

NEW MOMS

In-Kind Donation Guidelines

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| why donate?

When you donate goods to New Moms, you are **directly helping a family in need**. In-kind donations make a sincere and meaningful impact on our families, and every donation, large or small, makes a difference. It means so much to us and we would not be able to do our work without your support. **We are so grateful for your generosity!**

Your contributions are distributed in multiple ways:

I. Essential Item Deliveries

Each month, New Moms coaches deliver care packages to participants full of the essential items every young family needs: baby formula, clothing, toys, toiletries, household goods, cleaning supplies, children's books and more. These are the items our families have told us they need most.

II. The “Boutique”

Participants in our programs shop at our “boutique” weekly using New Moms dollars — currency they earn by participating in certain activities (such as workshops, support groups, and celebrations) — providing them an incentive to get the most out of what our programs have to offer. The “boutique” is filled with all the essentials: baby formula, clothing, toys, toiletries, household goods, cleaning supplies, and more.

III. Grocery/Food Supplies

Donated, non-perishable food items go straight to our food pantry, which is open to our residents whenever they need it.

IV. Annual Christmas Event

Our annual Christmas event is possibly our most anticipated celebration of the year! Families come to partake in a day of fun, food, and gift-shopping. Moms and kids are allowed to choose gifts for each other in their own boutique rooms so that they may keep their chosen gift a surprise for the recipient. All items are donated, and the mothers and children receive them for free. This is a way to ensure that every family has a happy and special Christmas.

| how to donate

I. DONATION LOGISTICS

- **Contact:** Our Engagement Specialist at 773.252.3253 ext. 135 or volunteer@newmoms.org.
- **Dropping off:** Please drop off (or *mail with attn. to Engagement Specialist*) your donations at our location, during our regular office hours:
 - **Address:** New Moms, 5317 W Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60651
 - **Office hours:** Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm
****You may drop off outside office hours, but special arrangements must be made with our property manager. Contact us for more information.*
- **Pickups:** we prefer you drop-off your donations, due to limited availability of our staff, but on the rare occasion we can make pickup arrangements. Contact us for more information.
- **Donation receipts:** Be sure to have the front desk attendant give you a receipt to fill out completely and keep the top copy for your records. If you are unable to fill out a receipt at that moment, please *email our Engagement Specialist your contact information* so you can be sent a receipt.
- **Participant Privacy:** New Moms takes its responsibility to maintain the dignity and privacy of our participants seriously. Therefore, we do not introduce in-kind donors to our participants. If you would like to learn more about our programs or participants, we encourage you to sign up for our eNewsletter, attend a [special event](#), or [become a volunteer](#).

II. ORDERING FROM AMAZON

- You can purchase specific items needed for each of our programs through our **Registries**. Click the links below to purchase items to be delivered directly to New Moms:
 - [New Moms Family Care Registry](#)
 - [Food Drive Registry](#)
 - [Board Book Registry](#)
 - [Christmas Drive Registry](#) (October through December)
- Write your **name, organization's name, address, and phone number** in the "Gift Message" section once you have proceeded to the "Gift Options" page of the checkout process. This allows us to know who sent us a gift so that we may thank you and you may receive a **donation receipt for tax purposes**.

| what to donate

- I. ITEM CONDITION** | We only accept new, unwrapped, and unexpired items
- For other organizations to donate used items, you can try:
 - Share Our Spare (our partner) - shareourspare.org
 - Cradles to Crayons - cradlestocrayons.org
 - Humble Design (our partner) - humbledesignchicago.org
 - Salvation Army (they do **pickups!**) - satruck.org (note: SA no longer accepts strollers or baby carriers)
 - **WE DO NOT ACCEPT ANY OF THESE ITEMS:**
 - USED ITEMS (even if gently used)
 - FURNITURE
 - CLOTHING (even if new)
 - EXPIRED FOOD OR BABY FORMULA
 - CRIBS
 - CAR SEATS
- II. ONGOING NEEDS** | Print the lists on the following pages for more details and to take with on your shopping trip!
- **New Moms essentials** | These are our most frequent needs and are distributed through our Boutique and Essential Item Deliveries.
 - **URGENT NEEDS**
 - Baby formula: Our preferred baby formula is Enfamil, and we would rather not accept Similac as most mothers in our housing program use Enfamil.
 - Diapers: especially sizes 4, 5, and 6
 - Baby wipes
 - Baby care accessories/toiletries
 - Full-size toiletries
 - Household Products
 - Board Books (think cardboard or wooden pages, not paper)
 - **Food pantry items** | Non-perishable food only
 - **URGENT NEEDS**
 - Boxed foods/meals
 - Snacks
 - Cereal
 - Ready-to-eat rice
 - Canned pastas
 - Canned chili
- III. SPECIAL REQUESTS**
- **Hand-knit blankets/prayer shawls**
 - **Services in your expertise**
 - Graphic design
 - Carpentry
 - Interior decorating
 - Interior / exterior painting
 - Photography
 - Professional organizing

WELCOME BASKETS



Each welcome basket will help a family create their new home!

*** Please fill a laundry basket with NEW, unwrapped items only ***

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HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

- Detergent pods
- Garbage bags
- Cleaning products
- Artwork/wall hangings
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Oven mitts
- Pots & Pans
- Twin sheets
- Silverware

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BABY PRODUCTS

- Lotion/Baby oil
- Body wash
- Wipes
- Shampoo
- Towels
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Baby bed sheet sets

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FEMALE HYGIENE

- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Sanitary napkins
- Body lotion
- Towels
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner

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FAMILY CARE LIST



All items on this list were requested by families in our programming. Please only give **new, unopened, and unexpired** items. Thank you!

- **Gender-Neutral Children's Clothing (ages 6 and under)**
 - Potty training underwear
 - Onesies - various sizes
 - Socks
 - Hair accessories
- **Children's Body Care Products**
 - Sensitive skin body wash & lotion
 - Shampoo
 - Bubble bath
- **Mom's Body Care Products**
 - Slightly higher-end lotion/body wash
 - Higher-end shampoo & conditioner
 - Edge control hair gel
 - Nail polish sets
 - Curling or flat iron
 - Hairdryer
- **Gift Cards (in increments of \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100)**
 - Ex. Amazon, Visa, Mastercard, Walmart, Target, Dollar Tree, and Family Dollar.
- **Gender Neutral Kids Supplies & Toys (ages 6 and under)**
 - Board books
 - Legos or building blocks
 - Booster high chair
 - Potty training seat
- **Household Supplies**
 - Laundry detergent pods
 - Dryer sheets
 - Plastic storage bins/shelving
 - Twin sheet sets
 - Pillows/pillowcases
 - Bath & face towels
- **Cleaning Supplies**
 - Hand soap
 - Paper towels
 - Mops
 - Brooms
 - Disinfectant spray
 - Garbage bags
- **Kitchen Supplies/Appliances**
 - Blender
 - Cookie sheets
 - Cake pans
 - Pots
 - Frying pans
 - Water filter pitcher
 - Air fryer
 - Instant Pot
 - Coffee maker
 - Toaster
 - Silverware set for 4
 - Set of dishes for 4 (nonbreakable)

Drop-off items or mail items directly to New Moms at our Chicago location: 5317 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60651

*****Please, coordinate all drop-offs ahead of time*****

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FOOD DRIVE ITEMS



All items on this list are given directly to the families in our programming. Please only give **new, unopened, and unexpired** items. Thank you!

Canned Items (w/ pull tabs):

- Canned fruit & vegetables
- Canned pastas (Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli)
- Canned beans/baked beans
- Soups (chicken noodle, tomato)
- Canned chili
- Canned proteins (tuna & chicken)
- Broth
- Emfamil baby formula
 - **Infant - yellow can**
 - **Gentlease - purple can**
 - **A.R. - salmon can**

Condiments:

- Mayonnaise
- Ketchup
- Jelly or Jam (strawberry & grape)
- Peanut butter
- Spaghetti sauce/alfredo sauce
- Honey
- Seasonings
- Pickels

Other:

- Grocery store or credit gift cards
- Ziplock bags

Boxed Foods:

- Box meals (Hamburger Helper, etc.)
- Baking mixes
- Dry cereal
- Mac N' Cheese
- Potatoes
- Oatmeal
- Pancake mix
- Ready-to-eat rice (Instant Rice)
- Spaghetti

Snacks / Beverages:

- Chewy bars/granola bars
- Applesauce cups/ pudding cups
- Baby juice/Pedialyte, Juice drinks
- Nursery water (for mixing baby formula)
- Cheez-Its/crackers
- Cookies
- Cheese & cracker dipping packs
- Pretzels
- Trail mix
- Fruit snacks
- Soy/almond milk
- Instant/Cold Brew coffee

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BOARD BOOK LIST



Help us collect books for New Moms!

We accept board books (thick cardboard or wooden pages, not paper) that are **new or gently used**. We encourage donations of vibrant multicultural books that feature characters of all ethnicities, races, and abilities. These books are for children ages 0-3 years old.

New Moms Encourages You To Buy Books From Local Black-Owned Bookstores

Here are some we recommend...



Kido



The Underground Bookstore



Semicolon Bookstore



Da Book Joint



Afriware Books



Frontline Books

Drop off/Delivery Instructions:

- Books can be dropped off at our Chicago Office (5317 W Chicago Ave.) 9am-5pm on Monday through Friday or mailed to ATTN: Board Books, 5317 W Chicago Ave, Chicago IL 60651.
- You can also order books from our Amazon Registry. Visit our website at newmoms.org/donate/ways-to-give under the "Ways to Donate" section

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NEW MOMS' SUGGESTED BOOK LIST

- "Ten, Nine, Eight" by Molly Bang
- "Baby Faces" by DK
- "Peekaboo Morning" by Rachel Isadora
- "Un Elefante: Numbers - Numeros" by Patty Rodriguez
- "Doggies: A Counting and Barking Book" by Sandra Boynton
- "First 100 Animals" by Roger Priddy
- "The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister
- "Busy, Busy People" by Richard Scarry
- "Carry Me" by Rena D. Grossman
- "First 100 Words" by Roger Priddy
- "Hug Machine" by Scott Campbell
- "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" by Bill Martin Jr.
- "Besos for Baby" by Jen Arena
- "Love Makes A Family" by Sophie Beer
- "Feminist Baby" by Lauren Brantz
- "The Family Book" by Todd Parr
- "Where's Spot?" by Eric Hill
- "Potty" by Leslie Particelli
- "Please, Baby, Please" by Spike Lee
- "Say Hello!" by Rachel Isadora
- "Llama Llama Misses Mama" by Anna Dewdney
- "Baby's First Words/Mis Primeras Palabras" by Stella Blackstone
- "A is for All the Things You Are" by Anna Forgeron Hinley
- "Dream Big, Little One" by Vashti Harrison
- "La Oruga Muy Hambrienta" by Eric Carle
- "Buenos Noches a Todos" by Sandra Boynton
- "Antiracist Baby" by Ibram X Kendi
- "All The World" by Liz Scanlon
- "A Book of Sleep" by Il Sung Na
- "Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type" by Doreen Cronin
- "You Are Special" by Max Lucado
- "The Paper Bag Princess" by Robert Munsch
- "Press Here" by Herve Tullet
- "Mary Had A Little Glam" by Tammi Sauer
- "Lucha Libre: Anatomy - Anatomia" by Patty Rodriguez

- "Goodnight Moon" by Margaret Wise Brown
- "Everywhere Babies" by Susan Meyers
- "Whose Toes are Those?" by Jabari Asim
- "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats
- "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" by Bill Martin Jr.
- "Where is Baby's Belly Button?" by Karen Katz
- "Moo Baa La La La" by Sandra Boynton
- "Happy Baby Words" by Roger Priddy
- "First 100: First Book of Colors" by Roger Priddy
- "The Pout-Pout Fish" by Deborah Diesen
- "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle
- "A is for Activist" by Innosanto Nagara
- "Future President" by Lori Alexander
- "Baby Goes to Market" by Atinuke
- "Love the World" by Todd Parr
- "The Runaway Bunny" by Margaret Wise Brown
- "Global Babies Board Book" by The Global Fund for Children
- "Where Do Pants Go?" by Rebecca Van Slyke
- "Follow Your Dreams, Little One" by Vashti Harrison
- "The Going-To-Bed Book" by Sandra Boynton
- "My First Heroes: Black History" by Editors of Silver Dolphin Books
- "Goodnight Chicago" by Adam Gamble
- "All the Colors/De Colores" by Susie Jaramillo
- "Oso Pardo, Oso Pardo, Que Ves?" by Bill Martin Jr.
- "Don't Touch My Hair" by Sharee Miller
- "Black Bird, Yellow Sun" by Steve Light
- "Giraffes Can't Dance" by Giles Andreae
- "Vegetables in Underwear" by Jared Chapman
- "Hey Black Child" by Useni Eugene Perkins
- "The I Love You Book" by Todd Parr
- "Corduroy" by Don Freeman