



*The Unitarian Church in Westport*

## ***Furniture for Refugees from Afghanistan -***

### ***Donation Guidelines***

***Winter 2021-22***

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#### **Items needed:**

- Dressers
- Dining tables
- Small kitchen tables (seating 4)
- Chairs of any kind
- Small sofas/ loveseats (64 in. wide or less)
- End tables
- Bedside tables
- Small coffee tables
- Wall art (no images of people or animals)
- Mirrors
- Ottomans/Poufs
- Lamps, table lamps and floor lamps
- Cribs with all hardware bought after 2012, no mattresses.

#### **Requirements for items needed:**

- All items must be photographed, and measurements provided. This information should be sent to Dorothy Rich ([dorothyjeanrich@gmail.com](mailto:dorothyjeanrich@gmail.com)). If acceptable a pick-up will be scheduled. Pick up may not be immediate and will depend on space in our storage facility and urgency of need for that type of furniture.
- All items should be in good condition. Damaged furniture will not be accepted.
- All items must be lightweight. Meaning, 2-3 persons can move the item into the truck, van or SUV and up a few flights of stairs.
- All items must be no larger or wider than a standard doorframe (approximately 30") or narrow staircase.

- All items for donation should be brought to street level or garage for pick-up.
- The pick-up driver will assess the donate items for suitability and may reject any if they do not meet the above-mentioned criteria.

#### **Information for donors:**

- Donors will be given a 2-hr. window for pickup on the pickup day. Pick-ups may be on weekends.
- Tax deduction forms will be provided for donors who want them:
  - The pick-up driver will record name of donor and list of donated items.
  - The furniture will be donated to The Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI). David Vita, Director of Social Justice, will issue a receipt to donor.