

Needs List for 2009

(birthdays, incentives, school, and Christmas)

NEW STUFFED ANIMALS

with entirely soft parts – no buttons,
beans, plastic eyes and noses

GIFT CERTIFICATES to fast food restaurants

Arts & Crafts

Acrylic Paints
Art Kits
Coloring Book w/ Crayons
Sketch Pads
Journals
Sidewalk Chalk
Puzzles

Games

Hand held Electronic Games
Board Games
Card Games

Electronics

Lap Top Computers – (please call us first)
CD Players (w/ adaptor & headphones)
CD Player Boom Box
DVD's (G & PG rated)
CD's (nothing w/ explicit lyrics)
Batteries (AAA, AA, & 9 volt)
Wii Games

Miscellaneous

Disposable Cameras
Make-Up
Lotion & Body Spray Gift Sets
Wallets
Watches

Toys

Transformers
Bionicles
Legos
Model Car Kits (skill 2/snap together)

Clothing (new)

Pajamas (XL-3X are most needed)
Slippers (skid proof)
Robes
Winter Coats

Sports Equipment

Wiffle Balls & Bats
Volleyballs
Basketballs
Footballs
Soccer Balls

New or Used items

Kitchen Pots and Pans
Baking Pans
Dishes
Kitchen Utensils
Microwave Ovens
Kitchen Furniture
Beds and Dressers

School Supplies are always needed

Washable Markers
School Glue and Glue Sticks
Wireless Notebooks
3-Ring Binders
Pens and Pencils
Crayons
Colored Pencils
Calculators

Please call us if you are not sure we can use a donation and always call before donating computers and furniture. Not all used items (clothing and furniture) are accepted and need is sometimes dependent on storage space so please call ahead. With any questions about in-kind donations, please call Amanda at 260.484.4153 x2002 or Kyle at x2090.

Thank you!

Please Remember Crossroad in your Wills, Bequests, and Planned Gifts.

For information, contact Kyle Zanker, Chief Development Officer, at 800-976-2306 x2090.

You can use Retirement assets to make a gift to Crossroad

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 was signed by President Bush on October 3, 2008. It is an extension of the IRA Charitable Rollover, allowing you to make current outright gifts of retirement assets, if you are a US taxpayer. For 2008 and 2009, the law provides that if you are the owner of a Traditional or Roth IRA, and are 70 or older, you may instruct your Plan Administrator to distribute directly to a public charity like Crossroad, up to \$100,000 without the distribution being included in taxable income, and that the distribution will count toward your IRA mandatory withdrawal amount.

Direct IRA Rollover to a qualified charity like Crossroad benefits you too! While the donor does not receive a charitable deduction, neither is the transfer to charity treated as an income distribution to the donor; thus the donor enjoys the **equivalent** of a charitable deduction by avoiding the tax that would ordinarily have been due on an IRA income distribution, a benefit to itemizers and non-itemizers alike.

The gift will not be subject to deduction limitations or phase-outs for donors in higher income brackets or who have otherwise exceeded their charitable deductions for the year.

The new legislation is limited to direct outright gifts to charities and cannot be used to fund life interest gifts such as gift annuities, donor-advised funds, pooled funds or remainder trusts.

IRA rollovers may be includable in a donor's income for state and local tax purposes and may not earn an offsetting charitable deduction, depending on state and local law. Consult your attorney, accountant, or financial advisor.

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Promising Futures ...

Dear Friend(s)

When our agency was founded 125 years ago, it was founded on the words and teachings of a child born in a stable over 2000 years ago – a child foretold in scripture – a child with a promising future.

We were founded on the precept that we are to take care of those in need as an act of faith – as an act of love.

“What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such a faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food, if one of you says to him, ‘Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well-fed,’ but does nothing about his physical needs – what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead ... I will show you my faith by what I do.” (James 2:14-17)

From the Gospel of Mark: “He took a little child and had him stand among them. Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me.” (Mark 9:36-37)

Crossroad still offers services today because of the precepts that brought us into existence. And there are still hurting young people who desperately need our services. They are young people, ages six and older, who need intense therapy, education and family support services. They are young people who need to know they possess talents and abilities, they have value, they can love and be loved in a healthy way, and each of them can have a promising future – a promising life.

As you continue to think about that promised child and that promising life, please remember the children here at Crossroad. With your help, we will continue creating promising futures for children – whatever it takes – as long as we are needed!

They need our help. They need your help.

Thanks and Blessings to you in the New Year!

Kyle Zanker
Chief Development Officer

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Crossroad 2008 Car Show and Quilt Auction for the Kids!



Our Mission Together... Crossroad creates promising futures for children in difficult circumstances, by providing therapy, education, and family support services.

2009 EVENTS:

Crossroad has been serving children and families for 125 years. Founded in 1883 as an orphanage, we have changed our name and our services over the years but have maintained our mission of working with young people with serious needs.

Opportunities to learn more about us include:

- May 9 Take a Ride on the Child Side Motorcycle Ride
- May 14 Annual Dinner Event
- October 3 Car Show and Quilt Auction

Additionally, we invite you to visit the Crossroad Campus. We welcome individuals and groups of all sizes for tours. We also have speakers available for your meetings, workshops, or church services. Contact Amanda Brunson at 260.484.4153 x2002 for more information or to make reservations for events. Check out our website www.crossroad-fwch.org.

Crossroad Accreditations



In the pursuit of excellence, Crossroad is proud to be the only child-service agency in Indiana and one of few in the nation accredited by both The Joint Commission and The Council on Accreditation.



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Crossroad is growing Roots and Wings

“An eventual transition to self-sufficient adulthood is a major goal for all children in care, whether they will return to a family, be adopted, or live independently. The goals of permanence and of *interdependence* [italics added] should be considered concurrently for all youth in care and for those formerly in care who are in need of support.” (Child Welfare League of America [CWLA], 2005)

The transition from adolescence to adulthood is fraught with perils even for the best of youth from well-functioning families. The precariousness of this passage in life is even more magnified for youth suffering from emotional trauma and for youth from unstable families. It has long been thought that the keys to successful transition into adulthood by all adolescents are possessing and utilizing the self-help independent living skills such as budgeting, cooking, job searching, maintaining a household, etc. For 25 years this has been the primary focus of human service programs designed specifically for assisting these youth. However, many youth, even with exceptional skills in these areas of independent living, falter and become liabilities to them and to society. It is a national dilemma, a national challenge. For more than a year, Crossroad has been researching and designing a very important program for young people. The result of that work is a program called “Roots and Wings.”

The title becomes clear in this quote from Jonas Salk: “Good parents give their children roots and wings. Roots to know where home is, wings to fly away and exercise what's been taught them.”

One of the things we have learned is that children need to learn more than independent living skills, they need interdependent living skills.

The Interdependent Living Program at Crossroad, the Roots and Wings project, creates promising futures for children by providing age-appropriate opportunities for informal and formal experiential life-skills learning, and internal and external asset-building for each child and youth receiving services, while connecting them with competent, caring committed adults.

For young people to be successful in independent living situations, they need knowledge and competency of tangible life-skills needed for self-sufficiency; and knowledge and competency in using life-skills needed for obtaining and maintaining healthy relationships. And, they need a strong social network of support.

At Crossroad, all staff will emphasize the kinds of learning children and youth usually acquire at home, such as compromise, communication skills, assertiveness (not aggressiveness), budgeting, personal grooming, cleaning the kitchen/bathroom/bedroom – all age and developmentally appropriate for each child and youth in care.

Older youth will have opportunity to learn not only the usual skills needed to be able to live in their own homes, but they will also receive additional training and support in social skills and communication. Each one will receive individual support in connecting with members of his or her family/extended family and/or members of the community – someone or several individuals who will be the person(s) he/she can turn to in the way many of us have turned to our parents/grandparents/siblings/ relatives/friends, someone whom they can trust to help support them and answer questions. Someone who will mentor them and help them not only survive, but thrive!

For several years, you have heard Crossroad say we are “creating promising futures for children—whatever it takes.” We know it takes both Roots and Wings!

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Crossroad collects Campbell's Labels for Education and Boxtops for Education. Thanks to everyone who collects these for us—our school and recreation departments have received wonderful tools and equipment through these programs.

Call Amanda at 260-484-4153 x 2002 for a list of eligible products. Please send your winter and spring collections to us by May 15 each year.

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