

## Canadian Food for Children - Donation Guidelines

Welcome and thank you for your generous donations! Your support is invaluable to our charity's mission. Please know that every item you've brought will make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve. Your donations not only provide material support but also instill hope and dignity in those facing adversity. Together, we're building stronger, more resilient communities both locally and globally.

### **Donations Accepted:**

Donation	Examples
<b>Food:</b> Nonperishable food items will help alleviate hunger in communities in need.	Canned goods, flour, milk powder, salt, rice, peanut butter, tuna, sardines, candy, cookies, cereal, cooking oil, beans, pasta, sugar, etc.
<b>Clothing:</b> Help provide dignity and warmth.	Gently used clothing must be clean, not stained, torn or ripped items. We also accept light winter coats, boots, mittens, and gloves. Linens and towels are also appreciated. They must be clean and gently used. Purses, bags, and wallets.
<b>Shoes:</b> Help to prevent disease from the ground.	Shoes must be in pairs, useable and clean.
<b>Toiletries &amp; Hygiene Products:</b> Essential for maintaining health and well being.	We accept and ship all toiletries, especially much needed toothpaste, toothbrushes (new), bath soap (all types), shaving kits and cream, body lotions, deodorant, shampoo, conditioners, etc.
<b>Books:</b> Educational enrichment. Provide valuable knowledge and entertainment.	Children's books (preschoolers), Picture Books, Story book, Religious Books
<b>School Supplies:</b> Help children access education more easily.	Paper, binders, hole punches, crayons, crafts, notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, backpacks, any supplies children can use
<b>Toys:</b> Provide joy in underserved areas. Providing sports gear can promote physical activity and community engagement.	All toys, puzzles (must have all of the pieces), dolls, soft toys, basket balls, soccer balls, tennis balls & rackets, etc.
<b>Bicycles:</b> A main source of mobility in underserved areas.	All bicycles in good working condition or could be easily repaired.

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<b>Religious Items:</b> Serving spiritual needs within communities.	All religious books & items, e.g. rosaries, statues, church like vestments, bibles, candles, etc.
<b>Furniture:</b> Provide functional living spaces and lift belongings off the ground.	Small items such as: Tables, side tables, chairs, small dressers, desk
<b>Household Items:</b> Food preparation and safety.	Dishes, plates, cups, cutlery, pots and pans, plastic pails with or without lids, food storage containers, etc.
<b>Medical Supplies:</b> Vital for addressing healthcare needs	All hospital and medical supplies (no prescription medication)
<b>Electrical Items:</b> Provide functional living spaces	Small electrical items, lamps and appliances and they should be in good working condition.
<b>Hardware:</b> Resource for building and repair or for work	All kinds of tools
<b>Technology:</b> While not always essential, donations of working electronics can facilitate access to information and communication.	Working electronics such as laptops, tablets, or smartphones
<b>Sewing Machines:</b> To help create clothes and household items; for work	All sewing machines in good working condition.
<b>Baby Items:</b> To provide a safe and clean environment for babies.	Donations of diapers, formula, baby clothes, cribs, clean strollers, baby baths, basinets, highchairs, and other infant essentials
<b>Financial Contributions</b>	In addition to physical donations, monetary contributions are crucial for covering operational costs, transportation, and purchasing specific items that are in high demand. For monetary donations we provide tax receipts.

### Items we do NOT accept:

- Frozen or fresh fruit or vegetables
- Dented, bulging or rusted cans.
- VHS cassettes, DVDs, old radio cassettes, music or movies
- Winter sports equipment such as hockey sticks and skates
- Adult books, cookbooks or magazines
- Couches, mattresses, wardrobes, large dressers, etc.
- Take out containers, margarine or yogurt containers.
- Camouflage items, Car seats, Used pillows, Paint