



WHERE TO **DONATE, UPCYCLE AND RECYCLE** ALMOST EVERYTHING IN CHICAGO

BABIES & KIDS

ALL THINGS KIDS

CRADLE 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.

www.cradlestocrayons.org

SHARE OUR SPARE Change a child's life by donating your new or gently used Baby items. Your extras are someone else's essentials.

www.shareourspare.org

DANCEWEAR

DANCE WITH STYLE donates dancewear and costumes to children in need in Chicago.

www.dancewithstyle.org

DIAPER DONATION

Diapers are one of the most frequently requested items at Chicago's **FOOD PANTRIES**.

www.foodpantries.org/ci/il-chicago

ARTS & CRAFTS

UPCYCLING COLORS collects leftover/used art, craft and school supplies. They recondition items for schools in need.

<https://upcyclingcolors.org/>

STUFFED ANIMALS

STUFFED ANIMALS FOR EMERGENCIES (SAFE) is a non-for-profit that collects stuffed animals for children in crisis.

www.stuffedanimalsforemergencies.org

WOMEN

BUSINESS ATTIRE

DRESS FOR SUCCESS Empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

<https://dressforsuccess.org/>

WEDDING DRESSES (less than 3 years old)

BRIDES ACROSS AMERICA

<https://www.bridesacrossamerica.com/>

BRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER

<https://www.bridesagainstbreastcancer.org/>

FORMAL WEAR

PROM GIRLS ROCK! A division of 713 Community Empowerment Group.

www.promgirlsrock.org

TOILETRIES

SARAH'S CIRCLE An organization that provides shelter and wrap-around services to women experiencing homelessness or who are in need of a safe space.

<https://www.sarahs-circle.org/donations/in-kind-donations.html>

BRA & HYGIENE SUPPLIES

I SUPPORT THE GIRLS helps provide bras (new/gently used) & new sealed menstrual hygiene products for girls & women experiencing homelessness

www.isupportthegirls.org/

BRA DONATION (NEW AND GENTLY USED)

FREE THE GIRLS is an organization that works with services all around the world that rescue women and girls from sex trafficking, who can then start their own businesses`



FAMILY

MEN'S BUSINESS ATTIRE

BRIDGE TO SUCCESS Offers employment support services including work appropriate clothing for men (and women).

<http://www.thebridgetosuccess.org/>

MEN'S WAREHOUSE SUIT DRIVE

Every July

<https://www.menswarehouse.com/c/suit-drive>

EYE GLASSES

COSTCO partners with **NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY**. Drop off at any Costco with an Optical Department

LIONS OF ILLINOIS FOUNDATION

<https://lionsofillinoisfoundation.org/Used-Eyeglass-Collections.html>

SHOES

SOLE4SOUL has a partnership with **DSW**, drop off at any DSW location. You can also ship you shoes for free through Sole4Soul's partnership with **ZAPPOS**.

<https://soles4souls.org/get-involved/give-shoes/dropoff-locator/>

WINTER COATS

CHICAGO BEAR'S COAT DRIVE, drop off at any **JEWEL-OSCO** November through February

<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/metro/chicago-bears-coat-drive/>

BOOKS

BOOKS FIRST collect books for Chicago Public Schools with 15% or more homeless kids and no libraries/library equivalents.

<https://www.booksfirstchicago.org/>

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/>

BIKES & BIKE PARTS

WORKING PARTS refurbishes bikes to make them functional for use in developing countries.

<http://www.workingbikes.org/drop-off-locations/>

PETS

PAWS Chicago accepts new or gently used pet items as well as gently used sheets and blankets.

<http://www.pawschicago.org/>

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

THE MUSIC ROOM will repair donated instruments and get them in the hands of disadvantaged children and adults who might not otherwise have a chance to play.

<http://the-music-room.net/index.php/about/community/gear-shift>

MUSIC IN URBAN SCHOOLS INSPIRING CHANGE (MUSIC)

<https://www.musicincchicago.org/donate/>

HOUSEHOLD DROP-OFF

JUVENILE DIABETES RESERCH FOUNDATION

<https://www.jdrf.org/illinois/2019/01/07/donate-your-items-and-fund-research-to-cure-diabetes/>

HOUSEHOLD DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

SALVATION ARMY

<https://satruck.org/>

FLOWER VASES

RANDOM ACTS OF FLOWERS

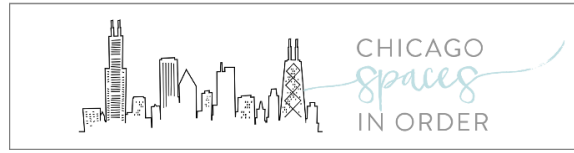
<https://randomactsofflowers.org/>

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

Borrow durable medical equipment and home medical equipment at little to no cost.

ALLIE THE OT, The only mobile medical "lending closet" in Chicagoland <https://www.allietheot.com/equipment>

DEVICES 4 THE DIABLED <https://supportd4d.org/>



RECYCLING

TEXTILE RECYCLING

H&M For every bag of textiles you drop off, you'll receive a discount card for 15% off your next in-store purchase.

https://www2.hm.com/en_us/women/campaigns/16r-garment-collecting.html

THE NORTH FACE Drop off any clothing or footwear to receive a \$10 reward toward a future purchase of \$100 or more.

<https://www.thenorthface.com/utility/store-locator.html>

BRA RECYCLING

Be green and recycle your used bra. A mere 15% of textiles in the country get recycled the rest ends up in landfills. You can drop off at any **SOMA** retailer

www.soma.com

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

BEST BUY will recycle virtually all your electronics, most for free.

www.bestbuy.com

FREEGEEK CHICAGO responsibly recycles and refurbishes computers and computer-related hardware in any condition.

<https://freegeekchicago.org/>

TROPHY AND MEDAL RECYCLING

AWARD MALL TROPHY RECYCLING

http://www.awardsmall.com/Trophy-Recycling_ep_46.html

LAMB AWARD TROPHY RECYCLING

<https://www.lambawards.com/trophy-recycling/>

SPORTS MEDAL RECYCLING

<http://sportsmedalrecycling.com/>

MEDALS 4 METTLE donated finishers' medals (marathons, triathlons, half marathons and triathlons) are award to children and adults for the mettle and courage they demonstrate battling cancer, chronic illness, trauma and other life challenges.

<https://www.medals4mettle.org/donate/>

BLUE BIN RECYCLING

RECYCLE BY CITY is great for telling your what can and can't be put into your blue bin, what goes in the garbage bin and what can be picked up with a call to 311.

<https://www.recyclebycity.com/chicago/guide>