Who Are The Basketeers?

Founded in 2000, by Cheryl Stoneburgh, the original concept was “to support abused women in new beginnings.”

The shelters that many of us were already supporting said it was fairly easy to find groups willing to buy or sponsor Christmas gifts for children, but the women seemed to have been forgotten. We feel by supporting the moms and single women, they will, in turn, find the strength to create new lives for themselves and their children. That is why our group "The Basketeers" was created.

We are a generous group of around 3500 volunteers with large hearts. We are a grass roots community based organization. We are not a registered charity and we do not issue tax receipts. Every basket donated goes to a survivor of domestic abuse to help them in their new beginning.

Basketeers Chapter Email List

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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

Assisting Women in New Beginnings

Annual Baskets Donated

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17,016 Women Assisted in Their New Beginnings
$3.4 Million of In Kind Donations

You tell a friend and they tell a friend....
How to Become Involved?

Start by visiting http://www.basketeers.org and register with the chapter located closest to you. Consider inviting friends, family members or co-workers to help you.

Save the drop-off date in your calendar. For most chapters this year’s drop-off takes place on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Check the website for exact date, time and location of your region’s drop-off date.

The next step is to purchase a large laundry basket or storage container and start shopping. Fill your basket with items a woman leaving a shelter and starting a new life might need. Check out the What to Buy List for ideas of what to include.

Once you’ve completed your shopping, make a list of the contents. This list will help shelter workers match the basket with the needs of the recipient. Then wrap your basket and attach your list.

Last but not least, plan on delivering your basket on the drop off date. Once delivered, we’ll do the rest. See the website for full details.

What Does it Cost to Fill a Basket?
That depends on you and your shopping skills. The average is about $150.00 - $200.00.

Use your expert shopping skills and watch for sales throughout the summer months.

Not sure if you are able to do it on your own? Consider having a friend or colleague share the experience with you.

Themes and Suggested Items

Beauty and the Bath
Blow dryer, curling iron, towels, shower curtain, toiletries and slippers

Sweet Dreams
Pj’s, slippers, single sheet set, reading lamp, book, and toiletries

Coffee Time
Coffee maker, kettle, coffee mugs, tea towels, kitchen utensils, fry pan

Dress for Success
Purse, day planner, iron, clock radio, bus tokens

Kitchen
Utensils, cook book, kettle, hand mixer, fry pan, baking dishes, spices, glasses

Mix it up
Include a bit of every room

Shopping List

- Blow Dryer
- Clock Radio*
- Slippers
- Beauty Products/Mascara
- Creams, Lotion
- Tooth Brush, Toothpaste
- Perfumes, Bath Products
- Deodorant
- Socks
- Hairbrush
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Soap, Hand Sanitizer
- Manicure Sets, Nail Files
- Hats, Gloves, Scarves & Mitts*
- Bathrobe
- Set of Sheets*
- Pillow
- Night Shirt, Pj's
- Nail Polish & Nail Polish Remover
- Scented Candles
- Band Aids
- Socks
- Hairbrush
- Perfumes, Bath Products
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush, Toothpaste
- Creams, Lotion
- Toiletries
- Slippers
- Beauty Products/Mascara
- Umbrella*
- Gift Certificates And Vouchers
- Cooking Utensils, Can Opener
- Kitchen Timer, Egg Slicer
- Knife
- Kettle*
- Coffee Machine
- Coffee Mugs
- Dish Cloths, Tea Towels, J Cloths
- Place Mats
- Blender, Hand Mixer
- Shower Curtain
- Towel Set & Face Cloth
- Cleaning Supplies
- Basic Cook Book
- Tool Kit, Screw Driver, Hammer
- Dish Set*
- Lunch Bags, Saran & Foil Wrap
- Scissors
- Toasters
- Corning Ware Dish
- Tea Pot – Teacups
- Measuring Cups
- Wood Chopping Board
- Iron
- Bath Mat
- Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate
- Colander
- Frying Pan/Skillet/Pots
- Bucket

*Recommended Items

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