



## The Gorin's Cooperative Furniture Bank A Partnership with United Way *Furnishing Hope*

### About the Gorin's Cooperative Furniture Bank, a partnership with United Way:

- The mission of the Cooperative is to strengthen the home environment by distributing essential furnishings to those in need in our community.
- The Cooperative collects good quality, gently used furniture and provides it to those who need it.
- Those typically in need of furniture include women and children escaping domestic violence, families struggling to stay above the poverty line, victims of disasters, and previously homeless people leaving shelters and transitional housing.
- Eligible individuals and families are pre-screened by an approved non-profit social service agency. Those in need must go through one of these agencies in order to apply for furnishings and a match is then made with available items at the Gorin's furniture bank. United Way of Southeastern Connecticut oversees this process.
- Gorin's Furniture holds several trade-in sales each year. Those items that are in good condition are donated to the bank.



### Information for Donors:

- Donations made to the Cooperative that will be matched with a client are tax-deductible.
- After your items have been approved for matching with a client you will receive a tax receipt from United Way.
- We want all clients to be safe, feel loved and be proud of their new home or apartment. Donated items should reflect these goals.

- Donated items should be placed in a location that is easily accessible by Gorin's Furniture staff so that no damage will occur to the donor's home when the items are removed.
- If upholstered, items should be free of any rips, tears, stains, or sun damage. Cushions should all be included and in good condition.
- There should be no broken or missing parts, jagged edges, or broken springs that might potentially injure someone.
- We do not accept waterbeds, cribs, lamps, rugs, ready-to-assemble furniture, any plug-in units or appliances, or any item that is not structurally sound.
- *For more information about donating furniture and arranging pick-up, contact Wendy at Gorin's Furniture at (860) 887-2579.*

### Information for Agencies:

- *To find an approved agency that can register furniture requests, contact Maggie Marley at United Way at 464-3325.*
- Only approved nonprofit social service agencies are allowed to enter the online database and register a client to receive a specific furniture request. A waiver must be signed by the client and agency prior to any delivery of furniture.
- United Way will attempt to best match client needs based on the current inventory of available furniture. Gorin's will then contact the client to arrange date and time of delivery.
- Items will be delivered to the client address provided by the agency at time of application through the online database with no exceptions.