

Shelter Nova Scotia Donation Policy (June 2021)

Now, more than ever, we encourage monetary donations.

www.shelternovascotia.com/contribute

Shelter Nova Scotia strives to ensure that the people who use our services receive and experience dignity. We can do this with your financial support. In order to achieve our mission of providing a safe place to stay for those in need and creating an effective continuum of services to assist them as they transition from crisis back to community, we have to fundraise almost \$1M annually.

With your financial support we can;

- protect the privacy of shelter and service users
- purchase new, needed items
- give the gift of choice
- forecast our needs
- reduce the impact to the environment
- focus on our guests, tenants, residents and clients well-being
- contribute to our fundraising objective

How to donate:

Monetary gifts

Online www.shelternovascotia.com/contribute

Cash & cheques can be mailed to:

Shelter Nova Scotia
Central Office
3770 Kempt Road *new address
Halifax, Nova Scotia
B3K 4X8

Email: fundraising@shelternovascotia.com for more information or with questions

In-kind gifts

Should you wish to donate a specific item to any Shelter Nova Scotia program or facility please contact 902-406-3631 ext. 220, or email: fundraising@shelternovascotia.com
Unless otherwise directed, **we ask that you do not go to our facilities for in-person donations.**

Appropriate, accepted gifts

- Bus tickets
- Gift cards
- New or gently used reading glasses
- New or gently used smart phones
- New personal care items
- New or gently used towels, twin fitted sheets, blankets, quilts, comforters, sleeping bags
- New or used gently used women's, men's winter jackets, boots and new sneakers
- New clothes, socks, underwear, shirts, pants, pajamas

Homemade items

- Quilts
- Blankets
- Hats, mittens, gloves
- Socks
- Masks

Special Seasonal items

- Frozen turkeys – Contact before donating, due to space constraints or purchase from our wish list
- Bottles of water
- New reusable water bottles
- Sun screen, bug spray, new baseball hats

We do **NOT** accept

- Used clothing

Shelter Nova Scotia does **NOT** accept used clothing. This is due to protecting the confidentiality of the users of our services, health, safety and dignity issues, limited space constraints and lack of storage. Please contact our community partner www.valuevillage.ca to donate.

- *Medication, vitamins and medical supplies
- *Items that may contain alcohol such as mouthwash/candy/ chocolate with alcohol.
 - This excludes hand sanitizer
- *Expired, partially open or used personal hygiene/ care products
- Used appliances
- Used books, magazines, puzzles,
- Used furniture
- Used house hold items
- Live Christmas trees
- Pre-wrapped or bagged gifts

Shelter Nova Scotia does not pick up any vetted donated items. All vetted items that are being donated must be done so at the expense of the donor and must be sent to a designated location. We ask that you not show up at our facilities with donations.

Food

Our Community is always in need of non-perishables and perishable food. Donated food must adhere to the Good Food guidelines, please do not show up at any facility with food, as space is limited. Your offering may be turned away at the door. Please contact adoptameal@shelternovascotia.com to donate and for more information.



GoodFoodGuidelines LeafletHyperlinks

Check out our Good Food Guidelines here

Adopt-a-Meal must be pre-booked on our website. Follow the link to our booking site - Better Impact for available dates and locations. Or contact - adoptameal@shelternovascotia.com

Joan's Table is specific to Herring Cove Apartments and is a third-party initiative run by Catherine Woodman and her daughter Maura. Joan's Table falls under the Shelter Nova Scotia Adopt-a-Meal Program
<https://www.ioanstable.com>

Services

Should you wish to donate a service please check our volunteer portal
www.shelternovascotia.com/volunteer