



## **Adopt-A-Room Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **I am interested in learning more about the Adopt a Room Program. How do I get more information?**

Go to [www.egmission.org/adoptaroom.aspx](http://www.egmission.org/adoptaroom.aspx) or contact John Hull at 425-252-1297 ext. 225 and he will give you the specific date and time of the orientation meeting.

### **Can a group adopt a room or is it for individuals?**

The Adopt a Room program is a unique opportunity for individuals, families and/or organizations to come together and physically impact the lives of homeless women and children by creating a place they can call home.

### **Once we decide to adopt a room, how do we go about completing it?**

At the orientation meeting we will review the process for adopting a room including a time line, recommended items, the process for purchasing items such as flooring, paint, window treatments and mattresses.

### **What is the approximate expense of adopting a room?**

There are three sizes of rooms at the shelter. Renovating will include purchasing of flooring, paint, window coverings, mattresses and furnishings. The expenses for each room can vary based on the furnishings you select; however, we have estimated the range to be as follows:

Small Room                      \$3000-\$4000

Medium Room                    \$4000-\$5000

Large Room                      \$5000-\$7000

Prices have been negotiated with certain retailers for flooring, paint, window coverings and mattresses. It is important to go through EGM on these items for consistency and pricing, but the remaining furnishings will be up to you to determine.

### **Are their additional expenses after a room has been completed?**

Our rooms turn over approximately every 4-6 months. Once a client has moved out, we would love to be able to call you to give their room a face lift. This is not required in adopting a room, however.

**Do we buy our supplies from any retailer or do you have recommended retailers we are expected to work with?**

Flooring, window treatments, paint and mattresses have been negotiated through specific retailers. EMG will arrange for them to be delivered and installed once your room has been adopted. The remaining furnishings are for you to select and a great way to personalize the room for the new family. We would suggest that you coordinate your purchases through EGM as much as possible to help with any questions you may have along the way.

**How long do you anticipate it will take to completely renovate a room so we can plan our time accordingly?**

Our goal is for all adopted rooms to be completed in a four to six week time frame. To help you plan your time and for us to schedule the contractors for work and delivery, we have developed a time line to assist you in the process. New families are generally on a waiting list to move in so we want the process to go as quickly as possible, but also give you the time you need to complete the room.

**How much feedback do the clients at the shelter have in the renovation?**

In developing the Adopt a Room program, we solicited specific feedback from our current clients to learn what they most appreciated in their rooms. We have compiled their recommendations into the suggested furnishings for you to consider.

**How many people live in a small, medium and large room?**

Small rooms are generally one woman and one child. Medium rooms are for 3-4 people and large rooms can house up to 6 if small children are included. We will do our best to give you the size of the family that will be moving in when you adopt the room. Each room is a dynamic environment, however, so clients will likely work together to share furnishings you provide. What you provide will be a blessing to the entire shelter.

**Are there certain things we should not include in the room and do you have a recommended list of what we should include beyond the hard items (mattresses, window coverings, flooring, etc.)?**

We will review this in more detail at the orientation meeting.

**Is it okay to buy things off of Craig's list for our adopted room?**

Night stands and dressers are a great thing to purchase off of Craig's list. We will review specific requirements of these items at the meeting.

**Financially the Adopt a Room program is more than we can support. Are there other ways to get involved in helping the clients?**

Absolutely. One of the next steps in a client's journey is the moving out process. If you would like to be involved in helping them move, providing certain items for them to take to their new home or to be of support in any other way, please let us know and we will find a way for you to help.

**How important is quality versus price for the furnishing we will be buying?**

We will go into more detail about this at the meeting, but things like bedding need to be able to hold up to repeated washing and wear. Durability is important for both practicality and safety reasons.

**My group is good at painting and cleaning, but we are not great at installation of things such as window treatments, flooring, etc. Will there be anyone available to help us with things that we are not confident we can complete?**

The retailers providing the flooring and window treatments will do the installation for these items. We will also have our maintenance manager available to help with items you are not comfortable completing.

**Is this a tax deductible project and how do we go about getting receipts for this for our taxes?**

Absolutely. Please keep all the receipts for your furnishings and we will provide you a total tax deductible receipt at the completion of the room.

**We would love to follow up with the family once they move into the room we have renovated. Is it okay to do this and what is the process?**

Spontaneous interaction is difficult do to the program in which the clients are participating. We will be happy to work with you on this, however, but it must be coordinated through EGM. We will go into more detail at the orientation meeting.