



The Furnish with Love Design Process



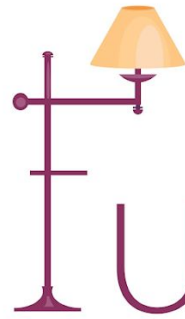
Join our Designer *Challenge...*
...your creativity with our donated goods...

Furnish with Love ...



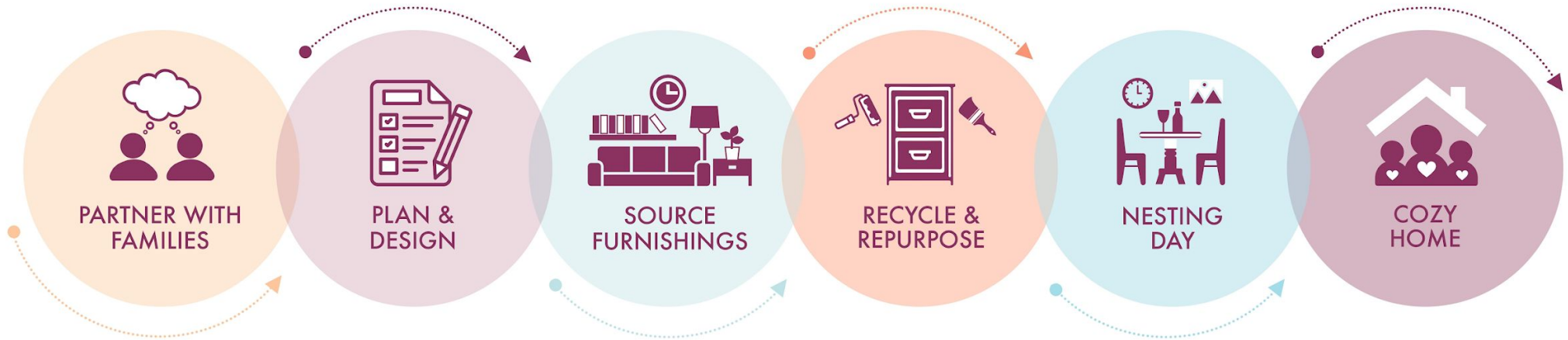
...changes families' lives

How it Works... in 3 Weeks!



FURNISH WITH LOVE

Creating Homes Where Families Thrive



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Partner with Families



Furnish with Love works with agencies that help families who have recently experienced homelessness regain self sufficiency. When a family is employed and has a new place to live, agencies can nominate them for a Furnish with Love project.



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Plan & Design

Interior designers volunteer to plan a family home. In the first week, you will join the FwL team on a home visit to meet the client family. You will talk with the parents and kids, learn about their needs and wishes, and take photos and measurements.



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The Design Challenge

Based on the home visit, develop a floor plan for each room. Bring your plans to FwL for a half-day of shopping.

Explore our warehouse and pick out furniture and home décor for your project. Have fun creating spaces with *limited resources*. Use as many items as you can from our donated stock!



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Source, Recycle & Repurpose

In week two, FwL volunteers get busy painting and repairing the furniture you selected, washing linens, and preparing items for the project.



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Nesting Day

In week three, volunteers pack for our install, called “Nesting Day.” On Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM, designers and FwL volunteers place furniture, hang curtains and art, make beds, and create a welcoming sanctuary for a family starting over. Be prepared to roll up your sleeves!



Working Together...

A Cozy Home

At the end of the day, we welcome the family home with joy!



What to expect as a volunteer designer

Week One

- ❖ Home Visit - 2 hours
- ❖ Develop furniture plan for each room - 4 hours
- ❖ Shop the FwL warehouse - 4-6 hours

Week Two

- ❖ Tighten up the plan with the FwL team. Possible 2nd warehouse visit - 4 hours
- ❖ FwL staff and volunteers prepare furniture and receive orders - take a break!

Week Three

- ❖ Talk with FwL staff to review final packing list - 1 hour
- ❖ Friday Nesting Day - 10 AM to 4 PM - 8 hours

TOTAL TIME COMMITMENT: 24-26 hours

Some knitty gritty for designers ...

For each home, we try to provide:

- ❖ Living area with seating, coffee table, side table(s), lamps, large rug, curtains, and art.
- ❖ Kitchen/dining space where everyone in the family can share a meal together.
- ❖ Home organization area - Whiteboard/bulletin board/catch all space.
- ❖ Each bedroom with bed, nightstand(s), lamp, rug, curtains, and art.
- ❖ Mom/guardian room to have a space just for her/him - desk/vanity/occasional chair.
- ❖ Desk and desk chair for every school-aged child. Reading corner for younger children.
- ❖ Bathroom with storage spaces, shower curtain, and art where possible.
- ❖ Include family photos to personalize the space.
- ❖ For safety and liability concerns, please do not use these items in your design: candles, heavy wall art or mirrors, or tall shelving.

That's the Furnish with Love Way!

Donated furnishings + Volunteer time & talent
= happy, thriving families

