



Ways to Give to Your Friends While Loving Your Neighbor

As you plan to give this holiday season, consider a gift that gives back to your community. Here are a few gift options that benefit our community in Nashville.

Items that share Room In The Inn's story:

- Check out our book list (included on following page).
- Purchase "[Love Your Neighbor](#)" shirts
- Send out Room In The Inn [note cards](#)
- Wrap your gifts in the Contributor's wrapping paper editions
- Give a Little People Nativity and share the story of Room In The Inn

Items that impact the community of Nashville and beyond:

Shopping for a coffee lover? Check out [Humphreys Street](#).

- Humphreys Street coffee and soap support a local community development organization in Nashville, Harvest Hands. The coffee and soap are roasted and made by youth in their afterschool program.

Shopping for the self-care fan? Check out [Thistle Farms](#).

- Thistle Farms products support a local organization in Nashville that helps women heal and recover from human trafficking and addiction. Products are made by the women using their services.

Shopping for the one who likes to accessorize? Check out [Love Your Melon](#).

- Love Your Melon products support research to end childhood cancer and to aid families with children suffering from pediatric cancer.

Shopping for the fashionista in your family? Check out [lemlem](#) or [Able](#).

- Lemlem products help women artisans in Africa thrive by connecting them to healthcare, education and pathways to jobs.
- Able is an ethical fashion brand that employs and empowers women as a solution to end poverty.

Shopping for those working on their shoe game? Check out [allbirds](#).

- Allbirds' products are made from sustainable and recycled materials that support environmentally ethical production. The company also supports organizations around the world that aid in environmental conservatory, community revitalization and ending hunger.



35 Ways to Love Your Neighbor

1. Donate new, adult socks
2. Donate hotel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and soap
3. Donate bus passes, stamps, and stationery
4. Collect winter supplies: hats, gloves, scarves, and hand warmers
5. Educate others about homelessness
6. Donate a backpack or tote
7. Provide gift cards for fast food or grocery stores
8. Tell a neighbor "hello"
9. Donate new art supplies: paint, paint brushes, markers, and colored pencils
10. Educate yourself about agencies that serve our community
11. Host a fundraising event spotlighting Room In The Inn: online silent auction, live-streamed musical performance, drive-thru coffee stand, virtual fun run
12. Donate office supplies
13. Be informed about legislation that affects those experiencing homelessness
14. Host a community cleanup in your area
15. Provide opportunities for others to learn about how they can get involved
16. Contribute to the Room In The Inn Community Prayer Wall
17. Get your family, business, or congregation involved to sponsor or donate a meal
18. Donate new, adult underwear: sizes M, L, XL
19. Donate janitorial supplies
20. Donate new items for Welcome Home Baskets: new bath towels, kitchen towels, set of 4 dishes and silverware, and cooking utensils
21. Follow Room In The Inn on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).
22. Post on your social media platforms about Room In The Inn. Tag us using [#loveyourneighboryall](#)
23. Sponsor coffee and hot chocolate for participants for the day
24. Donate coats and thermals
25. Host a fundraiser on Facebook for your birthday
26. Bake cookies for your next-door neighbor
27. Get a group of friends together to make no-sew blankets to donate
28. Host a virtual mask-making party and donate the masks
29. Leave scarves in public places for people to take when it's cold
30. Keep extra gloves in your car to give out when you see someone who looks cold
31. Deliver baked goods to Room In The Inn for participants to have a special treat during lunch
32. Offer to pick up groceries for an elderly neighbor
33. Pay for the order behind you in the drive-thru
34. Send an encouraging note to a neighbor
35. Have a conversation with someone about what it means to be a "good neighbor"

Contact volunteer@roomintheinn.org with questions!



Welcome Home Basket – 12 Days of Christmas

Did you know that the 12 days of Christmas starts on December 25 and goes through January 6? Celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas by making a Welcome Home Basket for someone who is moving from the streets to a new home.

This year, instead of singing a really long holiday song, spend each of the 12 days purchasing and gathering items for a Welcome Home Basket. Bring the basket to Room In The Inn and they will provide it to one of our new neighbors.

Welcome Home Basket - 12 Days of Christmas

December 25 – 35-Gallon latch storage tote to store all of the items

December 26 – Shower curtain liner and hooks

December 27 – Wash clothes, bath towels, and a bathmat

December 28 – Small trash can with trash bags

December 29 – Silverware, spatula, and serving spoon

December 30 – Cookware: pots, pans, skillets, etc.

December 31 – Dishes and drinking glasses

January 1 – Kitchen cleaner and dish soap

January 2 – Plastic cutting board and colander

January 3 – Dish towels and sponges

January 4 – Full size sheet set and pillow

January 5 – Toilet paper and paper towels

January 6 – Bring the filled Welcome Home Basket to Room In The Inn, 705 Drexel Street, Nashville, TN 37203

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We have found that Walmart has some of the most competitive prices on these items, especially the large items, such as dish and cookware sets. For example:

BATH:

Bath Towel	Mainstays Value Bath Towel Collection	#002027379	\$2.00
Wash Cloth	Mainstays Value Bath Towel Collection	#002027470	\$0.47

KITCHEN:

Flatware Set	Mainstays Swirl 48pc Flatware Set	#001496319	\$9.97
Dish Set	Mainstays 12-piece Dinnerware Set	#551993292	\$9.97
Glasses	Libbey Glass Nautilus Cooler Glasses, Set of 8	#553264567	\$6.98
Cookware Set	Mainstays 10-piece Stainless Steel Cookware Set	#555302634	\$19.88
Colander	Good Cook Plastic 11" Colander	#001487501	\$1.82
Dish Towel	Mainstays Kitchen Towel, 4pk	#550068238	\$4.83

BEDROOM:

Sheet Set	Mainstays Microfiber Sheet Set (Full)	#555308623	\$8.94
Pillow	Mainstays Huge Pillow	#002291543	\$3.97

OTHER:

Storage Tote	Sterilite 35 Gallon Latch Tote-case of 4	#554024567	\$48.88
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Thank you for welcoming your neighbor home!



Room In The Inn Book List

PreK - 3rd Grade:

Ordinary Mary

www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVSrz-5ps7g

Have You Filled A Bucket Today?

www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EuemNAo6XE

The Invisible String

www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cO2LBBBtAI

Fly Away Home

Eve Bunting

A Shelter in Our Car

Monica Gunning

Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen

DyAnne DiSalvo

The Lady in the Box

Ann McGovern

The Can Man

Laura E. Williams

Lily and the Paper Man

Rebecca Upjohn

Still a Family: A Story about Homelessness

Brenda Reeves Sturgis

Last Stop on Market Street

Matt de la Peña

4th - 6th Grade:

The Family Under the Bridge

Natalie Savage Carlson

Crenshaw

Katherine Applegate

No Fixed Address

Susin Nielsen

The Boy Who Painted the World

Melody Bremen

7th Grade +:

Roam

C.H. Armstrong

The Prince of Venice Beach

Blake Nelson

Safe Harbour

Christina Kilbourne

Can't Get There from Here

Todd Strasser