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## • The Mission

• Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. We supply these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities that have with communities that need.

### • The Model

• Cradles to Crayons collects new and nearly new children's items through grassroots community drives and corporate donations. Donations are then processed and packaged by volunteers, and are distributed to disadvantaged children across the state through a collaborative network of social service agencies and school partners.



**Donate**: As a way to further engage your children in the experience of giving back, please clean out your closets and bring new or gently-used children's items with you to donate when you visit. Be sure to check the donation guidelines, including the lists of what they can and cannot accept, plus the current "most needed" items list available in the narthex or at https://dev-cradles-to-crayons.pantheon.io/philadelphia/donate-goods/items-we-accept/

# **Immediate Needs: 2017**

- New and gently used children's chapter books, ages 7-12
- New and gently used pajamas, sizes 18-24 months

### What We Need

- Clothing, sizes newborn 14/16 (youth)
- New Pajamas, sizes newborn 14/16 (youth)
- Winter boots, sneakers, and sandals (infant/child sizes 0–13 and yout)
- Winter coats, sizes newborn 14/16 (youth)
- Hats and gloves
- Fall/Spring jackets, sizes newborn 14/16 (youth)
- New socks and underwear
- Books, especially baby board books and chapter books for children ages 10-12
- New arts and crafts/school supplies (please **click here** for a full list of our school supply needs)
- Baby crib & bassinette bedding (no bumpers, please)
- Baby carriers (sling, Bjorn, Snuggli, etc.)
- Diaper Bags
- Diapers
- Baby equipment, especially strollers, pack-n-plays and car seats (car seats must be less than 5 years old)
  - Other items we accept: high chairs, baby swings/rockers, baby bouncy seats, baby bath tubs
  - No cribs, please
- Baby safety equipment (gates, bed rails, outlet covers, cabinet locks, etc.)
- New baby hygiene supplies
- Batteries, especially AA and C

### What We Can't Accept

- ADULT CLOTHING sizes M, L, XL+
- Used Pajamas, sizes newborn 14/16 (youth)
- Due to the recent drop-side crib recall, we are no longer accepting cribs of any kind
- Stuffed animals
- Car seats older than five years or that have been in an accident
- DVDs/CDs/VHS tapes/computer games
- Furniture
- Room decor
- Religious books/toys, including Christmas/Easter/Hannukah/Kwanzaa related items
- Books about families ("I Love Mommy," "Daddy and I")
- Underwear or socks out of its package or that are used
- Used bathing suits
- High-heeled shoes and shoes that are not in great condition
- Soccer cleats
- Clothing that is stained, torn, or has family writing ("mommy", "daddy", etc.)
- Military related or violent toys/games (no guns of any type)
- Oversized plastic play toys (please no toys larger than 24 inches)
- Large backyard toys, slides, swings, baby pools, and structures
- Used hygiene products
- Baby food
- Breast feeding supplies
- Used arts and crafts/school supplies



