



The ASOH Parents Guide

for kids participating in creating homes



Thank you for your passion for ***A Sense of Home*** and for sharing that passion with the kids in your life.

To start please ***watch this video with your kids*** — to get an overview of A Sense of Home.



From One Kid to Another

We'd love your participation in "From One Kid to Another". This is a great place to start your kids' involvement in ASOH.



Steps

- ✓ We suggest that your kids look around their bedroom and wardrobe, looking for items that are no longer needed but would be of great value to a child whose family has most likely experienced homelessness.
- ✓ Please have your kids bundle up and separate their once loved items (that they no longer need) into age categories. These categories will indicate what age your child was when they wore the clothes or played with the toys.
- ✓ Please review the items in each bundle, think about their condition and how much dignity they may afford. Please ensure the soles of shoes have been cleaned, no holes or stains on clothing, no writing in books, etc.
- ✓ Here is the most important and fun step – package these once loved items into age appropriate “welcome home baskets/boxes” for a deserving young child. For example, for your daughter who has outgrown her five-year-old items, she should bundle up all items that are ideal for a girl aged five. This might include shoes, clothes, books, puzzles, school supplies, DVDs, toys, etc.
- ✓ One basket should include at the very least two full clothing outfits (a minimum of two tops and two bottoms), two pairs of shoes, two books and two toys.
- ✓ Items should then be placed into their own tote, basket or toy box (a container that has value and can be used – even if it is simply a clear plastic box with a lid). It is important that the container you place donation items in is worthy of being placed directly into someone’s first ever home (rather than a cardboard box).
- ✓ Your child should write a loving note indicating why they are so excited to share these items and including well wishes to the recipient.
- ✓ Then repeat this activity for the same age group and gender.
- ✓ Once you have run out of sufficient items for the first chosen age range, move onto different age ranges.



The Goal

The goal is for your donation to be ready to go straight into a home, just like a gift box.

If your kids enjoy doing this, they could **inspire their peers to do the same**. They may share their story and how-to information with all their friends and classmates, suggesting everyone does the same. Kids might choose to share their experience in the form of a presentation to their class, creating a video, writing an essay — or simply sharing their passion.



Donation Delivery

Donation delivery needs to be scheduled and items must be dropped off during the pandemic. Deliveries are accepted on Tuesdays only, at our Operations Center & Warehouse at **3457 W El Segundo Blvd, unit A, Hawthorne, CA 90250**.

To schedule your delivery please submit the form at [***this link***](#).



To Volunteer in Our Operations Center & Warehouse

To volunteer in our Operations Center & Warehouse you can schedule a day and time by emailing [***volunteer@asenseofhome.org***](mailto:volunteer@asenseofhome.org).

A volunteer typically sorts through donations and creates kits that will be placed into homes. For example, cooking kits, eating kits, bathroom kits, and decor kits. Each and every home gets the same items. A child must be 7+ to volunteer with their parent. For a child to volunteer on their own they must be 15+.



Volunteer Activities

All volunteer activities are [**outlined here**](#) and you can do each of these individually, work alongside your family members, or work in your community group. Check with [**volunteer@asenseofhome.org**](mailto:volunteer@asenseofhome.org) for current city/state guidelines on the numbers allowed at this particular time. For safety guidelines within our warehouse and operations please read [**this page**](#) and for hygiene practices read [**this page**](#).



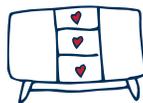
ASOH Club at School

Starting an ASOH club at school is outlined on the volunteer page and more detail may be found [**here**](#).



Host a Fundraising Event or Campaign

Should your child and family want to host a fundraising event or campaign, you can create your own campaign [**here on CrowdRise**](#).



Start a Drive To Collect Items

Should your child or family want to start a drive to collect items to create vitally needed kits for the kitchen, bathroom and bedroom, or to find out how you can earn your own home sponsorship, [**click here for details**](#).



Create a Social Media Campaign

Create a social media campaign to have the most needed items shipped to the ASOH warehouse. The most desperately needed items are always listed on [this page](#). You can host an online campaign and direct all of your followers to the Amazon or Ikea Wishlist.



Art Event

Our very first art event was hosted by teenagers and raised \$22,000. Create an in-person or virtual event where supporters bid or buy art that is either donated by your community or created specifically for the event. Click [here](#) to learn more about a recent art event. You will find many other great ideas listed under "Join Team Heart" on the [volunteer page](#).



Home Creation Sponsorship

The most popular experience is a home creation sponsorship which is a \$6k donation for one team to participate in creating a home. [Here](#) is how we create homes during the pandemic. This has been a super popular team building experience for work groups and families. [This](#) is a typical home creation pre-pandemic.



Furniture and Home Goods

To see all furniture and home goods items that are donated to ASOH go [here](#).



Cooking Connected

Another fun family experience is **Cooking Connected**. Your family shops online for groceries that are custom selected to last one month. Choosing your favorite online grocery shopping platform, you have the groceries delivered directly to a young family in need.

Another option is to make cooking videos with inspired recipes based on the shopping list **here**. Or create an entire recipe book that we would upload to the Cooking Connected page. **This** is an example by a school group.



Other Ways to Contribute

For all the ways to contribute/volunteer while staying safer-at-home please visit this page on the **ASOH website**.



Questions

Please take a look over this sheet and then email **volunteer@asenseofhome.org** with any questions.



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