



OPERATION WELCOME NEIGHBOR

Disaster Relief

I was a stranger and you welcomed me in... Matthew 25:35

Friends, we have watched in the past week as Afghan Refugees have been fleeing to the airport in Kabul in an effort to escape the horrors in their homeland. As United Methodists of GNJ, we now know that more than 10,000 refugees will be our neighbors at the joint base of Fort Dix and McGuire, as well as some in Camden.

As part of helping in short-term relief, we are collecting **ONLY** the following items and **ONLY** until November 1, 2021. Each district will have a central location where these items can be brought (which will be on the GNJ website) and then will be forwarded to a distribution point and onto the base or Camden.

Included in this are also two advance special numbers that can be used for monetary donations to UMCOR. Remember, 100% of everything to UMCOR goes to the mission. It is our Fair Shares that pay the administrative cost for UMCOR. It is important that you read the list carefully and only donate what is needed for Operation Welcome Neighbor. We will update as things change.

ITEMS NEEDED

- baby clothes for all ages
- baby items (*diapers, wipes, powder, formula, bottles, baby food. No glass jars and no meat.*)
- new pacifiers
- towels
- men's clothing (*no shorts or tank tops*)
- women's clothing (*mostly long sleeve, no shorts, short dresses or tank tops*)
- children's clothing (*long sleeves and pants*)
- shoes of all sizes; children's shoes especially needed
- new socks
- new modest underwear
- feminine hygiene products (*no tampons*)
- hats, gloves
- blankets
- toothbrushes, toothpaste, brushes, combs, hair oil, soap
- please no glass items can be accepted!

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