

# Hope to Home Ministry (H2H)

## Description:

**Hope to Home** is a Christian-based ministry whose mission is to collect new or gently used donated home goods, and to purchase items such as mattresses and pillows, then deliver these essential home furnishings to displaced or formerly homeless individuals and families who have recently secured housing. H2H transforms their empty living space into a comfortable “home” as we extend the love of Jesus.

H2H works with community service agencies to get those goods into the hands of those who need them most, at no cost to the recipient. H2H partners with 180 Place, Navigation Center, My Sisters House, ECCO, Charleston Police Department, James Island Outreach, Hope Lodge, I Am Voices, Formation Project, Seacoast Dream Center, Families First, Charleston City Schools, and more)

Most people have basic home items they no longer need. H2H wants these items to become the solution for an individual or a family in need. The items needed most are: **dressers, coffee tables, small kitchen tables, kitchen chairs, couches, side tables, stuffed chairs, floor & table lamps, and other home items like pots and pans, cooking utensils, dishes, silverware, and small appliances.**

Research shows that making a new house or apartment into a “home” for someone in need decreases the chance of slipping back into poverty and depression to below 10%.

## Christian Focus:

Hope to Home was begun to demonstrate God’s love and provision for the needy. *Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; or the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Their website displays the Christian symbol of the fish. H2H warehouse displays Scriptures, and Christian worship music is often played during warehouse workdays. During home furnishing deliveries, volunteers visit with families being helped delivering a Bible, children’s Bible, and a copy of Daily Bread. In addition to providing for their tangible needs, the delivery team prays with the families prior to leaving. The week after deliveries, a H2H volunteer calls each family to offer information on local churches to try and connect them with churches of their choice.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### 1. **FALL 2023: Church drive for Home Furnishings and Bibles (Adult and Children)**

Stay tuned for ways your group can help! Your group could do a drive of your own and then Call Hope to Home to arrange a pick up of items.

### 2. **Delivering home furnishings to needy.**

**Description:** Load staged furnishings from warehouse to delivery truck and deliver items to selected needy families. If unable to lift heavy furniture, you can help with small items and when you arrive at the home, you will have the opportunity to chat with the family, get to know them so the group would be better able to pray with them before leaving. You could also present them with an adult and/ or children’s Bible and see if they are already connected with a local church. The following week, a volunteer from H2H will call the family and follow up on how to

connect them to a church. Totally optional and not expected, but you may want to bring some fresh flowers to leave on kitchen table that will be delivered along with a Bible verse such as “God’s mercies are new each morning” *This experience is one of the most rewarding as you get to meet recipients face to face.*

**Day of Week:** Most every Saturday mornings (9:00–12:00 or 1:00) except during holidays (check website) *not second Saturdays for large groups as another church sends members on these Saturdays*

**Sign Up:** Individuals and groups (*Suggested maximum 10-12 but can accommodate larger groups with extra volunteers helping organize in the warehouse, repair furniture, or make kitchen or linen kits.*)

May sign up online <https://hopetohomesc.org/volunteer-with-us/>.

Questions: Contact person for individuals: Nicole Sharpe [nicole@hopetohomesc.org](mailto:nicole@hopetohomesc.org)

Questions: Contact person for groups: Bob Tennyson [bobt@hopetohomesc.org](mailto:bobt@hopetohomesc.org)  
843-697-0996

**Location:** H2H Warehouse: North Charleston SC (map on website)

**Suggestions for Volunteer Groups:**

Young Adults or Theology on Tap Group, Youth, Families, Small Groups,  
Foyer Groups, Generations Ministry

3. **“Stage” deliveries**

**Description:** From a list given to you, go “shopping” in the H2H warehouse and collect items customized for one family needs for upcoming Saturday delivery. Place each delivery in a pod and label each piece of furniture in that pod. Typically a scheduled delivery is composed of 4 different individual/families.

**Day of Week:** Thursdays or Fridays prior to each Saturday delivery.

**Sign Up:** Contact Tom Young [tom.young@hopetohomesc.org](mailto:tom.young@hopetohomesc.org)

**Location:** H2H Warehouse: 1445 Greenleaf Rd. North Charleston SC (map on website)

**Suggestions for Volunteers:**

Only need 2-4 adult volunteers with 2 being able to lift furniture

4. **Tinker Tuesdays**

**Description:** Repair broken donated items. Refinish/paint tables, chairs, etc.

**Day of Week:** Tuesdays 9am- 12 noon (or as much time as you can spare) at H2H warehouse AND last Saturdays of some months.

**Sign Up:** Do not need to sign up for Tuesdays. Contact person for questions: Gene Fanning  
[gefannings51@gmail.com](mailto:gefannings51@gmail.com) 843-412-4322

**Location:** H2H Warehouse (North Meeting Street area)

*\*Show up and supplies are provided. If you have your own special tools (electric sander, e.g.) you are welcome to bring them. A few basic tools are kept at warehouse.*

**Suggestions for Volunteers:**

Generations Ministry

Families

Any other groups or individuals interested

5. **Monetary Donations** (see website for how to donate)

Ministry is run totally by volunteers. Monetary donations to H2H are used for items such as:

Gas for delivery trucks, purchase mattresses, pillows, furniture repair supplies, electricity for warehouse.