

Lenten Mission – House to Home Project

Dear Parents,

This Lent St. Giles School & Religious Education and Ascension Religious Education are coming together to support a local nonprofit, Housing Forward (www.housingforward.org) in the creation of “House to Home Kits”. The concept is simple: donations from families will be used to purchase household items, from cleaning supplies to small appliances. Housing Forward then identifies a client who is ready to transition from homelessness to housing stability. On move-in day, the client is presented with a “House to Home Kit” filled with the items purchased by our families along with house-warming cards written by our students.

Because storage of household items is an issue for Housing Forward, we will be collecting monetary donations that will be used to purchase what is needed for a family. Here are some sample items for a House-Home Kit.

Television = \$300
Microwave Oven = \$150
Vacuum = \$100
Bedding = \$75
Bathroom Towels = \$40
Can Opener = \$20
Shower Curtain = \$15
Broom/Dustpan = \$15
Paper Towels = \$15
Tissues = \$10
Bar Soap = \$10
Dish Soap = \$5
Sponges = \$5
Toothpaste = \$5

One House-Home Kit costs about \$1200. **Our goal is to raise enough funds to purchase TEN Kits or \$12,000!** We will be sending a weekly update on the progress of the Lenten Project.

Because this is a joint effort for a single mission, one Give Central account has been created for all the donations. To donate, click on [Ascension/St. Giles Lenten Mission - House to Home Kits \(givecentral.org\)](http://givecentral.org) indicate the amount of your donation, add to basket and check-out.

If you would like to write a check, make the check out to ‘Ascension Parish’ and write ‘house to home’ in the memo line. Envelopes are available in both churches, parish offices, and St. Giles School.

Additionally, to help the children understand the connection of social justice to their faith, families will receive information on Catholic Social Teaching principles. You may want to talk to your children about this.

If you have questions, let us know. Thank you for your cooperation in this important way to live out our Catholic faith.

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