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 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.

In 2012
Cradles to Crayons...
* Distributed 60,000 KidPacks and backpacks to local children
* Hosted 28,000 volunteer visits at our Giving Factory warehouse
* Managed more than 1,000 children’s product collection drives in cities and towns across the Commonwealth
* Partnered with 300 social service partners to reach local kids, including:
  Bay Cove Human Services
  Boston Medical Center
  Boys & Girls Clubs
  Catholic Charities
  Dimock Community Health Center
  Family Nurturing Center
  Friends of the Children
  Horizons for Homeless Children
  MSPCC
  Project Hope
  REACH Beyond Domestic Violence

The Need:
305,000 children (ages 0-12) 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 & Gently Used:
Clothing
Shoes
Baby essentials
Toys
Books

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