

The Thrift Center accepts many types of items – **not just furniture, but also . . .**

- Glassware
- Flatware
- Cooking equipment (pots & pans, utensils, bowls, measuring cups/spoons, etc.)
- Gently used clothing shoes and boots
- Gently used bath & bed linens
- Large and small appliances
- Wall decorations
- Jewelry
- And many other types of household and personal items.

This arrangement greatly expands what our members and friends can donate, gets us out of the pick-up business, and eliminates bad feelings that have resulted when we had to refuse some items a member wished to donate.

Items the Thrift Store cannot take:

- TVs
- Entertainment centers
- Baby cribs

All donations must be clean and in good repair/working order and have all parts/cords.

For more information,
contact

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**Please tell your family,
neighbors and friends!
It's a great way to get
rid of things you no
longer need/want
particularly when
downsizing.**



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**First Unitarian Church
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Facilitates**

**Furniture &
Household
Goods**

ILYA

Independent Living
For Young Adults

Supporting social justice in
our community





“I was sleeping on the floor and had one chair. Now it’s starting to feel like a home” NS – 19 yrs. old

Background

In February 2012, we entered into a partnership with the Catholic Charities Thrift Center that greatly improved and streamlined what we are able to do. This partnership allows the ILYA youth to shop from an extensive selection of items for free and choose what they prefer rather than being given what might be available from a limited inventory.

The Thrift Center has been in the “furniture business” for more than 60 years. It has a huge storage space, a license to sanitize mattresses, and many resources we couldn’t possibly provide.

ILYA frequently publicizes this partnership to First UU members and friends, encouraging them to think of and call the Thrift Center when they have items to donate. This steady stream of donations is what allows the ILYA youth to shop for free.

Donating is easy

The Thrift Center will schedule pick up for large items. If there are additional small items, they will take them also with the pickup. However, they cannot pick up small items such as bags of clothes, boxes of small household items or small appliances like toasters or microwaves. (It is not economically feasible for The Thrift Center to send a vehicle to pick up those isolated small items.)

To donate smaller items, you can visit a drop-off station listed below or contact Lois Morris if other help is needed.

- The Thrift Store, 1320 East 23rd Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19802 (Monday-Friday 9:00 – 4:00)

- Catholic Charities’ Main Office, 2601 West 4th Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19805 (Monday-Friday 9:00 – 4:00)

- To arrange for free pick-up of furniture or other large items, contact the Thrift Center at 302-764-2717. **Give the code: “ILYA”** The Thrift Center keeps track of donations and periodically reports to us the items that come through ILYA.
- At pickup, **please write “ILYA” on the part of the receipt the driver takes back to the Thrift Store** so the store will know your donation is connected with us. (The driver will give you a receipt for tax purposes. You are responsible for establishing the value of the items you donate.)

How it works

- The Independent Living Coordinators (ILCs) work closely with the young person to develop a list of items that are needed. ILYA then provides a voucher that is honored by the Thrift Store allowing the young person to shop for free.
- The young person goes to the Thrift Center with his/her ILC, where s/he shops – at no cost – from the entire warehouse for items on the voucher. They have a much wider variety of items to choose from than we could ever have space for with direct donations and they are able to select what goes into their apartment rather than being given whatever our donors have provided.
- After they select the items, we arrange for delivery via the Thrift Store’s box truck and delivery personnel of any items they can’t take with them that day.