



HomeStretch

Apartment Prep

## **IMPACT**

During the course of a year, over 35 families will work through the HomeStretch program, transitioning to permanent housing and family stability. As clients transition from homelessness into apartments, they typically have little more than their clothes. Their needs place an additional financial burden on them as they try to create stability. Before clients arrive to HomeStretch, their homes are staged and ready for them to move in. Your small group can prep an apartment for an incoming family by setting up the kitchen, making beds, cleaning, and painting.

## INSTRUCTIONS

**STEP 1:** Spend some time as a group learning about HomeStretch and the families they serve. Their website (www.homestretch.org) is a good place to start.

STEP 2: Contact Natalie Anderson at <a href="mailto:natalie-Anderson@homestretch.org">nanderson@homestretch.org</a> to reserve your apartment prep date.

**STEP 3:** Once your date is set, you may consider as a group to provide some of the needed home items.

**STEP 4:** Let us know how it went! Please give us your feedback by filling out this **form** so we can continue to improve your small group Serve Together experience.

## **NOTES**

**Needed Items:** Laundry basket, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, hand soap, mop and broom, trash can, coffee maker

## **FUN IDEAS**

- Include your kids. They can draw pictures or make cards to give to the clients of HomeStretch.
- Take pictures and post to social media using #GiveServeLove.
- Go for a summer treat after your apartment is complete. Share stories about when you moved into your first apartment or home.