

S.O.U.L.S. Community Service and Service Learning Center

Cradles to Crayons

“Cradles to Crayons was founded in 2002, with the mission of providing to children ages 0 to 12 some of the most important basics of life—free of charge. These basics include clothing, school supplies, toys, and much more. In other words, we provide all the physical goods that children need to be safe, protected from the elements, and ready to learn. And by supplying them with high-quality used or new goods, we make children feel valued.”

Cradles to Crayons “partners with social-service organizations to connect communities that have surplus resources—new or used items in good condition—with communities that desperately need access to those resources. When you donate to Cradles to Crayons, you can be absolutely sure that your donation will go to a deserving local child, for whom the donation was specifically requested.”

This organization “makes it simple for children, families, and corporations to participate: whether by organizing a clothing drive, hosting a fundraiser, or working in one of our warehouses. And the more people and institutions that volunteer their time, treasures, and talents, the more children in local communities we can help. Cradles to Crayons provide unique, hands-on opportunities for people to help other people. This is one of the most powerful aspects of the Cradles to Crayons experience.

Address: 82 Myrtle Street Quincy, MA 02171

Website: www.cradlestocrayons.org

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The Crittenton Women's Union

Crittenton Women's Union transforms the course of low-income women's lives so that they can attain economic independence and create better futures for themselves and their families.

“Crittenton Women's Union (CWU) is a nonprofit innovator in breaking the cycle of poverty. They provide direct services, perform in-depth research, and advocate for public policy changes that will support low-income women in their journey to economic self-sufficiency. Each year CWU helps approximately 1,300 people annually through its mobility mentoring, housing, and education and workforce development programs.”

Address: 1 Washington Mall Boston, MA 02108

Website: www.liveworkthrive.org

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Oxfam America

Oxfam America works on the scene, helping people gain the hope, skills, and direction to create a new future. They are also active in the global arena, addressing social injustice through advocacy, public education, and emergency assistance programs.

Concerned about poverty and hunger on a global scale, but not sure how to make a difference at the local level? Volunteer with the Oxfam Action Corps and help to change the big picture, starting with your community. Or find more ways to join up with like-minded people, from volunteering at a concert to organizing an Oxfam event.

Address: 226 Causeway Street 5th Floor Boston, MA 02114-2206

Website: www.oxfamamerica.org

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United Way of Massachusetts Bay

United Way improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good.

“United Way is working to advance the common good. But we can’t do it alone. We need the heads, hands and hearts of committed people like you to help us tackle the problems facing our communities. Each of us has special talents, things we can do to help. Put your talents to work.”

Address: 51 Sleeper St - Boston MA 02210

Website: www.supportunitedway.org