

Give to Los Angeles Homeless Youth this Holiday Season

Local Family-Owned Small Business Hosting a Holiday Supply Drive for LA Homeless Youth



Photo: Tom Stone, SPY

El Monte, Calif., December 8, 2014. Los Angeles-based and family-owned carpet cleaning company, Family Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning is partnering with [MyPocketChange](#) and Safe Place for Youth (SPY) to host a holiday supply drive. The holiday drive runs now until December 31st to benefit homeless youth in the greater Los Angeles area.

The storage unit that Safe Place for Youth (SPY) used was part of a large fire on October 26th, 2014 in Venice where eight firefighters were injured fighting the blaze. The organization is seeking supplies and donations for homeless youth for the upcoming winter months.

Supplies needed include: winter clothing, new socks, underwear, sleeping bags, blankets, jeans, hoodies, backpacks, sneakers, and t-shirts. Other necessities include travel-size hygiene items like soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, and sunscreen.

Family Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning is working with [MyPocketChange](#) to host a holiday supply drive to benefit SPY. Family Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning is a local family-owned and operated small business that strives to give back to our community. “Growing up in a low-income family and community, I had friends who wondered where their next meal or place to sleep was going to come from,” Oscar Mendo, owner states, “Partnering with MyPocketChange and Safe Place for Youth was an inevitable choice for my business. We hope it will be for you too.”

Donations can be picked up from Family Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning customers’ homes, dropped off at the business address (4914 Cogswell Rd, El Monte), or dropped off at the SPY drop-off location (685 Westminster Avenue, Venice). Monetary donations can be sent to MyPocketChange via their website (<https://www.mypocketchange.org/feeding-homeless/safe-place-youth/>).

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About Family Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning: [Family Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning](#) is family-owned and operated, led by Oscar Mendo, in the San Gabriel Valley. Since opening our doors in 2012, we treat every customer like they are a part of our family. **Media Contact:** Melissa Venegas, (626) 672-0039, familycarpetcleaning9@gmail.com

About MyPocketChange: MyPocketChange is a nonprofit 501c3 organization located in Culver City, CA. Founded in 2014, with the mission to help people in need throughout the year. MyPocketChange is focused on two issues: 1) feeding the homeless and 2) helping families with chronically ill children. You can learn more about MyPocketChange at mypocketchange.org.

About Safe Place for Youth: [Safe Place for Youth](#)’s mission is to inspire, nurture, and empower the resilient human spirit of homeless youth by providing immediate and lasting solutions, one young person at a time. The program prioritizes low barriers for entry, harm-reduction, a trauma-informed approach, and the provision of a safe, supportive environment.