

## Furniture drive to help formerly homeless people

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### By appointment

You can set up an appointment to drop off furniture at either “Furnish a Dream” furniture drive.

\* High Point — 688-8868

\* Greensboro — 880-9955

**GREENSBORO** — Got a nice end table that you don’t need anymore?

Two local groups would love to take it off your hands and put it into the hands of someone less fortunate.

Home to Home Ministries and The Barnabas Network are working with Partners Ending Homelessness to collect new and gently used furniture for families who are moving from homelessness to an apartment or house.

There were 1,052 homeless people in the county based on the annual census of the homeless taken in January. Recent efforts by various groups and agencies have helped more families move from homelessness to renting or even owning their own home during the past few years.

But many of them lack essential furniture.

The “Furnish a Dream” furniture drive is part of the partnership’s 10-year plan to end chronic homelessness in Guilford County.

Officials hope to gather such furnishing essentials as beds, dressers, dining tables, chairs, end tables, desks, bookshelves and sofas.

“We have not set a tentative goal, but we’re expecting great results from it,” said the Rev. Wayne Wingfield, director of the nonprofit Home to Home in High Point.

Home to Home Ministries has provided furniture to families in need for three years in High Point and about a year and a half in Greensboro, he said.

The group collects furniture and works with local churches and nonprofit ministries to distribute furniture to those who need it.

The Barnabas Network is a nonprofit based in Greensboro.

It gives furniture directly to families referred there by other groups.

The “Furnish a Dream” furniture drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. the last two Saturdays of August.

\* Aug. 22 — High Point. Parking lot of 200 Steele at the corner of East Kivett Drive and North Centennial Street.

\* Aug. 29 — Greensboro. Grimsley High School, 801 Westover Terrace. In conjunction with Agents of Grace’s Day of Service.

Appointments also can be made to drop off items.

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