

The **Homeless Children's Education Fund** cannot do what it does without support from generous community members! Are you looking to donate in-kind items? Or organize an office or classroom school supply drive? Take a look at the following guide to see what items we are looking for. Keep in mind that HCEF's focus is on education. If you have a donation that does not fit the categories below, contact Carrie at cpavlik@homelessfund.org or 412-562-0154 for determination on a case by case basis. Please contact Carrie to schedule a drop-off time at our office in the Strip.



HCEF DONATION GUIDELINES

WE NEED:



School Supplies for our Gear for Grades distribution:

- New pencils
- New pencil pouches
- New pencil sharpeners
- New erasers
- New pens
- New spiral notebooks
- New binders
- New folders
- New colored pencils
- New crayons
- New washable markers
- New glue sticks
- New child scissors
- New rulers
- New USB flash drives

WE SOMETIMES ACCEPT:



Learning Center and Afterschool Program supplies:

- New or gently used books ("Board books" for toddlers are always needed!)
- New learning tools and games (e.g. flash cards, activity books)
- New small gardening supplies
- New children's indoor physical activity gear
- New art supplies
- New backpacks

Program Incentives:

- Port Authority bus tickets
- Gift cards in \$10 denominations for Target, Giant Eagle, etc.
- Event tickets
- New small toys or prizes
- New hats, gloves, scarves

WE CANNOT ACCEPT:



- Clothing
- Toiletries
- Furniture and housewares
- Used desktop computers
- Used office supplies
- Used school supplies
- Used or large toys
- Items that need to be picked up by HCEF
- "Strings attached" donations



SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVES:

Used school supplies
Education Partnership
Creative Reuse

Worn books
ABOARD's Autism
Big Idea
Book 'Em
Carnegie Library
Creative Reuse
East End Book Exchange
East End Comm. Thrift
Education Partnership
Find Room in your Heart
Jeremiah's Place
Lutheran Services
Reading is Fundamental
Vincentian Coll. System
Second hand stores

Clothes
Dress for Success
East End Comm. Thrift
Soc. of Vincent de Paul
Vincentian Coll. System
Second hand stores

Toys
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Children's Hospital
Second hand stores

Housewares
Creative Reuse
East End Comm. Thrift
Education Partnership
Habitat for Humanity
Off the Floor Pgh
Soc. St. Vincent DePaul
Vietnam Vets of America
Vincentian Coll. System
Second hand stores

For a complete list of alternative donation options, go to:
www.homelessfund.org/referralchart.pdf