

## **FOSTER CLOSET MATERIAL DONATION GUIDELINES**

The Foster Closet is an all volunteer tax-exempt non-profit organization formed to provide aid to the Foster Care Community by supplying clothing and other items free of charge to Children in Foster Care. We believe that children in Foster care should live as normal a life as possible experiencing love, respect, and a kinder side of life while in their foster care home environment. **By providing these children with new or gently used and up-to-date clothing, and supplies, we can help raise their self-esteem** so they can feel good about themselves regardless of their unfortunate situation. With this in mind, we have developed guidelines to ensure that these special children have decent, clean clothing and safe equipment to meet their needs. Your kindness and generosity will make a significant positive impact on their young lives. **THANK YOU!**

### **We accept the following material donations:**

**(PLEASE DO NOT donate dirty, stained, torn, broken or items with missing parts)**

**Clothing:** New or gently used and up-to-date clothing. Preemie to teen sizes. **Please ensure that clothing is clean, stain and hole free.** Undergarments should be new (underwear & socks).

**Shoes:** **CLEAN** and very gently used or new shoes are accepted. Infant through young adult sizes. **Please ensure that shoes are CLEAN.**

**Car Seats:** Infant, Toddler forward facing and booster seats are accepted. **MUST not be expired.** Generally this would be six years or less from the manufacturer date on seat.

**Furniture:** **We DO NOT accept Cribs due to liability issues.** We accept Toddler beds, dressers, bookcases, etc. No cracked or peeling paint. **Mattresses should have NO rips or tears AND should not be soiled.** **For large items please contact us regarding our FURNITURE EXCHANGE PROGRAM.**

**Bedding:** Sheets and Blankets. Twin, Toddler, and crib sizes. **Please ensure that bedding is clean, stain and hole free.**

**Baby Gear:** Baby Swings, Strollers, Highchairs, Bouncy Seats, Baby Carriers, Bassinettes, Pack-n-Plays, Blankets & Sheets. All types and styles accepted. **Please ensure that they are clean and have no broken or missing parts, and have not been recalled.**

**Diapers and Formula:** Diapers and pull-ups – all sizes, Formula (**formula must be unopened & within expiration date.**)

**Toys & Books:** New and gently used accepted. **NO STUFFED ANIMALS.** **Please ensure items are WORKING and are clean and have no broken or missing parts.**

Thank you for donating to the Foster Closet.

**Remember, a small act of kindness can change a life!**