Donation Wish List – Balboa and Aero Lots

Thank you for your interest in donating essential items to the unsheltered families and individuals participating in the Safe Parking Program at Jewish Family Service!

Every night at two secured lots, Jewish Family Service operates a Safe Parking Program for unsheltered San Diegans living in their vehicles, many of whom are experiencing homelessness for the first time. A car is often a critical, final asset, allowing for access to resources, the ability to seek employment, and transportation to work and school.

As these individuals and families work to lift themselves up out of a difficult situation, many are making nightly choices between purchasing food, gas, and other essentials.

With a focus on stopping the downward spiral of homelessness, Safe Parking offers not just a reliable place to stay, but also a welcoming environment, meaningful resources, and dignified support to create a pathway to housing while meeting people where they are now.

Individuals and families have limited space in their vehicles. We encourage you to collect donations of the most needed items listed here.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

1. Gas station gift cards
2. Wet wipes (cleansing, baby, and/or facial)
3. Blankets (new)
4. Small hand sanitizers
5. Feminine hygiene products
6. Pull-ups
7. Socks (new)
8. Tarps
9. Small flashlights or clip lights
10. Batteries
Support our Family & Children’s Hub:
In the evenings, JFS provides activities to engage the children and teens staying on the lot. If you are interested in providing something in support of our youth, please purchase items directly from The Hub’s Amazon Wish List.

Please note:

- All donated items, including clothing and linens, must be new. We cannot accept gently used items.
- At this time, we already have a large stock of travel-sized toiletries. (Shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.)
- Please contact us in advance regarding large quantities or bulky donations as storage is limited.
- If you drop off donations during the hours of operation for the Safe Parking Program, our case management staff may collect your donated items to ensure equal distribution to our clients.

Questions?
Contact Carole Yellen at caroley@jfssd.org or (858) 637-3395.

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