



Saturday, April 6, 2024



Grandview First Baptist Church



Free to register

RUNNING OF *THE* *BEDS*



Fundraiser for Flourish: A Furniture Bank
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Register Online



- * Design your own racing bed
- * Compete for unique awards
- * Costumes/PJs encouraged
- * Furnish homes free for families

[flourishfurniture
bank.org/rotb](https://flourishfurniturebank.org/rotb)



Flourish furnished bedrooms for 1,348 children in 2023 through community support



ABOUT US

FLOURISH

FURNITURE BANK OF KC

Flourish is the only furniture bank in Kansas City. We collect and refurbish donations to provide an entire home's worth of furniture to families and individuals free of charge. Everyone we serve is referred by a case management program, from transitional housing centers to schools to refugee resettlement services. By working together, we keep furniture out of the landfill by rehoming items directly with those who need them most. During 2023, we furnished 1,069 homes for more than 2,753 people.

Since Flourish's beginnings as a church ministry in 2009, volunteers have been the magic that makes it possible to collect and distribute furniture free to guests. The special care and craftsmanship volunteers dedicate to every donated item means that guests choose from beautiful, durable, and carefully presented items when they shop. Our volunteers' service combined with our furniture and fiscal donors' generosity allow us to operate cost-effectively and sustainably. We invest an average of \$1,200 per home through 39 donated items, 25 volunteer hours, and \$500 in operating expenses.

Flourish's unique model is fueled by the time and passion volunteers give to upcycling donations. By reclaiming used furniture through detailed care and craftsmanship, we reinvest the value of potential waste by furnishing homes for communities most impacted by homelessness, poverty, and violence.

2023



1,069
HOMES FURNISHED



2,753
PEOPLE IMPACTED



1,208
BEDS FOR FAMILIES



DAY OF EVENT **DETAILS**

WHEN:

Saturday, April 6th, 2024
11 am - 2 pm

WHERE:

First Baptist Church of Grandview
1416 Main St, Grandview, MO 64030

SCHEDULE

10 AM	Team Check In
10 AM	Field games begin
10 - 10:30 AM	Bed Inspection & Practice Runs
10-11 AM	Mr. StinkyFeet Performs
11:15 AM	Parade of Teams
11:30 AM	Race Begins
1 PM	Kid's Bicycle/Stroller/Scooter Race
1:30 PM	Award Ceremony
2 PM	Musical Performances



Photo by Leonardo Carrizo

Bed Race for Furniture Bank of Central Ohio



HOW IT WORKS

THE TEAM

TEAM RULES

- * Each team must register online with information for each team member
- * Team registration is free but each team must raise \$500 or more for Flourish through donations and sponsorships. There will be an award to the team that raises the most funds for Flourish!
- * Flourish will provide you with a link to a fundraising page where donations can be collected for your team. Sponsorships count toward team fundraising goal.
- * Only 15 teams spots are available. Reaching your fundraising goal of \$500 locks in your spot in the race.
- * Each team must provide 5 team members the day of the event, one runner for each corner of the bed and one person that must sit or lay on the bed throughout the race.
- * Runners must be at least 14 years of age with a waiver signed by a parent. Children are welcome to attend the event and participate in the bike/scooter/stroller/skate race
- * Each team will enter a team name. Have as much fun with this as you would like! Flourish reserves the right to reject team names, decorations, costumes, etc. if deemed inappropriate
- * Each team may enlist additional team members who can fundraise and serve as alternates only activated in case of emergency/injury during the race
- * Each team will construct a Race Bed. See Bed Construction for specifications. Team will be responsible for cost of construction materials and supplies
- * All team members must sign safety waiver to participate



HOW IT WORKS

THE RACE

RACE RULES

- * Four runners, one at each corner of the bed, must push the bed foot-first and remain in contact with the bed throughout the entire race. The rider must be oriented foot-first and remain on the bed at all times. A full five-person team is required to race.
- * Beds must be raced foot-first. (The foot of the bed facing forward.) Beds must be pushed, not pulled.
- * Runners are responsible for maintaining overall safe operation of the bed at all times including propelling the bed and stopping the bed. Operations deemed unsafe by the judges may be cause for disqualification.
- * The bed and all team members must be present for Bed Inspection at 11 AM and the Parade of Beds at 11:15 AM
- * All members of the team must cross the finish line to qualify
- * Awards will be given for: first place, second place, third place, last place, top fundraiser, most creative bed design, and most environmentally friendly bed design
- * All participants will conduct themselves in accordance with the highest levels of sportsmanship at all times - particularly with regard to other competitors. Abusive language or gestures will be grounds for disqualification.
- * All ruling by the judges are final
- * Race will be conducted in double-elimination heats between two teams
- * Team members are responsible for the transportation of the bed to First Baptist Church of Grandview. Flourish will collect gently used mattresses with no stains or damage to distribute to families. All other materials must be removed by the end of the event.



HOW IT WORKS

THE BED

BED CONSTRUCTION RULES

- * The Racing Bed does not need to be made of an actual bed frame. However, it must visually represent a bed and include a twin-size mattress. (minimum: 35" x 70")
- * Mattresses can optionally be donated to Flourish at the end of the race. If you intend to donate, wrap your mattress in plastic or other protective material during the race.
- * Wheels must touch the ground and be load-bearing. They do not have to be the same size.
- * No motorized or mechanized means of propulsion, only human power
- * Decorate your Racing Bed however you want - be creative! Teams are encouraged to wear costumes that go with their theme

SAFETY RULES

- * All team members must wear protective helmets and closed-toed shoes. Riders must wear helmets at all times. All participants must sign a safety waiver, and minors must have waiver signed by a parent or guardian.
- * Be aware that accidents may happen such as falling down, tripping, or collisions. You are encouraged to wear safety gear as deemed appropriate. No physical contact may occur between teams during the race. Beds and riders must be oriented foot-first during the race.
- * Ensure runners can see the road ahead when designing your Racing Bed
- * Observe all posted signs and warnings as well as obey all instructions provided by Flourish staff, volunteers, and public safety authorities
- * Persons that have physical limitations, are suffering any illness, or are pregnant should not engage in the bed race unless they have consulted their physicians.



GET INSPIRED *EXAMPLES*



Racing beds do not have to be made from an actual bed. Get creative - costumes and themes are encouraged. Visit www.flourishfurniturebank.org/rotb for resources or reach out to Elinore Noyes to schedule a consultation with a Flourish engineer.



Questions about bed building or the race?
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