DIY Volunteer Opportunity

Cold Weather Item Kits – Fall 2026

Drop-Off Dates

Tuesday, December 1st 11am–2pm
Monday, December 7th 11am–2pm
Friday, December 18th 11am–2pm

Location

RBHA
107 S. 5th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Why It Matters

For many of us, preparing for colder weather means pulling coats, hats, gloves, and warm socks out of a closet. For some of the individuals and families served by RBHA, purchasing those basic necessities simply isn't possible.

RBHA serves more than 13,000 children and adults each year, including people experiencing homelessness or housing instability and families with limited resources. Cold-weather items are needed for both children and adults, with priority given to individuals experiencing homelessness.

A warm hat, pair of gloves, and clean socks provide more than comfort. They offer practical protection from the cold and help meet an immediate need for someone who may have few resources available.

Your Cold Weather Kit provides warmth, comfort, and a tangible reminder that someone in our community cares.

Share Warmth. Show You Care.

Cold-weather essentials for children and adults in our community.

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What to Include

Each volunteer is asked to provide a minimum of 5 complete kits.

Each kit should contain:

- 1 one-gallon zip-top bag
- 1 new warm hat
- 1 new pair of gloves
- 1 new pair of warm socks
- **1 handwritten note of encouragement**

Kits may be assembled for men, women, or children. Please clearly label each bag.

**Contributions above the minimum are welcome; however, we are only able to document up to three service hours per DIY project.*

Make It Meaningful

As you assemble your kits, take a few minutes to talk about why this project matters.

Consider:

- What would it be like to face cold weather without the clothing you need?
- Why can something as simple as warm socks or gloves make a significant difference?
- How does our community become stronger when we notice and respond to one another's needs?
- What does your handwritten note add that the supplies alone cannot?

While registration is not required, it does help us plan for drop-off days and track volunteer participation.

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to register

Your Note Matters

Please tuck a handwritten note into every kit.

Warm clothing helps protect someone from the cold. Your note provides another kind of warmth — a small human connection between you and the person who will receive your gift.

Messages can be simple:

- Sending a little warmth your way.
- Someone in your community is thinking of you.
- Thinking of you and wishing you well.

For children, volunteers can also create a cheerful handmade card or drawing with a simple encouraging message.

How It Works

1. Gather Supplies
Purchase or collect enough items to assemble at least five complete kits.

2. Pack Your Kits
Place one hat, one pair of gloves, one pair of socks, and one handwritten note in each bag. Label the kit for a man, woman, or child.

3. Drop Them Off
Bring your completed kits to RBHA on one of the designated drop-off dates.