

# In Kind Critical Needs List



Albuquerque  
**HEALTH CARE**  
for the homeless

## Most Critical Items (distributed daily throughout the year):

<b>Bottled Water</b>	<b>Socks (new)</b>
<b>Lip Balm</b>	<b>Sunscreen</b>
<b>Lotion</b>	<b>Travel-size Toiletries</b>
<b>Menstrual products</b>	

## **Other critical items needed:** (by category)

### Art Supplies

Acrylic Paint & Paintbrushes  
Canvases (New or Used)  
Coloring books / Crayons / Markers  
Craft supplies / Found Objects  
Found objects – bits and pieces, broken jewelry, etc  
Frames (16x20 and under)  
Gesso  
Glitter, Glue, Scissors, Paper  
Low Fire Clay & Glazes  
Mat board & Pre-Cut Mats  
Paintbrushes

### Health Care

Band-Aids, Ace Wraps, Gauze, Tape  
Baby Powder (small containers)  
Baby Wipes  
Canes  
Children's Diapers (all sizes, esp. large)  
Foot Powder  
Home Pregnancy Tests  
Sugarless Gum w/xylitol  
Underwear (new)

### Personal Care

Backpacks  
Blankets (new or gently used)  
Brushes / Combs (new)  
Deodorant  
Denture Adhesive (all brands)  
Hand Lotion  
Razors  
Shampoo & Conditioner (large or hotel size)  
Soap  
Sunscreen  
Toothbrush / Toothpaste  
Towels (new or gently used)  
Zip-lock bags (all sizes)

### Seasonal Items (Oct-March only)

Coats, Jackets, Hoodies, Sweatshirts  
Gloves, Scarves, Ear Warmers  
Instant Hot Cocoa

Your donated items will be distributed to individuals and families without homes who receive services at AHCH or through our one of our many Outreach activities. **Please call 767-1178 if you have questions about other items we may need, for directions to our facility, or to make delivery arrangements.**

### **Note about Medical Supplies:**

**We DO NOT ACCEPT any medication of any kind, hospice care equipment, or diabetic supplies.**

Additionally, there are restrictions regarding the donation of medical equipment. Please call 505-338-8038 and speak to a member of the Development team to discuss the possible donation of any medical supplies, equipment, etc. that you may have. Chances are we will not be able to use them, however you will be provided a referral to an alternative agency that might.

Critical needs donations are essential to supporting Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless (AHCH)'s mission to end homelessness. If you are in doubt about your donations, it is always better to call and ask.

**We know you care about ensuring your donations get to the people who need them. You might be surprised to find that Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless *CANNOT* accept:**

1. Anything that plugs in
2. Any expired items or items that will expire before they can be utilized
3. Medications, even if they are unexpired and in their original packaging
4. Food\*
5. Furniture
6. Clothing – AHCH does not have the capacity to sort, clean, and store clothing. **Please note this does not include new socks or underwear which are always needed and given out daily.**
7. Hospice care equipment or supplies
8. Glucose meters or test strips

AHCH serves as a community broker for items essential to people exiting homelessness and we are always happy to refer you to the appropriate community partner organization if you have items AHCH cannot accept. Call us at 505-338-8038 if you have questions about donations.

\* Exceptions to this are individually packaged snacks that are specifically requested by a program and the donation is coordinated prior to delivery with a member of the Development Team. Items must be unexpired, in their original packaging. Call (505) 338-8038 to discuss any potential donation of food items.