



Reentry Backpack Program

Community Partners in Action's Reentry Backpack Program provides participants at our Hartford and Waterbury Reentry Welcome Centers with a free, gender-tailored backpack filled with toiletries and other essential items. The Centers assist adults returning to Greater Hartford or Waterbury after prison and those already living in those communities who have a criminal history.

The reentry backpacks allow participants to immediately address their most basic needs---hygiene, clothing, food and transportation. Each Center gives out 25 to 30 free reentry backpacks per month.

If you would like to donate reentry backpacks or conduct a Reentry Backpack Drive at your work, church, organization or community, the following are the core and additional optional items we include in each one. We ask that the backpacks be dropped off at the Centers already assembled.

Core Items:

Backpack Face Masks Hand Sanitizer Socks Face Cloth Towel	Deodorant Lotion Manicure Set Toothpaste & Toothbrush Dental Floss Shower Gel/Soap	Wipes Comb Brush Pad/Pen/Stamps Shampoo/Conditioner Make-Up	Sanitary Products Umbrella Razors/Shaving Cream Calendar Powder
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Additional Optional Items:

\$75: Walmart Clothing Voucher \$50: Grocery Gift Card Costs Vary: CT Transit Multi-Day Bus Pass	(Waterbury RWC only) \$40-\$60: Straight Talk No-Contract Wireless Smart Phone \$35: One - 30 Day Phone Card w/unlimited coverage (up to 12 cards/participant)
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About Us: Community Partners in Action is one of the oldest organizations of its kind in the country. We were founded 150 years ago to champion criminal justice reform and advocate for preserving the dignity of those in and out of prison. Through our programs and community involvement, we strive to make a long-term impact that positively transforms individuals and our society.

The Hartford and Waterbury Reentry Welcome Centers provide pre- and post-prison release services, including information, basic needs, long-term case management, and other support while coordinating referrals to 30+ community partners. The Centers do not receive state funding. Instead, they are dependent on the support of local, private, and federal grants and donations from generous supporters.

Want to Help? Contact:

Hartford Reentry Welcome Center
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Waterbury Reentry Welcome Center
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