

Cradles to Crayons

Our Vision

One day, **every child in need** will have the essentials to feel **safe, warm, ready to learn, and valued.**

Our 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.

Our Model: Cradles to Crayons collects new and like-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.

During the past year Cradles to Crayons...

*Served **119,000 children** in Massachusetts

*Hosted **35,000 volunteer visits** at our Giving Factory® warehouse

*Collected **56,000 bags** of new and like-new children's items

*Worked with **124 Organizational Partners** to reach local kids, including:

*Action for Boston Community Development
Boston Children's Hospital
Boston Medical Center
Boys & Girls Clubs
City Connects
Family Nurturing Center
Friends of the Children
Greater Boston Food Bank
Horizons for Homeless Children
Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
Thom Child and Family Services*

The Need:

More than 300,000 children (ages 0 to 12) live in low-income situations in Massachusetts. Too many children experience the New England winter without a warm coat or face their first day of school without a backpack.

How to Get Involved:

Contribute funds
Donate children's items
Volunteer
Host a collection drive

We Collect New and Like-new:

Clothing
Shoes
Baby essentials
Toys
Books

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