



Adoptive and Foster Families of Maine Inc. and The Kinship Program

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DONATION GUIDELINES

What We **CAN** Accept:

- Kids clothing, boys & girls size infant to teen in **clean**, good wearable condition
- All sizes & gender of shoes in **clean**, good wearable condition
- **New** in package undergarments, socks, diapers, and baby wipes
- New or like-new winter clothing, jackets, snow pants, boots in clean, good wearable condition
- New bedding; sheets, blankets, pillowcases
- New toys and gifts for our gift-giving program
- **New** backpacks and school supplies

What We **CAN NOT** Accept:

- Used undergarments or socks
- Clothing that is faded, pilling, torn, smoky, stained, smelly, moldy or inappropriate
- Used bedding
- Used Stuffed Animals
- Used Car seats or booster seats
- Used Cribs, Beds, pack and plays or mattress
- Used Household Items (dishes, paintings, kitchen appliances, cookware, etc)

Please take the time to wash and thoughtfully sort through your donations. Otherwise volunteers end up taking a significant amount of time sorting and throwing out unusable items; that is no fun and a bit disheartening to volunteers that spend countless hours sorting.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SORT THOUGHTFULLY

- Wash everything before donating. Most of the people we give to do not have easy access to laundry.
- Sort and label into smaller bags. No big black trash bags!
- Wait to donate Summer items until April and don't bring Winter gear until October.
- Always reference the donation list. Sometimes we are very full on certain things one week but can take them the next!

AFFM accepts donations by **appointment only**, please call us to schedule a drop off appointment at 207-827-2331. Due to lack of storage space we may be limited in what sizes we are able to accept due to what current needs are. **Please, when dropping off your donations, ONLY bring what was discussed when you made the appointment.** AFFM does have a Private Facebook Group, "AFFM Swap Only" where items (such as cribs, beds, baby furniture, toys) can be shared for home to home donations. Any donations that are left outside anonymously will be discarded for safety precautions.

Thank you for all the lovingly sorted and washed donations you bring to us, we are doing our best to make sure they reach children in care.

Thank you, we greatly appreciate your support!