

INFORMATION ON DONATION

A great way to support Hong Kong's refugee community is to donate in kind items or coordinate a donation drive or collection with your friends and neighbours.

With over one thousand members many of whom have young families, your donations of personal and household items will be much appreciated and put to good use through Vision First!

Your donations will be received to our community centre in Sai Ying Pun. Therefore your donated items go promptly to those who need them, direct from our welcoming centre.

"We wish to distribute quality items that not only meet needs but demonstrate the importance and value of the person receiving them."

Our members and their families are like you and your family, and can only wear and use donated items that are clean, near-new and in good working condition. Please consider this when collecting and choosing items that are suitable for donation. A good rule of thumb is to consider would you wear or use it, if it was given to you?

To further help us, it would be a huge help if you could...

- pre-sort the collected donations into categories of goods
- pre-sort clothing and shoes into the appropriate ages groups
- tie shoes together or place them in zip lock bags, so they remain a pair

Because of limited space in our centre and the specific needs of our community members, we cannot accept all types of donations. Thanks for your understanding, and please read the following restrictions and instructions.

What to donate?

- Baby items: strollers/prams, baby carriers (baby bjorn, ergobaby etc), disposable diapers, baby clothes, large floor playmats
- Clothes and shoes: adults, children, male and female
- Small household appliances: rice cookers, blenders, cooling fans, dehumidifiers, water filter jugs
- Household items: kitchen items, plates, cups, cutlery, pots and pans etc; bed linen; towels
- Electronics: laptops; mobile phones
- Stationery and Office supplies: for our school-aged members; for use in our adult classes; and for our office
- Food: dry or canned food

***** Most Requested items by our members *****

- * Laptops
- * Rice cookers
- * Fans
- * Mobile Phones
- * Strollers
- * Baby carriers (baby bjorn, ergobaby etc.)
- * New born baby clothes
- * Large floor play mat (needed for our Cultural Diversity Playgroup)

What not to donate?

We cannot accept:

- × Furniture
- × Toys
- × Books
- × CDs
- × Baby car seats, baby baths, potties, cots, nor portable cots
- × Damaged or broken items
- × Stained or dirty clothes
- × Clothes or shoes with unreasonable wear and tear
- × Food or toiletries that are out-of-date, or very close to expiry dates

Please contact us if you have any questions about what or what not to donate; or if there are special circumstances or goods which you think would benefit our members that are listed under 'What not to donate?' etc.

How to donate?

Please bring your donated items to our community centre.

We are open to receive donations from 12:00pm to 6:00pm, Mondays to Fridays.

Please note, we are not open on weekends nor public holidays.

We are located at:

3/F (learning centre and donations)

5/F (casework and office)

102 First Street

Sai Ying Pun, Western District

Please note, our centre is in a walk-up building; there is no lift access.

The silver entrance door to our building, is near to the south-western corner of First and Western Streets (in between the Hong Lok noodle restaurant and the Mount Everest small grocery store).

Please contact us prior to coming by, by phone 28400430 / 98287176 or email elise@vfnw.org, to confirm the centre will be open and staffed on your chosen day (in case of unexpected events or appointments).

Other ways to donate...

Refugees in Hong Kong are not allowed to work, and therefore must rely on government support to meet their basic needs. However this support is given in-kind with (insufficient) food allocations and (mostly deficient) direct rental payments, rendering refugees in Hong Kong cashless.

Therefore in addition to collecting second hand items for donations, please donate 'topped up' Octopus cards and Supermarket vouchers to supplement the inadequate food provisions and minimal travel allowances.

Other ways to support Vision First...

Donate ...

As an independent not-for-profit organization, Vision First receives no government funding and relies entirely on donations to run its programs. You can further help to support the refugee in Hong Kong by making a cash donation to support our programs, or by pledging monthly sponsorship for a refugee family, or by fundraising to contribute!

Please make a deposit to our account as detailed below, or mail a cheque to Vision First, 5/F, 102 First Street, Sai Ying Pun. As a registered charity in Hong Kong, we are able to provide an official donation receipt. Please contact elise@vfnw.org with your donation details if you require a receipt for tax purposes.

Bank: HSBC
Bank Code: 004
Account Name: Vision First
Account Number: 400-672-952-001

Volunteer ...

We run various programs from our community centre, and rely on the support of volunteers to do so. Please contact us at elise@vfnw.org !

Thank you!