

# REALTORS® HAVE A ❤️ FOR KIDS

**Deadline: MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

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 the children's social worker to purchase clothes, health care products, formula, diapers, etc. Our objective is to ensure that these uprooted children have items to take with them and to ensure that their immediate needs are met, as well as assist families in crisis.

Please call 860.482.9816 to set an appointment to drop off donations at Litchfield County Chapter office noted below, Monday-Thursday 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! As stated by DCF Social Work Case Aide, Sandy Ruscoe, "To have the resources on hand to help these children and families in need, is a blessing for all!" The following is a list of accomplishments DCF has made over the past 14 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, including Black/bi-racial children
- Comfort items examples; teethingers, 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