

OUR LENTEN EXPERIENCE

HOLMAN MISSION EMPHASIS

"Welcome Home Baskets"

OUR HOLMAN 2017 LENTEN MISSION FOCUS

As part of our ongoing partnership with Sanctuary of Hope, Holman UMC has been invited to help put together **Welcome Home Baskets** for newly housed young people through Rapid Rehousing. For the last three years, Holman has provided an Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the young people in transition who reside at Sanctuary of Hope. Additionally, the Friday Morning Prayer group sponsored a "Welcome Home Basket" for a young lady who transitioned to her new apartment.

"A house is not a home unless there are some essentials and incidentals to make it one. Our new housed youth are in need of goods that give them a head start and bring new stability to their apartment," says Janet Kelly, Executive Director of Sanctuary of Hope.

As of right now, they are in desperate need of 10 "Welcome Home Baskets" as Sanctuary of Hope is slated to move 10 young people into apartments over the next 60 days. All of these youth have a history of homelessness and have demonstrated the resiliency to overcome life circumstances, such as abuse, violence, trafficking, and abandonment.

These "Welcome Home Baskets" demonstrate to our youth that they have a village of people rooting for their recovery, restoration and success. Such acts of compassion affirm their hope, potential, and promise.

We also invite you to write an inspirational note of encouragement with your item, so that the recipient can read the note. Below is a sample of items for a "Welcome Home Basket." To completely fill 10 "Welcome Home Baskets," we need 10 of each item and/or a financial contribution to purchase.

Welcome Home Basket (new items)

Ironing Board / Iron	Pillows	Laundry Basket
Glassware	Dish set	Trash Can
Utensils/silverware	George Foreman Grill	Hangers (Plastic)
Dish towels	Bath towels	Broom / Dust Pan
Bathroom furnishings	Toaster	Toilet Paper
Paper Towels	Mop	Water Jugs/ Purifier

Target or Walmart Gift Card \$50 minimum
(so youth can purchase their bed linen and comforter)

Inspirational Note