Who We Are

Operating under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Furnishing Hope is a nonprofit organization formed to help neighbors in need furnish their homes.

We maintain a warehouse stocked with gentlyused, donated furniture. Our all-volunteer staff welcomes clients and patrons to our warehouse during limited hours and by appointment only.

Who We Serve

We serve Steele County residents who, due to limited financial means, are unable to afford items such as beds, dressers, sofas, and kitchen tables.

Our clients have been identified by social service agencies, charitable organizations, and/or the St. Vincent de Paul Society as residents who, without outside assistance, may not ever have basic furnishing for their homes.

A Message to Those in Need

To receive services from Furnishing Hope, you must be referred by an agency.

- If you are working with a caseworker or social worker, ask for a referral to Furnishing Hope.
- If you are not working with a case worker, phone 507-676-5508.

Once referred, you visit our warehouse one time to select your furniture. Our aim is to outfit you and your family with what we refer to as a basic home set-up. A basic home set-up includes bed, dresser, sofa, and kitchen table and chairs. The items you receive will be based on your family size and available furniture at the time of your visit.



Providing basic furniture items for those in need in Owatonna and Steele County.

HOURS OF OPERATION

(by appointment only)
Tuesday 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 - 12:00 Noon

Contact Info: PO Box 912 Owatonna, MN 55060 507-676-5508

furnishinghope@svdp-rochmn.org

Our Process

Step One:

A resident is identified by a social service agency or charitable organization as being in need of furniture. The agency or organization then refers the resident to Furnishing Hope.

Step Two:

We contact the resident to schedule an appointment at our furniture warehouse.

Step Three:

At the schedule time, the resident visits our warehouse facility and selects needed furniture items.

Step Four:

Selected furniture items are transported to the resident's home. For a small fee, we offer delivery service if the recipient cannot transport the furniture on their own.

A Message to Agencies

We welcome referrals from county assistance programs, faith-based organizations, shelters, emergency assistance services, mental health services, veteran and disability programs, and immigrant/refugee services. Upon referral, please consider helping offset any costs incurred by the client to attend their furniture selection appointment or furniture delivery.

How Can You Help?

Furnishing Hope relies solely on donations of furniture, money, and volunteer time. Please consider supporting the organization by:

- Donating gently-used furniture*
- Volunteering to pick-up or deliver furniture
- Volunteering to help in the furniture warehouse
- Making a financial contribution*

*Tax deductible

If you would like to learn more about donating or volunteer opportunities, contact us at 507-676-5508.

A Message to Donors

Please consider donating your gently-used furniture to Furnishing Hope. Out of respect for those we serve, we reserve the right to refuse items that do not meet our quality standards (free of rips, stains, pet hair, etc.). If you are able to deliver your donated furniture to our warehouse, we will set up a time to meet you at our facility. If you are unable to transport your donation to our warehouse, Furnishing Hope will pick up the furniture for a small fee

Furniture Donation Guidelines

BEDS

- Twin, full, and queen size beds and bed frames (No king size)
- Box springs and mattresses only if in exceptionally good shape (e.g., no stains or tears) (No king size)
- No headboards, foot boards or side rails
- No bed linens or blankets
- No baby cribs
- No sofa beds, bunk beds, electrical beds, trundle beds, water beds, or futons

DRESSERS

(i.e., chest of drawers for a bedroom)

- All handles and knobs in place
- Fully functional drawers and doors

KITCHEN TABLES AND CHAIRS

- No large dining room tables
- Tables and chairs do not need to match

SOFAS, LOVE SEATS & UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS

- No sectional sofas
- No sofa beds
- Recliner chairs are acceptable

