



OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH DONATED GOODS

Operation Breakthrough graciously accepts donations of a wide-variety of goods. These donations are used to help our families meet the basic needs for food, clothing, hygiene items and other basic necessities. If requested, Operation Breakthrough will provide a tax receipt to the donor, listing the items donated and the date. Operation Breakthrough will not assign a value to the donated goods.

HOURS: For the safety of our children and proper staffing, donated goods are accepted Monday-Friday from 12:30-3:30 at our entrance on Forest Street. Come to the back door and someone will assist you.

PRIORITY ITEMS NEEDED AND ACCEPTED

Food: Operation Breakthrough operates a food pantry for our families. Non-perishable items such as canned goods and staples are always in need.

Diapers: We are always in need of diapers of all sizes for our infant and toddler classrooms and to provide to our families.

Hygiene Items: Hygiene items such as soap, toothpaste, paper products, feminine hygiene, shampoo, laundry soap and cleaning supplies are always in need. Federal regulations prohibit using food stamps, a primary source of income for some of our families, on these important items. Travel size items are always appreciated

Children's Clothing: New or gently used and cleaned children's clothing is always needed. Operation Breakthrough operates, with the help of some wonderful volunteers, a full children's clothing closet. Our family advocates help identify children in need of clothes and our volunteers fill "orders" each week. School uniform pants and shirts are also needed. New children's underwear and socks go quickly---and we can always use more of those. Coats, gloves, hats and scarves are needed each year.

Books: We love to surround our children with books and encourage them to take their favorite books home with them.

New Children's Toys: New children's toys stock our birthday closet. Each child receives an age and gender appropriate gift on their birthday.

Infant Equipment: Strollers and infant carriers are often needed by our new mothers. However, these must be clean and in good condition. We do not want to give our families any items that might pose a safety hazard to their children.

ITEMS ACCEPTED. We accept the following items, but have very limited space for storage. Our distribution of these items is not on a selective or need basis, but more on a first come basis. There may be another organization better suited to the distribution of these donated goods.

Adult Clothing: We accept gently used and clean adult clothing. We have a small clothing closet for adults. Donated adult clothes are placed in a dedicated area where our parents can sort through them and take what they want.

Used Children's Toys: Due to accreditation standards, used children's toys cannot always be utilized in our classrooms. Therefore, we will make donated used toys available to our families to take home for their children's enjoyment.

Household Goods and Home Décor: Cookware, small appliances, pictures, vases, artificial flowers, etc. in good condition can help our families establish a better environment in their homes. These can come to Operation Breakthrough in our parents' give-away area.

Furniture and Appliances: We accept household furniture and large appliances at an off-site warehouse. These items must be in good working condition. Furniture is provided to our families through a regular distribution that is coordinated by our Family Advocates and is held each month in the Spring, Summer and Fall. If you call our donation line at 816-329-5263 to learn if we are currently accepting these donations and to schedule a delivery time. We have a limited ability to pick up furniture but can occasionally do so if given enough notice. We ask that you call our donation line to see what items we are in need of, when our next distribution is scheduled for and what pick-up or delivery options are currently available.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING:

Large Electronic Items – including any televisions that are not flat screen.

Any electronic items or computers not in working order.

Items broken, not in good condition, soiled clothing, old magazines.