



In-kind Donations *we always accept*

Gently Used Items

- Foam headphones for silent computer work (not earbuds)
- Plastic stroller covers for rainy and snowy days
- Children's clothing – newborn sizes up to size 4
- Teen clothing – work attire, fitness and yoga clothing, casual clothing
- Empty egg cartons
- Cloth grocery bags
- Hardcover books for toddlers
- LCD computer monitors
- Running shoes for our fitness program
- Warm clothing for winter: boots, mitts, hats, scarves, jackets, snowpants
- Skates for our skating day
- Toys (except plush toys and small toys that could be choking hazards).
- Baby and toddler socks
- Umbrella strollers, larger strollers in good condition (both under 5 years old)
- Baby gates
- Bath towels, dish towels and washcloths
- Robeez shoes for babies
- Plastic storage bins (not too large), for storing out of season clothing in our Swap Shop
- sporting, yoga, and fitness equipment
- Summer hats for the children
- Playpens
- High Chairs less than 5 years old

NOTE: Any baby gear such as playpens, swings, etc. will be inspected for safety by our Child Development Program staff, and may not be accepted if it does not meet safety standards.

New Items

- Diapers and baby wipes – especially diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6
- Bus tickets
- Grocery gift cards
- Washable handmade quilts and baby blankets
- Cosmetics, toiletries, and hygiene products – hotel toiletries, sanitary pads and tampons, makeup, skincare products, shampoo, conditioner, soap, child and adult toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss.
- Brand new toys, gift bags, tissue paper and gift wrap – these items help our young moms when their child has a birthday, or when they are invited to other children's birthday parties.
- Baby Benadryl, Tylenol
- Polysporin eye drops
- Sudocreme
- Sunscreen for children
- Lice treatments
- Soothers and soother clips
- Baby ear thermometer caps
- 12" x 12" post-bound scrapbooks
- scrapbooking paper and stickers
- Diaper Genie
- Braun baby ear thermometers with caps -- available at Shoppers Drug Mart, Wal-Mart, and Costco
- sports bras and everyday bras in a variety of sizes

Items We Cannot (unfortunately) Accept

- Furniture (see back for other options)
- Car seats
- Cribs
- Small toys that could be deemed a choking hazard
- Large appliances, i.e. fridges, dishwashers etc.
- Beds
- Mattresses
- CRT computer monitors
- Older, large TVs with CRT screens
- Computers that are more than 4 years old
- Plush toys

Please see back for more details...





Dropping off Donations

You may drop off your donations to our centre at 150 Mann Avenue in Sandy Hill Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Please note that Tuesdays and Thursdays are the best days to drop off your donations as we have more volunteer support on those days. Please do not leave items outside the door after hours or while we are closed.

Having your Donations Picked Up

If you are elderly, disabled, without transportation or you have a large amount of donations that exceed your vehicle, we would be happy to send our volunteer driver to your house to pick up your donations. Please call us at 613-231-5150 ext.286 or donations@youvillecentre.org with your name, address and ideal times for pickup.

Business Clothing

We accept black pants and button-down tops and black flats for when our students have Co-op interviews and other important occasions for when business attire is needed. If you have high end, designer brands, please consider donating it to Dress for Success Ottawa, who we work closely with to suit our clients for special events and interviews. You can email them at Ottawa@dressforsuccess.org to donate.

Furniture

If you have furniture you would like to donate, please consider contacting one of the following organizations:

Helping with Furniture – They assist refugee claimants from all over the world by providing furniture that is in good condition. They service the East end, South end and Downtown areas of Ottawa.

Phone: 613-745-1348

Email: donations-coordinator@helpingwithfurniture.org

The Furniture Bank of Ottawa – They assist families in the West end of Ottawa.

Phone: 613-240-6680

Email: FurnitureBankofOttawa@Gmail.com

Other Ways You Can Help:

Some of the best ideas of how to give have come from our donors! Please see a few more suggestions below:

Babyless Baby Shower – Gather your friends and have a babyless baby shower! Please contact us if you would like brochures or if you would like a Youville representative to speak at your event.

Shoppers Drugmart Points – Use your Shoppers Drugmart Points for young moms and babies in need!

Third Party Events – Golf tournaments, fashion shows, cocktail parties and holiday parties are just some of the third party fundraisers our donors have hosted on Youville's behalf. Please contact us if you would like brochures or if you would like a Youville representative to speak at your event.

Volunteer at Youville Centre – If you are interested in volunteering at our centre, please visit our website to complete and submit an application. When we receive your application we will be in touch. Volunteers mostly help with childcare duties, sorting donations and administrative work. Police checks are required for childcare positions. Tutors must have worked for the school board in the past 5 years and be cleared by our Lead Teacher and Executive Director.

Other Agencies Accepting Donations:

From late July to mid-August, Youville Centre closes for maintenance and repairs. During that time, or during the year if something being donated is not suitable for Youville Centre, donors can look to the following organizations to donate their items:

St. Vincent de Paul 1273 Wellington Street West Ottawa ON K1Y 3A6 Phone: (613) 722-7166

Salvation Army (closest one to Youville) 333 Montreal Road Ottawa ON K1L 6B4 Phone: (613) 842-3938

Value Village (closest one to Youville) 1162 Cyrville Road Ottawa ON K1J 7S9 Phone: (613) 749-4977

Anything unsuitable for our clients is sent directly to St. Vincent de Paul.

Questions?

Call **613-231-5150 ext.286** or donations@youvillecentre.org

