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### **HELP GIVE A CHILD PRIDE AND DIGNITY BY FOLLOWING OUR DONATION GUIDELINES BELOW...**

Thank you for your interest in helping Raising Hope, Inc. provide for the children placed in Pinellas County's foster care system. Your caring efforts will help to build a sense of pride and dignity, and will greatly soften the turmoil these children encounter in their daily lives.

It is the goal of Raising Hope, Inc. that we make every effort to provide items that are in new or almost new condition. These are children who are already faced with many burdens and obstacles. They want to feel accepted and be normal. For this reason, our volunteer staff carefully sorts, folds, and prepares all clothing that is provided to these children. We ask that you read our guidelines below to help you better understand the items needed, and how to prepare your donations.

#### **-Raising Hope, Inc. supports the ages of newborns through age 18.**

##### **-Clothing items:**

- New/good quality used clothing. We do not accept any stained, torn, faded clothing, or worn out tee shirts.
- All clothing must be washed and folded.
- It is helpful (but not required) if clothing is sorted and labeled by age/size and gender.
- All snaps, zippers, and buttons in working condition.
- No used socks or undergarments. While this is a much needed item, and one that we often run out of, these items must be purchased new.
- Shoes accepted new only.

##### **-Toiletries:**

-All types of toiletry items can be used. These must be new and unopened. Items needed but not limited to the following: deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, styling products, hairbrushes/combs, razors, shaving cream, body sprays, q-tips, lice treatment, lotions, antibiotic creams, band-aids, hair accessories, sanitary items, African-American hair care products, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

##### **-Baby Items:**

-Diapers, pull-up and training pants, wipes, bottles, lotions, ointments, formula (dry or canned).

##### **-School Supplies:**

- Any basic school supply can always be used, including folders, lined paper, Crayola crayons, markers, #2 pencils, colored pencils, glue sticks, binders, journals, note pads, etc.
- New or good used backpacks. If used, they must be washed / clean.
- New or good used books for all ages. No torn or worn pages.
- New workbooks for all ages, puzzles, or "educational, thinking" items.

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