

Host a Drive

Schools are the perfect places to hold drives for new and gently-used children's everyday essential items because every child has clothing and shoes that no longer fit, books they no longer read, and baby equipment they no longer need.

A school-wide drive calls for families to clean out their closets and bring donations to a collection point at their school. Cradles to Crayons can provide marketing materials to advertise the drive to children and parents.

Drives are a great way to teach children the importance of giving to others and allow Cradles to Crayons to provide much-needed essential items to children living in poverty around the Greater Philadelphia region.

For more information, contact Renee Nicolo at renee@cradlestocrayons.org or (215) 836-0958, ext. 213.

Service-in-a-Box

A Service-in-a-Box project brings the Cradles to Crayons warehouse to you. First, students, teachers, and parents collect the children's items Cradles to Crayons needs. Then, the school community processes the donations at their school the same way we would in our warehouse. The donations are inspected, sorted, and packed at the drive location so they are good-to-go upon delivery to our warehouse.

Service-in-a-Box allows us to be more efficient in quickly getting essential items into the hand of kids who need them and is a wonderful opportunity for adults and children of all ages to provide meaningful, tangible service as a school community.

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Volunteer as a School

- ★ Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- ★ Tuesday evening hours, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- ★ Saturday hours, one or two per month,
from 10:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Volunteer opportunities for schools book far in advance. For availability, contact Sarah Gray at sarahg@cradlestocrayons.org, or (215) 836-0958, ext. 212.

High School Service Requirement

Cradles to Crayons offers opportunities for students ages 16 & over to volunteer without a chaperone.

These students can fulfill their school community service requirements at Cradles to Crayons and at the same time, help ensure that vulnerable children in our region have high-quality items they need to thrive – at home, at school, and at play.

To volunteer, contact Sarah Gray at sarahg@cradlestocrayons.org, or (215) 836-0958, ext. 212.

Teen Leadership Corps (TLC)

The Teen Leadership Corps (TLC) program offers high school students in the Greater Philadelphia region the distinctive opportunity to develop or improve organizational and leadership skills while working to make a difference in the lives of children in need.

TLC members develop these skills through a variety of responsibilities including coordinating their own product drives, leading volunteer groups at the warehouse, and spreading the word about Cradles to Crayons.

Visit www.cradlestocrayons.org/teen-leadership-corps to fill out an application and send to Sarah Gray at sarahg@cradlestocrayons.org.

"Organizing a drive in our school really helped students to realize the importance of giving to others. By knowing another child would benefit from their clothing, shoes, books, and toys, students felt motivated to encourage their classmates to donate the items they no longer needed."
-Ms. Evans, teacher at the Shipley School

