

DONATIONS

Looking to donate goods? Call the agencies directly to see if they can accept your donation. **CALL BEFORE YOU COLLECT!**



CLOTHING (new or in very good condition):

- ◆ Center for Food Action (CFA) www.cfanj.org
- ◆ Englewood - 201-569-1804
- ◆ Hackensack - 201-883-9375
- ◆ Saddle Brook - 201-703-9857
- ◆ Mahwah– 201-934-5085
- ◆ American Red Cross of Northern New Jersey - - 201-652-3210 www.redcrossnj.org
- ◆ Buddies of NJ - 201-489-2900 www.njbuddies.org
- ◆ Women’s Rights Information Center - 201-568-1166 www.womensrights.org
- ◆ Salvation Army - 973-621-9560

FURNITURE:

- ◆ Bergen County’s United Way - 201-291-4050 www.bergenunitedway.org
- ◆ Eastern Christian Children’s Retreat - 201-848-8005 x230 www.eccretreat.org
- ◆ Goodwill Home & Mission - 973-621-9560
- ◆ Salvation Army - 973-621-9560

CARS:



- Children’s Hope Charities - 800-692-1221
- American Cancer Society - 201-343-2222 www.cancer.org
- American Red Cross Northern New Jersey - 201-652-3210 www.redcrossnj.org
- American Children’s Cancer Association - 888-788-4673
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation - 201-568-4838 www.jdrf.org
- Animal Rescue Force - 800-345-2571
- Kidney & Urology Foundation of America - 800-63-DONATE www.kidneyurology.org
- America’s Car Donation Charity Center www.donateacar.com

OTHER:

- Medical Angels Donations Center - 201– 461-9595 - www.medicalangelsdonations.com
Durable medical equipment, eg: wheel chairs, walkers, hospital beds, etc.
Medical supplies, eg: band aids, gauze, etc.

COLLECTIONS

Collections are a great way to really help! Organize a collection in your workplace, school or club and help agencies benefit from the collective efforts of everyone in your group.



Identify a need and identify an agency that will be able to use what you collect. Speak with the agency **before** you begin your collection to find out specifically what they need, and to make drop-off or pickup arrangements for the items collected.

Set a goal (bags, boxes, pounds) and schedule the collection to take place on a specific date(s). Generally, it is better to conduct a collection over a short time-span so that people in your group will feel some urgency to get the job done.

Make a splash! Hold a kickoff, use props to publicize the drive and use every way possible to tell people about what you're doing. For instance, wheel in a grocery cart filled with groceries to call attention to the fact that you're having a food drive. Place an article in your newsletter, put posters on bulletin boards, hand out flyers, put stuffers in paychecks or mailboxes and TALK, TALK, TALK about the collection.

Designate a collection site that is easily accessible to everyone. The spot should be secure so that the items collected reach their intended audience.

Continually update people on the progress of the collection effort, and state how much farther you have to go to reach your goal. Use a "thermometer" chart!

Get as many people as possible involved in getting the items to the agency. If the agency picks up what your group has collected, arrange a welcoming party when they arrive. If you'll be delivering what you've collected to the agency, take as many people as possible along for the ride. Don't forget the camera – this is a perfect photo op!

After it's all over, make sure to **thank everyone** who participated and let them know how successful the drive was. Include how much was collected, any photos and thank you letters or feedback from the agency.

Evaluate your efforts, talk about what worked and what needs improvement, and then start planning for your next collection!

Remember – contact the agency BEFORE you begin to collect!

Some Agencies That Accept Collected Items:

AGENCY/LOCATION	ITEMS
Baby Basics Ridgewood - 201-445-7015	Baby care items Baby food
BCCAP Child Development Center Hackensack – 201-342-2936	Clothes, school supplies/arts and crafts, toys, books, magazines, games
Bergen Regional Medical Center Paramus – 201-967-4096	Toiletries Books, magazines, games
Bright Side Manor Teaneck – 201-692-1000	Clothes, toiletries, Books, magazines, games
Buddies of NJ Hackensack – 201-489-2900	Clothes, toiletries, phones cards, Food
Centers for Food Action – 4 locations Mahwah – 201-934-5085 Hackensack – 201-883-9375 Elmwood Park – 201-703-9858 Englewood – 201-569-1804	Clothes, food, toiletries Toiletries, Baby care items Phone cards Pet supplies, school supplies Arts and crafts
Children’s Aid & Family Services Paramus – 201-261-2800	Toys, School supplies Arts and crafts, Phone cards Books, magazines, games
Emmanuel Cancer Foundation Midland Park – 201-891-8118	Toys, toiletries Books, magazines, games
Hoboken Clergy Shelter Hoboken – 201-656-5069	Clothes, toiletries, food, towels
Humane Society of Bergen County Lyndhurst – 201-896-9300	Pet supplies, old towels
Ramapo-Bergen Animal Refuge Oakland – 201-337-5180	Pet supplies, old towels
St. Clare’s Social Services Newark – 973-483-4250 ext. 17	Clothes, toys, toiletries, Baby care items, baby food, School supplies, arts and crafts
YCS Holley Center Hackensack – 201-678-1312	Clothes, toys, school supplies, Arts and crafts