

## | why donate?

When you donate goods to New Moms, you are **directly helping a family in need**. Your contributions are distributed in multiple ways:

- I. **The “Boutique”**
  - Participants in our programs are able to shop our “boutique” weekly using New Moms dollars—currency they earn by participating in certain activities (such as workshops, support groups, and celebrations), providing them the incentive to get the most out of what our programs have to offer. The "boutique" is filled with all the essentials, from baby formula, to clothes for mom and child, to toiletries, to batteries, to cleaning supplies and more.
- II. **Emergency Services**
  - Our "emergency services" are available to anyone in the community to use two times a year. Through emergency services, we distribute diapers, formula, and baby wipes on Mondays (9am-4:30pm) and Fridays (1pm-4:30pm) to families when they need it most.
- III. **Doulas / Home Visitors**
  - Our doulas and home visitors in our Family Support program provide donated baby and childrens’ items to their clients whenever they request them and we have them available.
- IV. **Workforce Development Closet**
  - Professional clothing stocks the Workforce Development closet, which participants may borrow from whenever they need to go to a job interview, giving each participant an extra boost of confidence.
- V. **Food Pantry**
  - Donated food items go straight to our food pantry, which is open to our residents whenever they need.
- VI. **Annual Christmas Event**
  - Our annual Christmas event is possibly our most anticipated celebration of the year! Mothers and their children come to partake in a day of fun, food, and gift-shopping. Mothers and children are allowed to choose gifts for each other in their own boutique rooms so that they may keep their chosen gift secret from 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.

*In-kind donations make a sincere, and meaningful impact on our mothers and their children, 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!*

## | what to donate

- **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](http://shareourspare.org)
    - Cradles to Crayons - [cradlestocrayons.org](http://cradlestocrayons.org)
    - Salvation Army (they do **pickups!**) - [satruck.org](http://satruck.org) (note: SA no longer accepts strollers or baby carriers)
- **\*\*\*\*URGENT NEEDS:**
  - **Baby formula**
    - **Enfamil** - Infant (**yellow** can), Gentlease (**purple** can), A.R. (**salmon** can)
  - **Diapers**, especially sizes **4, 5, and 6**
  - **Baby wipes**
  - **Baby care accessories/toiletries**
    - Baby Bottles, pacifiers, teething rings, sippy cups
    - Baby lotion, powder, oil, wash, shampoo
  - **Full-size toiletries**
    - Hair care products: Motions, Luster's Pink, ORS, or Dark and Lovely
    - Shaving cream, nail polish, lip gloss & stretch mark cream
    - Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, perfume, body spray and/or body mist
  - **Household Products**
    - Paper Towels
    - Toilet Paper
    - Laundry Detergent Pods
    - Cleaning Products (i.e. window cleaner, dishwashing liquid, hand soap, sponges, dish cloths, etc.)
- **BABY FORMULA:** *Our preferred baby formula is **Enfamil**, and we would rather not accept Similac as most mothers in our housing program use Enfamil.*
  - **High need:**
    - Infant - **yellow** can
    - Gentlease - **purple** can
  - **Medium need:**
    - A.R. - **salmon** can
    - Newborn - **blue** can
    - ProSobee (Soy) - **green** can
  - **Low need:**
    - Enfacare (Premature) - **teal** can

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- **DIAPERS:** We are also always in high need of **diapers**, especially sizes **4 - 6**
- **FOOD:** *We have a food pantry for families in need, and here are the food items that are preferred (always **new, unexpired, and unopened**).*
  - Enfamil baby formula - Infant (**yellow** can), Gentlease (**purple** can), A.R. (**salmon** can)
  - Cereal
  - Canned fruit
  - Canned beans / baked beans
  - Canned Pastas (Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli, etc.)
  - Canned Proteins (tuna and chicken)
  - Canned Vegetables (especially tomatoes)
  - Peanut butter
  - Crackers
  - Soups
  - Canned chili
  - Mac and cheese
  - Mayonnaise
  - Ketchup
  - Jelly or Jam (Strawberry & Grape)
  - Ready-to-eat rice
  - Potatoes
  - Chewy bars / granola bars
  - Applesauce
  - Baby Juice / Pedialyte, Juice Drinks
  - Baking Mixes
  - Box Meals (Hamburger Helper, etc.)
  - Juice Drinks
  - Oatmeal
  - Pancake Mix
  - Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce
- **CHILDREN'S CLOTHING:** *Currently we are in need of summer/fall clothing.*
  - Sizes for ages newborn - 8 years old
    - Socks
    - Underwear
    - Shorts
    - Jackets
    - Swimsuits
    - Sweaters
    - Sandals
    - Dresses

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- **ITEMS FOR MOMS:** *Mothers often get overlooked when it comes to donations, so we always appreciate donations specifically for their needs.*
  - Single Ride Ventra cards
  - Tracks/hair: 12", 14" + 16"
  - Plus size clothing, socks, bras, underwear
  - Books: especially cookbooks and parenting books
  - Sanitary napkins & tampons
  - Belts, jewelry, purses, watches, & accessories
  - Earbuds (to listen to music)
  - Gift cards to any of the following places: Sally's Beauty Supply, Bath & Body Works, Forever 21, Target, Walmart, Dollar Store, or Subway
  - Shaving cream, stretch mark cream, makeup & hair care products (for African American skin & hair)
  - Full-size toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, perfume, body spray and/or body mist)

## | how to donate

- **DONATION LOGISTICS:**
  - We ask that you please **drop off** (or mail) 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 in advance with our property manager, so you would just let me know ahead of time the **time window** and **date** you would be dropping off.
- **ORDERING FROM AMAZON:**
  - If you are unable to drop off items but would still like to donate, you can purchase specific items needed for each of our programs through our **AmazonSmile Wish Lists**. Click the links below to purchase items to be delivered to New Moms:
    - [Housing Program](#)
    - [Job Training Program](#)
    - [Family Support Program](#)
  - Please write your **name** and your **organization's name**, as well as your **street 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 & you may receive a **donation receipt for tax purposes**.