



The Home Creation Experience



A Sense of Home strives to prevent homelessness by creating first-ever homes and a community for youth aging out of foster care. 50% of those struggling with homelessness are former foster youth. The homeless crisis can only end through prevention.

What is a Home Creation?

A Home Creation is a life-changing community experience. In just 90 minutes, you and your group transform a young person's empty apartment into a real home by unpacking, decorating, and thoughtfully staging each space with up to 300 essential and personalized items.



Get inspired and watch a recent Home Creation in action.

Who is Eligible?

Youth aging out of foster care are referred to A Sense of Home through government agencies, nonprofit partners, and trusted community networks. To qualify for a Home Creation, recipients must be:



Currently in, or aged out of, the foster care system.



Working, in school, and/or serving as a primary caregiver for at least 30 hours per week.



Have their name listed on the lease for their first-ever home or apartment lease.

5,000

Young Adults
& Children Served

1,500

Homes Created

26

Educational
Scholarships

99

Pay-it-Forward
Alumni

27,500

Volunteers

\$9M

In-Kind Donations

10

Years of Service

85%

Stably Housed 3+
Years



Creating a Home in 90 Minutes

10:45 AM – Volunteer Arrival

Parking may be limited, so carpooling or the subway is encouraged.
Check in with ASOH staff outside the recipient's unit.

11:00 AM – Welcome Circle Begins

We gather in the recipient's home to begin this journey together.
Volunteers introduce themselves and share why they are here.
Your team learns how the Home Creation will unfold.

11:15 AM – Home Creation Begins

The truck is unloaded, and the transformation begins.
Once everything is inside, teams break into rooms to design and set up the home.
Your team carefully places furniture, art, bedding, rugs, and décor to create a welcoming space.
The recipient meets with ASOH staff to build a vision board and learn about local resources.

12:30 PM-1:00 PM – The Big Reveal & Closing Circle

The recipient steps into their new home for the very first time.
We conclude with a Closing Circle, gifting our Love Jar and words of affirmation.

The Process

- 1. Pay \$8,000 or fundraise**
via www.justgiving.com/campaign/asenseofhome
- 2. Schedule your Home Creation**
via Home@aSenseofHome.org
- 3. Sign** ASOH's sponsor waiver (all volunteers attending)
<https://asoh.remphp.com/memberintake.php>
- 4. Recruit** your volunteers! We recommend 12-20, max of 25. (Children with guardian only)
- 6. Review** info about your recipient match and volunteer guidelines

FAQs

Staff Support. ASOH staff will facilitate and assist your Home Creation.

Food. With thanks to your Home Creation sponsorship, light snacks and a light, catered lunch will be provided.

Additional Volunteer Support. Your team may be joined by ASOH Alumni (also known as Pay-It-Forward Alumni or PIFA) to help lend their experiences towards creating a home and providing peer mentorship to the recipient.

Equipment. ASOH will provide all of the necessary cleaning supplies and tool kits.

Filming. ASOH will provide a few photos of your experience. If your group is interested in having your Home Creation professionally filmed and photographed for an additional donation, please contact ASOH staff.

Book your Home Creation today.
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