

# Donations Guide



## Money Donations

Cash donations are always welcome and very much appreciated.

## Gift Cards

Gift cards are a great alternative to cash donations and are used to support our programs. Large local retailers (such as Walmart, Future Shop, large chain grocery stores) are all good options.

**For items other than cash donations or gift cards, please call in advance of delivery.**

## Food

Donations of non-perishable, not expired food are welcome.

## "Leftovers"

If you have event or banquet "leftovers", please contact FTP prior to dropping them off as our clients may not be able to consume the food immediately. As a good community partner, we will make sure to pass on any food that we do receive to another organization with similar needs.

## Toiletries

Open toiletry items cannot be accepted. Please also check that the items do not have an expiry date. Items such as toothpaste and most all natural skincare products do expire.

## Used and New Furniture

The agency is unable to accept donated furniture. We can, however, post the information about your items internally for our shelter and counselling clients, and they can contact you directly if they are interested. Contact us for more details.

## Cell phones

We are currently only receiving cell phones from Bell. If you have a functioning cell phone that is a relatively current model, please drop it off at the Bell store in Orangeville and ask them to direct it to us.

## Clothing

Due to limited storage space, Family Transition Place is unable to accept used clothing donations at the shelter. However, we are pleased to announce partnerships with a number of local clothing consignment stores. The following stores will accept quality used clothing and sell it on FTP's behalf:

**As We Grow** – 113 Broadway, Orangeville. Please request that the proceeds from the sale be designated to FTP account #3763. (adult and children's clothing)

**Chez Nous Thrift Boutique** – 70 Broadway, Orangeville. (adult clothing only)

**Bearly Worn** – 74 Broadway, Orangeville. (children's clothing only)

**Kinsmen Club of Bolton** – 35 Chapel St, Bolton. (adult and children's clothing)

These community minded participating businesses issue "vouchers" to clients of FTP, which can then be redeemed for clothing for themselves or their children. Making good use of these partnerships is an excellent way to support women and children in need and make sure that good used clothing does not go to a landfill.

## Toys

Due to potential health issues (allergens, hygienic reasons) we do not accept stuffed or used toys. We are also unable to accept toys depicting violence such as toy guns or other weaponry.

## Transportation of Items

FTP does not have an agency vehicle. Arrangements will have to be made by you to have items dropped off either at our location, or other agreed upon locations.

**AN IMPORTANT NOTE ON BEDBUGS:** Family Transition Place provides housing for up to 12 women and their children at one time. An outbreak of bedbugs would be a serious issue and we do our best to avoid this sort of disruption. Bedbugs like to live and travel in pre-owned items such as desktop computers, appliances, TVs, game systems, purses, clothing, suitcases, backpacks, mattresses, and books. We are unable to accept any items of this nature in order to prevent bedbugs from entering our building.

**Thank you so much for helping us to continue offering our services and programs through your ongoing donations and support.**

## Safety. Support. Hope.

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