This tool kit provides you with all the tools you need to organize a successful drive for Homeless Youth Connection.

Thank you for your support!

Dropping off your donation?
You can drop your donations off at our main office:

9950 W. Van Buren Street, Suite 114
Avondale, AZ 85323.

The office is on the Northwest corner of Van Buren and 99th Avenue, kitty corner from the QT gas station in the office park.

Drop-off hours:
Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm. Please call before coming!
Homeless Youth Connection (HYC) provides homeless teens with basic necessities, case management, housing if needed, life skills and mentors to ensure they have the resources to stay in school, complete their education and have a chance at a brighter future. With your help, HYC is helping to bring a positive future to this nearly forgotten population.

**Organizing a Successful Donation Drive**

Organizing a donation drive in your community is an excellent way to collect items and raise awareness for Homeless Youth Connection.

1. **Contact HYC’s Community Resource Manager, Haley Harper**, by phone at 623-295-9057 or email at hharper@hycaz.org to let us know about your drive.

2. **Reach out to individuals or groups** that can help with your donation drive. Friends, classmates, co-workers, congregations, clubs, or teams are a great place to start!

3. **Set a goal and pick a theme**: decide what items to collect and how many. See our needs list in this packet for suggestions, or just ask us for ideas!

4. **Promote your donation drive** using posters, flyers, social media, community newsletters, and more.

5. **Drop off** your donations at HYC.

**Connect with us by sending us pictures or video of your drive!**

On Facebook: [www.facebook.com/HomelessYouthConnectionAZ/](http://www.facebook.com/HomelessYouthConnectionAZ/)

Or via email at hharper@hycaz.org
Frequently Asked Questions

Where and when can I drop off donations?

Donations can be dropped off Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm at the HYC office, located at 9950 W. Van Buren Street, Suite 114, Avondale, AZ 85323.

The office is on the Northwest corner of Van Buren and 99th Avenue, kitty corner from the QT gas station in the office park. **Please call before coming** to the office as we are still working remotely due to COVID-19.

What items should I collect?

HYC is in need of many different items. You can choose to collect a small set of these items, or you can collect all of them!

- Hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, lotion, etc)
- Women’s undergarments (especially sizes x-small and small)
- Men’s undergarments
- Gift cards to fast food restaurants
- Snack food items (granola bars, macaroni and cheese cups, oatmeal cups, cereal cups, etc)
- Laundry detergent pods
- Toilet paper

Are there any items you cannot accept?

Yes.

- Expired food products of any kind
- Partly used hygiene products
- Clothing not appropriate for teens, or items teens will not use
- Anything broken or with missing parts (TVs, computers, etc.)
- Used sheets, bed linens, towels or wash cloths
- Used undergarments

Should I let you know that I am organizing a donation drive?

Yes, please contact HYC’s Community Resource Manager, Haley Harper, at hharper@hycaz.org to discuss your donation drive plans.

Will I get a receipt for my donations?

Yes. When you drop off your donations, ask for an in-kind donation receipt at the front desk. It is important for both your records and ours.
Can HYC send a speaker to my group?

Yes. HYC has staff members that can give presentations about HYC. Contact us by email at info@hycaz.org or by phone at 623-374-3747 to request a speaker.

Sample Newsletter Article:

Hygiene products needed!

Help support homeless youth with Homeless Youth Connection (HYC) by donating personal hygiene products and toiletries now through (date). HYC provides homeless youth with housing, food, clothing, hygiene items, and school supplies. When you take away the worry about basic needs, homeless youth will thrive, graduate and succeed. Last school year, HYC served 245 students in the West Valley. The territory they serve is growing, and with it, the number of students they serve – they expect to serve more than 400 students this year!

To assist with HYC’s efforts, we are collecting donations of:

- Full size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and body wash
- Full size bottles of sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)
- Men’s and women’s razors and shaving cream

Bring donations to our collection boxes located at _______________. Our donation drive coordinator is _______________ and can be reached at ____________________.

For more information about Homeless Youth Connection or to make a monetary contribution, visit www.hycaz.org.

Sample Outreach or Mission Speech:

Good morning/afternoon/evening. My name is ______ and I am _____ (a student at this school, one of your co-workers, etc.). I am here to talk to you about how you can make a difference in the lives of homeless youth right here in our community.

I am organizing a donation drive to collect _____ for the students that Homeless Youth Connection (HYC) serves. HYC provides homeless youth with housing, food, clothing, hygiene items, and school supplies. When you take away the worry about basic needs, homeless youth will thrive, graduate and succeed. In this school year alone, HYC has served more than 200 students in the West Valley. The territory they serve is growing, and with it, the number of students they serve.

You can help HYC by bringing in _____ (items). We are collecting them now through ________. The donations will go directly to the students that HYC serves. You can drop off donations at the collection boxes located at ________. Thank you for your time, and for helping with this important cause in our community.
Donation Drive
Supporting
Homeless Youth Connection

Where homeless students receive the resources they need to stay in school, graduate, thrive and succeed.

We are collecting:
________________________________________________
________________________________________________
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Now through ___/___/____ at ____________________________.
Contact ____________________ for more information.

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ITEMS COLLECTED HERE

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