

Deadline: March 31ST

Organized by Litchfield County Chapter of the Greater Hartford Association of REALTORS®

Donations

Help us help children taken into care throughout Litchfield County. The *REALTORS*® *Have a Heart for Kids* program collects gift cards and/or monetary donations that are converted into gift cards for presentation to the Department of Children and Families (Torrington office) servicing Litchfield County. Please donate a gift card or monetary donation in any amount (gift cards preferably from Walmart, Target or Stop n' Shop).

Objective

Many children placed into Connecticut's foster care system, or children already in the system, are moved into a foster care placement at a moments' notice, often with no more possessions than the clothes on their backs. These gift cards will allow social workers to purchase clothes, health care products, formula, diapers, and more. Our objective is to ensure that uprooted children have items to take with them and to ensure that their immediate needs are met, as well as assist intact families in need.

Please call 860-561-1800 to set an appointment to drop off donations at the Litchfield County Chapter office noted below, Monday-Friday from 9am to 3pm.

Make a tax-deductible donation payable to **GHAR Foundation**. Note 'Have a Heart' in the memo and mail to:

The Litchfield County Chapter of GHAR 21 Prospect St., Suite E Torrington, CT 06790

Program History

YOU can make a difference in a child's life, please contribute today! The following is a list of accomplishments DCF has made over the past 15 years with the proceeds from this program.

- Provided a 15-year-old autistic girl with sensory items to provide emotional support and to decrease anxiety as she was transitioning to live with her grandmother
- Provided gift cards so the mother may purchase formula for her baby
- Provided winter and summer clothing; one outfit in every size, both genders
- PJ's, socks, underwear Every size
- Purchased diaper bags, back packs for placements that children can reuse for school
- Ability to store a package of every size diaper on hand
- Provided health care products on hand for all ages
- Comfort items examples; teethers, rattles, stuffed animals, journals, flashlights, blankets, etc.
- Ability to provide snacks for toddlers, kids, and older children so if the children are brought in hungry, we have something on hand
- Provided families with gift cards to Stop & Shop or Walmart