



Home Again - Summer 2017

Home Again is a collaboration between two Newton non-profit organizations -- Newton at Home and The Second Step.

Newton at Home (<u>Newton at Home</u>) is part of the larger Village movement, and works with older adults in Newton who want to remain living safely and independently in their homes for as long as possible. The Second Step (<u>The Second Step</u>) fosters the safety, stability, and well-being of survivors of domestic violence.

The idea for Home Again was born during a conversation between an employee of each non-profit. The question was asked, "What can Newton at Home do to support the work of The Second Step?"



The answer was, "we would like a room where we can store donation of housewares - dishes, pots and pans, baking supplies, buckets, mops, brooms, toasters, lamps." In short, everything that someone who was setting up a new home from scratch would need. (Not including furniture.) There was an immediate synergy as many Newton at Home members are in the process of downsizing and no longer need these items.

A generous Real Estate business in Newton Center donated the use of one room. A generous private donor donated new, sturdy shelving. We have filled the shelves and the room is full. The donations keep coming. We have trained Newton at Home volunteers who will pick up donations and bring them to Home Again.

Now we are in the process of making Home Again goods available to others who can use them, primarily through the Newton Food Pantries (Newton Food Pantry and Centre Street Food Pantry) and Grad Bag (Grad Bag).

Please contact us if you would like to donate new or gently used items (that are clean and ready to use) or if you know of organizations that could benefit from what we have gathered.

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We are accepting donations of the following items. All donations must be new or clean and ready to use.

Bedroom

Sheets

Comforters/blankets

Lamps

Kitchen

Dishes

Silverware

Pots and pans, frying pans

Spatula, spoon, whisks

Dish drainers, dish detergent, dishcloths, dish sponges

Mixing bowls, measuring cups and spoons

Coffee maker

Toaster/toaster oven

Power towels (individually wrapped), boxes of baggies/ziploc bags

Bathroom

Clear shower curtains, bath mats

Toilet paper (individually wrapped)

<u>Cleaning supplies</u>

Bucket, mop, broom, cleaning products

Vacuum cleaner