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**Two Men and a Truck Delivers Furniture for People Experiencing Homelessness During COVID-19**  
*Shipment includes furniture donated by IKEA for people moving out of shelters into homes*

**Hartford, CT., June 15, 2020** — Two Men and a Truck volunteered their time and services to deliver more than \$30,000 worth of furniture donated by IKEA as part of the State of Connecticut’s COVID-19 response efforts, specifically to assist our state’s homeless population. The Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) coordinated the delivery and will be supplying furniture to shelters moving their clients into their new homes. The donation is part of \$1.6 Million IKEA is donating in products and supplies to support COVID-19 relief efforts across the U.S.



*Two Men and a Truck employees after loading for local delivery.*

This week’s shipment is tied to the state’s massive statewide rehousing effort. In April, CCEH worked with the state to move 60% of Connecticut’s 2,000 shelter guests into hotels to allow for social distancing in shelters and hotels. Now the state is focused on moving people out of the shelter system before the state’s hotel contracts end. Shelter providers around the state are working rapidly to find apartments for clients.

Two Men and a Truck will be shipping beds, dressers, tables, chairs, and bedside tables donated by IKEA for more than one hundred households moving into their new homes. “We are beyond delighted to make sure that every person in Connecticut has a place to stay safe at home,” said Two Men and a Truck local franchise owner Doug Sudell. “We pride ourselves on giving back to our community and are thrilled to be part of the state’s effort to make sure that everybody has a place to call home.”

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“We are grateful for both IKEA and Two Men and a Truck’s commitment to helping our clients stay safe at home,” said CCEH CEO Richard Cho. “It is powerful to imagine all the clients walking into the doors of their new apartments.”

Orange Rotary members affiliated with Colonial Properties and Pearce Realty worked together to secure a warehouse to store the donated items. “We are delighted to be able to help our community in this way,” said Carl Russell of Pearce Realty.

Local coalition members will play a part in the delivery process, accepting donations which they will then distribute to clients in partnership with local agencies. The delivery will provide furniture for 100 clients housed as part of the state’s 1000 Homes effort, through which homeless agencies around the state are seeking to alleviate crowding in shelters by housing half the state’s shelter census in 120 days.

CCEH is continuing to seek retailer furniture donations to supply additional apartments. The coalition is especially in need of twin mattresses for these apartments.

There is even a role for the youngest members of our communities to help. CCEH is asking children to create “Welcome Home” signs for shelter guests moving into their new apartments.

For more information on joining the state’s homeless effort visit <http://www.cceh.org/>.

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### **About the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness**

CCEH represents more than 100 members – emergency shelter providers, transitional housing providers, community and business leaders, and strategic partners – who share the goal of ending homelessness. In partnership with communities throughout the state, CCEH advances this goal through leadership, community organizing, advocacy, research, and education. According to research, the best way to help people is to keep them out of the shelter in the first place. For more information on CCEH, visit [www.cceh.org](http://www.cceh.org) or follow CCEH on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

### **About Two Men and a Truck**

TWO MEN AND A TRUCK is the fastest-growing franchised moving company in the country and offers comprehensive home and business relocation and packing services. Our goal is to exceed customers expectations by customizing our moving services to specific needs. We move apartments, condominiums, homes, businesses, and everything in between – from very small to very large. Whether moving down the street, across the country, or to a new home or business building, we’re here to help with managing relocation stress.

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