

“First Night Out” Care Package Donation Items Needed

The goal of the “First Night Out” care package is twofold: first, to celebrate the individual’s release, and second, to make him or her feel comfortable, cared for and loved. The care package shows the individual that members of the community care about his or her successful re-entry, and aids in making the transition from incarceration smooth.

The “First Night Out” care package contains the essential items to make an individual’s first night after release comfortable and safe. The items the care package should contain are:

- Restaurant/fast food gift card
- Healthy snack
- Canned goods/basic food items
- Towel
- Blanket
- Hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrush, toothpaste, hair brush, deodorant, etc.)
- Sleepwear/undergarments (TEEM provides work attire)
- Book/reading materials
- Pillow
- Backpack/gym bag/small suitcase/other reusable bag
- Transportation accommodation (bus pass, gas card, Visa card, etc.)
- Feel free to include additional items, with prior approval by the Volunteer Coordinator