

February 28, 2019

Dear McKinley Teachers, Students and Parents,

Please help us with our campaign to support children in need. We are partnering with *Cradles to Crayons* to collect clothing and necessities. We, Kiwanis Kids, have learned about the poverty and homelessness that plague our Philadelphia area. Did you know that in 2016, the Philadelphia Housing Authority approximated that over half a million people were homeless? Of this number, 120,819 were children under the age of 18! **This is our chance to change things, and we need YOU to help!**

Some of you may be thinking, *I'm just a kid, how can I help?* It's hard for us to imagine that kids our age don't have the things that we sometimes take for granted in our own lives. Can you imagine doing schoolwork without pencils? How about not having a jacket in the winter? Unfortunately, people around our area aren't able to do or have all the things that we are accustomed to having or doing. So, it's up to us, *kids*, to help our fellow friends! Think about the toys you don't use and the clothes you or other family members don't wear. If you have any to spare, ask your parents if you can donate it to people that need it. K-Kids will have a bin in the lobby to collect any items you are willing to give. Attached is a list you can hang in your classroom of all acceptable donations.

C'mon, McKinley! Let's help our fellow friends!

Please review our donation guidelines on the back of this letter.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:

Winter Coats: Girl and Boy 0-6 months, Girl 2t, Boy Sizes 6-12 months, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12; **Boots:** Girl and Boy all sizes; **Gloves:** Girl and Boy sizes 8-12
Clothing: Girl and Boy long sleeve tops & pajamas 0-6 months, Girl tops & pajamas 18-24 months; Girl tops sizes 11/12, Boy tops sizes 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 14/16; Girl & Boy socks, new underwear all sizes 2t through 14/16; Girl & Boy pajamas all sizes; Girls tights all sizes. **Pants:** Jeans and Khakis
Shoes: Girls sizes 6-7.5 IT; Boys 13-13.5 IT & 4-5.5 YA; **Nursery:** Diaper Bags, Baby Carriers, Baby Bathtubs, Hygiene Kit Supplies which includes: New Baby Lotion, Infant Towels, Infant Washcloth, New Pacifiers and Teethers, New Toddler Cups, Bowls, and Utensils; Batteries (all types)

Our goal is to collect at least 2,000 items by Monday, April 8th, 2019!
Help us help others!

Thank you for supporting our campaign!

Sincerely,

McKinley Kiwanis Kids 2019

