HOW TO QUALITY CHECK CLOTHING AT HOME!

Quality = Dignity

At Cradles to Crayons, our bedrock value is that Quality = Dignity. We strive to provide children living in low-income or homeless situations with the highest quality everyday items. You can help us provide children with clothing for the classroom and the playground by quality checking them at home!

Due to the constraints of our units, we kindly ask that you only donate items using bags that have been securely tied shut, or in small boxes that have been taped closed. Please do not leave donations outside of the unit.

How Do You Quality Check Clothing?

1. Inspect all of the clothing to make sure there are no rips, stains, tears, etc.
   a. Check to make sure all buttons are there, and all zippers work properly.
2. For other examples of what doesn’t meet our quality standards, please see the box below.
3. If a piece of clothing is of good quality, bring it to a drop-off location found here: https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/chicago/take-action/donate-goods/find-local-drop-off/
4. If a piece of clothing does not meet our quality standards, please visit www.cradlestocrayons.org/chicago/at-home for a list of places to donate.

Some examples of what doesn’t meet our quality standards:

- Clothes with family or all holiday references
  o Ex. “Best Big Sister” or has a picture of Santa Claus, etc.
- Clothes with specific references to primary/secondary schools, events, or camps.
  o Ex. “Amundsen High School Vikings” or Chicago Marathon 2019 t-shirt
  o All collegiate apparel is acceptable!
- Clothes with specific references to professional sports teams outside of Chicago.
  o Ex. Milwaukee Bucks t-shirt, Green Bay Packers shorts
- Clothes that are not “every day” wear.
  o Ex. Formal clothing, bathing suits, baseball pants, etc.