Cradles to Crayons

Donation Guidelines

Our Kid Packs are hand-selected with great care to meet a boy or girl’s specific wants and needs. We accept a wide range of new and like-new items for children age 12 and under—and maintain a standard of quality that ensures each child feels valued and dignified.

Please review the following guidelines to make sure your donations go to good use.

Clothing
- Bottoms, tops, outerwear, accessories
- Children’s sizes 0-20 and child-appropriate adult clothing sizes S-M
- New socks, underwear and pajamas

Shoes
- Sneakers, sandals, and boots
- Please attach matched pairs with rubber bands

Books
- Board books, picture books, easy readers, early chapter books, foreign language books
- Most needed: baby books ages 0-2
  • PLEASE NO family, religious, or holiday books

Toys, Arts & Crafts, and School Supplies
- New markers, crayons, school supplies, stamps, craft kits, clay and dough, paper crafts, painting supplies, activity and coloring books
- Should be cleaned and contain all pieces, instructions and batteries (if required)
- Infant toys and toys for ages 7-12
  • PLEASE NO stuffed animals, videos, computer games, violent toys, big plastic toys, riding toys, playhouse kitchens, and table and chair sets

Baby Gear
- We accept a variety of like-new baby gear including: strollers, car seats, swings, and pack’n’plays
- All equipment must be less than 5 years old, in perfect working order, with manufacturer’s instructions and have all hardware and attachments
- Package hardware and attachments in a ziplock bag and attach equipment
- If batteries are required, discard old batteries and include new ones
  • PLEASE NO cribs or furniture

New Baby Supplies
- New safety, feeding, bedding, diapering and health supplies

New Hygiene
- New soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes

Questions? Email us at communitychicago@cradlestocrayons.org

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