



Donation Policy

Homes for the Homeless Summer Camps (HFHSC) Wakonda and Lanowa are grateful for the support of donors, volunteers, and alumni. The well-being of our campers is always our top priority. To make camp a positive experience for everyone, we have developed the following guidelines regarding how to successfully contribute donations to our camp programs. It is our sincere wish that donors are provided with a multitude of meaningful opportunities to provide badly needed resources that will contribute to the on-going success of our summer camp programs.

We have tried to be inclusive in writing these guidelines. We know, however, that our friends and supporters may have many creative ideas. If you have an idea about a way in which you would like to support Camps Wakonda and Lanowa and our campers, please email Tierra Gunther (TGunther@hfhny.org) and we will gladly discuss your ideas. Thank you for your interest!

Monetary Donations

Monetary donations are always welcome. To donate online please go to <http://hfhcamps.org/get-involved/donate> and click on the green *Make a Donation Online* link in the middle of the page and follow the prompts. Or, if you prefer, you can send a check to Homes for the Homeless Central Office, Senior Public Affairs Associate, at 36 Cooper Square, 3rd Floor, New York, New York. 10003.

HFHSC are a 501(c) 3 organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. All monetary donations are considered part of the general camp fund and will be used to support camp programs unless explicitly agreed to in advance by HFHSC.

Any donations that are received that do not follow the aforementioned guidelines cannot be accepted and will be returned.

Gift Cards

If you would like to donate gift cards with which we can buy specific items campers need, please donate from BJ's Wholesale, Walmart, or Target. Gift cards can only be accepted if sent to Homes for the Homeless Central Office, 36 Cooper Square, 3rd Floor, New York, New York, 10003, with a note indicating that the items are designated for HFHSC.

Any gift cards that are received that do not follow the aforementioned guidelines, cannot be accepted and will be returned.

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In-Kind

- Our campers benefit from merchandise that is donated, especially essential clothing, personal care items, linens, school supplies, toys, and games. Donations of items such as these make for great drives for scout troops, schools, civic organizations, and corporations. Please help us help the children by adhering to the following considerations.
- Because storing merchandise in an outdoor environment is challenging, in-kind donated merchandise must be approved in advance with an authorized agency representative. Once approved, they can only be sent and received at Homes for the Homeless Central Office, 36 Cooper Square, 3rd Floor, New York, New York, 10003.
- We **cannot accept donations that are delivered to camp** or to third parties. Some exceptions can be considered (landscaping supplies, for example), but **must be arranged in advance** with an authorized agency representative before delivery can be arranged and will be accepted.

In general, most in-kind donations must be **new or in clean, like new, condition**. Any items deemed unsuitable due to wear and tear or damage cannot be accepted.

Any items that are received that do not follow the aforementioned guidelines, unfortunately, cannot be accepted and will be discarded.

If you require more specific guidance on what in-kind donations can be accepted please email Tierra Gunther (TGunther@hfnyc.org). Please reference the following page for a list of specific items that are frequently in need during our camp season.

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Clothing—Children’s and Young Adult sizes:

- tee shirts
- sweaters
- raincoats/jackets
- pants/jeans
- shorts
- socks (**must be new**)
- bathing suits (**must be new**)
- underwear and boxers (**must be new**)

Shoes—all sizes

- sneakers
- sandals
- hiking boots

Program materials:

- any and all costumes
- tents
- camping materials
- sports equipment
- basketballs
- soccer balls
- baseball mitts
- softballs
- volleyball net
- volleyballs
- floor hockey sticks
- fish tank
- microscopes
- canoes
- rowboats
- bug nets
- telescopes
- STEM equipment
- computer

Toiletries and bedding:

- bar soap
- shampoo
- hand towels
- towels
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- pillows (**new**) & pillow cases
- twin sized linens
- hairbrushes and combs
- blankets

Educational materials:

- children’s books (ages 6-15)
- educational books
- coloring books
- educational games
- educational toys
- art paint
- paint brushes
- crayons
- chalkboard & chalk

Maintenance and kitchen:

- tools
- rope
- kitchen tools
- large toaster
- outdoor PA system
- lawnmower
- landscaping equipment
- landscaping materials
- wheelbarrow
- television
- DVR
- file cabinets
- folding tables and chairs