



## FOSTER CLOSET DONATION GUIDELINES

*The Flourish Closet is an all-volunteer tax-exempt non-profit organization through Lighthouse Therapeutic Foster Care, Inc formed to provide aid to the foster care community by supplying clothing and other items free of charge to children in foster care. We believe that children in foster care should live as normal a life as possible experiencing love, respect, and a kinder side of life while in their foster care home environment. By providing these children with new or gently used and up-to-date clothing, and supplies, we can help raise their self-esteem so they can feel good about themselves regardless of their unfortunate situation. With this in mind, we have developed guidelines to ensure that these special children have decent, clean clothing and safe equipment to meet their needs. Your kindness and generosity will make a significant positive impact on their young lives.*

THANK YOU!

The children who use the Closet deserve our best. If your item would be rejected for consignment, please do not send it to us. Also, keep in mind that our volunteers sort all donated items. Your diligence in donating only items on the approved list below is a gift to the Closet of saved volunteer time. If you have items not listed, please feel free to ask us. We accept the following material donations: (PLEASE DO NOT donate dirty, stained, torn, broken or items with missing parts)

**Clothing:** In new and very good condition and up-to-date clothing only. Preemie to teen size/style. Please ensure that clothing is clean, stain and hole free.

Undergarments should be new in package (underwear & socks).

Bras in excellent condition

**Shoes:** CLEAN and very gently used or new shoes are accepted. Toddler through young adult sizes. Please ensure that shoes are CLEAN.

**Car Seats:** WE NO LONGER ACCEPT USED CAR SEATS OR BOOSTERS. We ACCEPT ONLY NEW CARSEATS STILL IN THE BOX.

**Furniture:** WE NO LONGER ACCEPT FURNITURE OR BEDS. If you would like to donate a bed or mattress set. We can help partner with a family but we cannot store these items.

**Baby Gear:** Baby gear and equipment NOT on a recall list; diaper bags, bouncers, swings, pack-n-plays, etc (in VERY GOOD condition). NEW pacifiers included.

**Baby Feeding:** formula (not expired), bottles and sippy cups in NEW or EXCELLENT condition with all parts attached.

**Bedding:** (no crib or bumper pads), blankets, and sheets (crib, toddler, & sheets ONLY for twin or full/queen in EXCELLENT condition).

**NEW toiletries:** toothpaste, shampoo, deodorants, baby lotion, diaper rash ointment, baby shampoo and wash, soap, hair care products.

NEW pacifiers

NEW school supplies

Duffle bags and small suitcases in NEW or EXCELLENT condition

NO TOYS

GIFT CARDS

No, Thank you

- o Car seats/boosters
- o Crib bumpers/pads
- o Clothing that is: ripped, stained, or missing parts; out of style or too mature for teens, contains profanity or inappropriate advertisements, decorated with individual or specific information (child's name, sports team, school name, senior class year, 5k run name, covered in pet hair.)
- o Used underwear/cloth diapers
- o Sports equipment (except cleats)
- o Toys
- o Mattresses larger than toddler/crib
- o Room décor

Thank you for donating to the Flourish Closet.

Remember, a small act of kindness can change a life!

Any donation receipts needed will be given at the time of donation if in person.