

SOMETIMES LIFE CAN BE TOUGH

Some families in and around Oxford are experiencing significant hardship. This has only intensified with the coronavirus outbreak. Many more have lost or will lose jobs and livelihoods, with a number under great financial and emotional strain. Right now we need each other more than ever.

During lockdown we have seen incredible community spirit and together we can make a difference.

Hope Oxford exists for all people. We are passionate about helping to alleviate the devastating effects of poverty on local people.

We're launching our first community focused initiative, Small Steps, from our new home at Templars Square Shopping Centre. Good quality new and second hand children's clothes and equipment will be available to families that need it.

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GETTING IN TOUCH

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Hope Vineyard website: www.hopeoxford.org

INTRODUCING



... coming soon, Autumn 2020

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DONATIONS LIST (AGE 0-10)

*If second hand, please wash items before donating. We can only accept donations of clothing and bedding from smoke free homes.

OXFORD BABY BASKETS (FOR MUMS-TO-BE)*

New or lightly used: Moses baskets (no mattresses) & stands, sheets & blankets, vests, sleep suits, hats maternity pads, breast pads, cotton wool, nappies, wipes, lanolin, muslins, towels, baby shampoo/ soap.

ALL CLOTHES: NEWBORN TO 10 YEARS OLD*

All forms of clothing from 0-10 years including dressing up clothes, paired socks, coats, outdoor clothing, swim wear, tights, & new underwear. If you're able to sort them by gender and size, and provide a note of this, that would be helpful.

SHOES: BABY TO UK SIZE 3 (EU SIZE 36)

Paired & good condition (no stains/ heavy scuffing)

TOYS & GAMES

Please use your judgement about the condition and the size of each item. All toys, playmats/baby gyms and games need to have a 'CE' mark to show they comply with safety requirements. (Please note: we do not take soft toys or baby walkers/jumperoos.)

SLEEPING, BATHING & CHANGING*

Moses baskets, cots/ travel cots, bed guards, sheets, blankets, cot mobiles, baby sleeping bags, muslins, baby towels, changing bags, changing mats, potties, nappies, toilet seats, baby baths.

(Please note: we cannot accept mattresses)

FEEDING

High chairs, sterilisers (for microwave), bottles, feeding pillows, weaning items e.g. bowls, spoons, bibs, cups and breast pumps (manual or without electrical plug, with all parts included & instruction manual if possible).

TRAVEL, PUSHCHAIRS & PRAMS, STAIR GATES

Slings, baby/toddler carriers, All pushchair/pram items including footmuffs, raincovers, front packs. Please ensure these are clean and fully working. (Please note: we are not able to accept car seats)

We will be accepting donations on Wednesdays from October 2020. Note: Please see website for updates about the items that we need.

WHAT IS SMALL STEPS?

We stock donations of clothes and equipment for babies and children to help families who may struggle to afford these items, including giving 'Baby Baskets' to Oxford mums-to-be. Small Steps is an initiative of Hope Vineyard Oxford.



WHAT CAN I DONATE?

We want to honour the families we support by giving them the best. This is why we only accept new or good quality second hand donations.

To give money to help run Small Steps, see hopeoxford.org/donate



*Small Steps is a gift
from the community, to the community*

WHO IS IT FOR?

We share new or good quality second hand items with those who need it **FOR FREE**, regardless of income, faith or background.

HOW CAN I GET SUPPORT?

We are trialing a referral system as we begin.

On your first visit, you can refer yourself, but you will need to give contact details of a trusted person who can verify your need. (eg school, nursery, social care or healthcare professionals, community or faith group leaders).

If you have been before, you will need the referrer to complete the referral on your behalf.

HOW CAN I VOLUNTEER?

We need all sorts of help; sorting donations, fundraising, serving people who visit us, communications, book keeping, and much more.

If you'd like to apply to volunteer in the week, especially on a Wednesday, please contact us.

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