

THE PROFESSIONAL CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT

"Children First" Award Recipient



Community Giving Tree

Our mission is to help low income, under-housed, and new immigrant families receive everyday essentials that enable them to improve their self-sufficiency and quality of life.

We connect people that have a little extra to give with those who are in real need.

Community Giving Tree does seasonal collections of new and gently used goods at local schools, libraries, places of worship, and businesses throughout the year. We collect: school supplies, winter coats, diapers, toiletries, infant and children's clothing, and baby equipment. Our donated items are distributed through over 50 social service agencies, including the Professional Center for Child Development, schools, and faith-based organizations in Essex County that connect directly with needy families.

We promote philanthropy by engaging young volunteers and help them become aware of the disparity between those who have and those who do not. Our earth benefits by keeping our donated items out of landfills and placing it into the hands of local families.

The following correspondence from a case worker illustrates how little things make a big difference: *"One young mother fell in a deep depression...with your support she received a crib and bedding, clothing, diapers, and many other necessities. This teenage mother was able to put less focus on how she was going to get baby equipment and more focus on raising her child and continuing her education. She mentioned re-donating the crib back to Giving Tree once her child gets older so that someone else who was in her situation could get help."*

To learn more about Community Giving Tree and how you can participate in this grass-roots, volunteer based organization and help families in need, go to www.communitygivingtree.org