

The Resource Exchange
A Program of the St. Vincent De Paul Church Social Action Committee

Our mission: Called to serve homeless persons in our community, The Resource Exchange of St. Vincent de Paul Church is a program to provide tangible resources to homeless individuals moving from homelessness into stable housing. By making the transition to permanent housing more successful, we trust that those we serve will realize new opportunities to more fully participate in the life of our community.

Specifically, The Resource Exchange:

- **Works with established agencies** that identify clients who will move from homelessness to rental apartments. Initial collaboration is with **Health Care for the Homeless**. We hope to include other agencies engaged in housing the homeless in the future.
- **Provides donated household furniture** for clients moving into housing. Health Care for the Homeless refers 3-4 clients moving into City-approved housing each month. The Resource Exchange volunteers engage churches, individuals and furniture outlets to donate furniture in good condition. A list of furniture needs is below.
- The Resource Exchange provides mattresses, mattress covers and pillows.
- **Provides Home Starter Kits** for each person moving into housing. These items are solicited through partner churches, community organizations and retail outlets. A list of Starter Kit contents is below.

Our program is volunteer-driven and seeks to ensure a comfortable start for homeless clients who are beginning a new phase of life. Our volunteers assist in moving the client into their new home, help set up the furniture, fill the apartment with household items, and enjoy a housewarming, usually by sharing lunch on the move-in day.