

A HELPING HAND NEWSLETTER



Fall 2024

Thoughts and reflection from CEO, Cliff Kinsey

The cooler weather is here and it is now time to think about our busiest campaign season of the year! Holidays for homeless children living in group homes and shelters are not “typical” but at Children’s Restoration Network, we try to make the holiday season as festive and happy as possible for kids living in group homes and shelters we support. While we can’t erase the trauma of homelessness that so many of these children endure, we can try and provide some “normalcy” by making sure they have toys and gifts meant just for them under the Christmas tree. I hope you will join us in our efforts this holiday season. Thanks for Caring!

12 Days of Caring Toy Drive

This year, we anticipate the need to be greater than ever for **NEW** toys and gifts for homeless and underserved children we serve for our 12 Days of Caring program! Our organization has already received requests from group homes, emergency shelters, domestic violence shelters and community outreach groups who are experiencing record numbers of children in their care.

Please consider rallying your friends, coworkers, family members, neighbors, social and civic clubs to go out shopping this year to help brighten the holidays for some very special children who look to CRN for a reason to get out of bed on Christmas morning. **Any and all NEW toys and gifts for all ages, newborn to 18, are much needed and very appreciated.** We hope you will join us during this very important campaign!

Have a large donation to share? Please visit our website for more details.

We are bringing shopping back!

12 DAYS OF CARING

Drop off your **NEW** toys and gifts:
December 12, 13, & 14
10am-3pm
CRN Office



Make a big impact through Adopt-a-Shelter

Interested in going **BIG** and provide new holiday toys and gifts for an entire group home or shelter that we serve? Our Adopt-a-Shelter program matches your group (family, neighborhood, company) with the wish lists of kids that live in a group home or shelter, so that you can make the Magic of Christmas happen for a great bunch of kids! The impact you will make will not even compare to the impact on your heart! Please consider going **BIG** this holiday season! Want to learn more? Please visit our Adopt-a-Shelter Program page on our website for more info.

Encouraging Recovery through The TYLER Project

One way CRN acknowledges and promotes positive living is by providing fun experiences and activities through The TYLER Project (Transforming Young Lives & Encouraging Recovery). Recently, we gave movie tickets (plus popcorn, of course!) to a shelter housing homeless mothers and their kids so that they could enjoy an afternoon at the local movie theater. It is experiences like this that help remind individuals about the power of enjoying all that each day has to offer!

Upcoming events & campaigns

- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- 12 Days of Caring
- Adopt-a-Shelter
- Coats & Blankets Drive
- Hygiene Items Drive