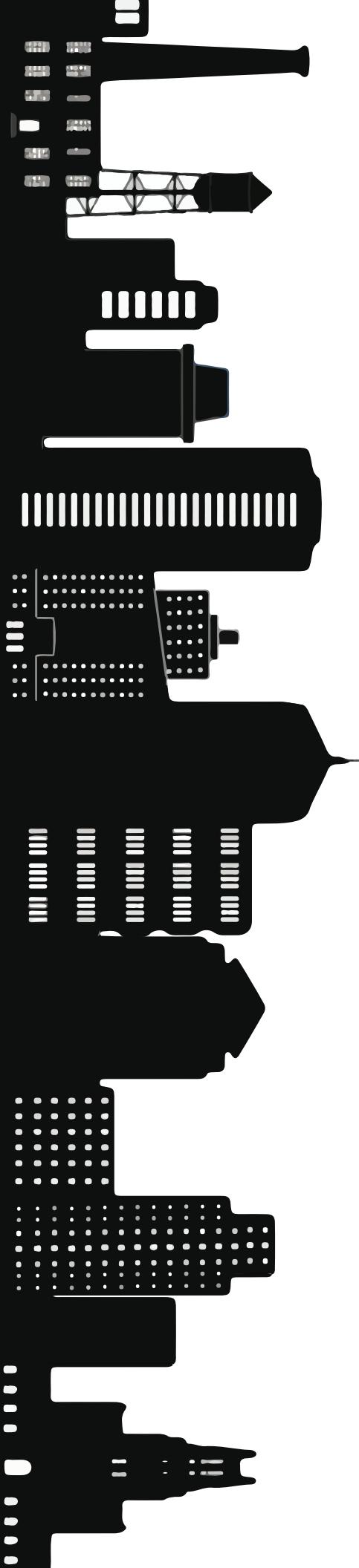
5. Inside, side panels (quotes)



# The City of London

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Cut and paste to box  
Outside-top flap



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Outside-bottom flap

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Inside-top flap

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Inside-bottom flap



Never be a  
prisoner of  
your past.  
*It was just a  
lesson, not a  
life sentence.*

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Trim line

Cut and paste to box  
Inside side flap (1)

Two men look out  
the same prison bars;  
one sees the mud,  
*the other sees stars.*

Yesterday is gone.

*Tomorrow has not yet come.*

We have only today.

*Let us begin.*

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Trim line

Cut and paste to box  
Inside side flap (2)

I'm **stronger** because  
I had to be, **smarter**  
because of my  
mistakes, **happier**  
because of the  
sadness I've known,  
and now **wiser**  
because I learned.