

# Cradles to Crayons

# Chicago



## 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

We collect new and like-new children's items through grassroots community drives and corporate donations. These items are then processed and packaged by volunteers and distributed to disadvantaged children across the Greater Chicago Area through a collaborative network of social service agencies and school partners.



## Our Vision

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



## The Need

In Illinois, 1 in 4 children under age 5 lives in poverty. More than 197,000 of those children call Chicago home — and each deserves a warm coat for winter and a backpack for the first day of school.

## Experience In Action

Our work in Boston and Philadelphia is helping set the stage for success in Chicago.

We're proud to have earned seven consecutive 4-star ratings from Charity Navigator, ranking us in the top 2% of charities nation-wide.

- 177K children served annually
- 1M children served total
- 122K volunteer hours delivered annually

## We Collect New And Like-New Items

- Clothing
- Shoes
- Baby essentials
- Toys
- Books

## Get Involved

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

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