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Memorial Drive Ministries – Donation Guidelines

Thank you so much for contacting Memorial Drive Ministries about potential donations. We're grateful for your generosity. Memorial Drive Ministries envisions the end of disconnectedness for refugees and the diverse community of Clarkston. We are a shared space for congregations, nonprofits, and community organizations serving our diverse community. Please review our donation guidelines below. If you think your items meet our criteria, please email kathu@mdmatl.org with a detailed list of your items along with photos and someone from MDM will be back in touch with you, typically within one week. All donation drop offs must be coordinated in advance. Please do not ever leave unattended donations in front of any door on campus. Thank you again for supporting our vision and community!

Great ways to donate items to MDM:

- Donation Drives: Memorial Drive Ministries plans and advertises regular donation drives. These donation drives ask for specific items that are helpful to our mission, our Onsite Partners, and our community. These donation drives also include specific drop-off windows of time. This is the best way to donate items to MDM. All are invited to participate in these donation drives, according to the specific instructions provided. (These donation drives are for specific items for specific time windows. Just because MDM has asked for a specific donation in the past, doesn't mean that MDM is accepting that donation at all times.) Information about these donation drives can typically be found on MDM's Facebook page and the MDM website.
- [Amazon Wishlist](#): MDM maintains an Amazon Wishlist of items that are regularly used on our campus and that would be beneficial to our Onsite Partners and our community. This is also always a place supporters can go to purchase and send donated items that will benefit MDM. Our Amazon Wishlist can be accessed through a link at the bottom of the MDM website.

Occasionally individuals or representatives of organizations reach out to MDM with offers of specific donated items. Please see the following lists and FAQs to learn about what donations MDM can and cannot accept.

Items that MDM does accept:

- Board books for children
- Unopened packages of diapers
- Sewing machines (so long as they are in good, working order)
- Fabric (so long as it is usable and unsoiled condition)
- Hygiene Kits
- Unused facemasks and bottles of hand sanitizer
- Unopened boxes of granola bars
- Unopened packages of plastic water bottles

Items that MDM does NOT accept:

- Paint
- Choir Robes
- Beds, Bed frames, or Mattresses
- Clothing
- Pianos
- Household Furniture
- Magazines
- Food
- Anything that is not in good working order
- Anything that must be picked up by MDM



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Items that MDM MIGHT accept:

Does MDM accept donations of gift cards? It depends. Pre-loaded Marta cards, Visa cards, Walmart cards, and gift cards to local grocery stores are all accepted, but these must include documentation as to the amount of money on the card.

Does MDM accept donations of school / office supplies? It depends. MDM generally will accept new boxes of pencils, pens, colored pencils, construction paper, college-ruled paper, wide-ruled paper, paperclips, binder clips, 3-ring binders, and computer paper. If there are items beyond those, please email a list with pictures so that we may determine if we can accept the donation.

Does MDM accept donations of books? It depends. We are engaged in an ongoing Library and Literature project to update the literature on our campus to better represent and serve those who call our campus home. We are typically looking for books that are 1) published in year 2015 or later and 2) relevant to a diverse population of people from around the world. If you think you have books that might fit that description, please email that list.

Does MDM accept donations of computers, laptops, printers, tablets, or monitors? It depends. We will only accept these donations if they are in good working order and come with all necessary cords and pre-installed software. Monitors must have an HDMI to USB cord included. Computers and laptops must come with the necessary chargers, be able to connect to Wi-Fi, and preferably already have Microsoft Office installed. Please email pictures and as many details as possible.

Does MDM accept donations of sound boards and/or A/V recording technology? It depends. Please email pictures with as many details as possible. These will typically only be accepted if they are in good working order, come with all necessary cords/wires, and can be of use by one of our onsite partner congregations or other onsite partners.

Does MDM accept donations of tools? It depends. Only in limited quantities and if the items in good condition. MDM accepts shovels, spades, rakes, work gloves, screwdrivers, hammers, tape measures, watering cans, and post-hole diggers. Please email pictures with as many details as possible.

Does MDM accept kitchenware? It depends. Generally no. But in instances where there is a need on campus, MDM may accept kitchenware that is new, matching, and fits the needed items on campus. Please email pictures and a descriptive list.

Does MDM accept donations of toys? It depends. Generally no. But in instances where there is a need on campus, MDM may accept toys that are new, safe, and fit the needed items on campus. Please email pictures and a descriptive list.

Reminders:

All donations must be delivered, and the delivery date and time coordinated in advance. The best time to drop off donations will typically be on Tuesdays. We do not have capacity to pick up donations. This is the case except in rare instances of exception approved by the Director.

Good working order refers to the condition of the items: All donated items must be in good condition (functional and no visible spots, stains, or broken/missing parts).

MDM does reserve the right to refuse to accept items if they're damaged or not as described by donor.

Can MDM provide a tax receipt? Yes, upon request. But the estimated value of the items must be provided in writing by the donor, not MDM.