THE SITUATION
Individuals or families who live in transitional or low-income housing often find it hard to come by items that are essential for health and hygiene.

THE SOLUTION
Do a drive that collects and organizes personal care items that can be distributed at local shelters or homeless resource centers.

THE STEPS

1. MAKE YOUR PLAN
   - Connect with United Way to confirm your drive, and to determine the recipients of your collected items.
   - Build your team of friends and family to help with the drive.
   - Determine the dates, times and locations for your drive.
   - Secure your locations with the proper authorities.

2. PROMOTE YOUR DRIVE
   - Post about your drive on your social media – and ask work groups, community groups or faith-based organizations to share your event information.
   - Provide the date, time and location for the items drop-off, and the organization that will benefit from the donations.

3. DO THE EVENT
   - Have tables and containers ready to store the donations you collect.
   - Do your drive! Take lots of pictures and videos!
   - Share your pictures and videos on social media, and share them with United Way.
   - Thank those who donate for impacting the community.

HAVE QUESTIONS? NEED HELP?
UNITED WAY CAN ASSIST YOU: CALL 203.757.9855

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