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### What is Hannah's Treasure Chest?

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**Hannah's Treasure Chest** is a non-profit organization that exists to enrich the lives of children in need by providing clothing, books, infant/toddler equipment and toys.

### Where is Hannah's Treasure Chest located?

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The main warehouse of **Hannah's Treasure Chest** is located at 124 Westpark Road, Centerville, OH 45459.

### How many items does Hannah's Treasure Chest distribute to local children each year?

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In 2003 there were 31,018 items distributed.  
In 2004 there were 53,102 items distributed.  
In 2005 there were 53,901 items distributed.  
In 2006 there were 61,212 items distributed.  
In 2007 there were 74,192 items distributed.  
In 2008 there were 118,696 items distributed.

### Where do funds for operating expenses and special programs come from?

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**Hannah's Treasure Chest** receives operating expenses through fundraising events and from private donations from residents of the Miami Valley. Grants from Corporations and Foundations assist in funding our special programs such as GAP Funds and Giving Angels.

## **How can I help?**

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There are many [ways to help](#) support **Hannah's Treasure Chest**. Your contribution, large or small, will make a meaningful difference to enriching the lives of our children living in poverty.

### **Financial Support**

A **financial contribution** to **Hannah's Treasure Chest** is fully tax-deductible as allowed by law. Please make your check payable to **Hannah's Treasure Chest**. Cash, money order and check donations are currently accepted as financial donations. We also offer the ability to make donations via credit card.

A **gift of appreciated securities** can be donated directly to **Hannah's Treasure Chest** and may entitle you to significant tax benefits. Please consult with your tax advisor for additional information.

**Charitable giving by local businesses and corporations** provides crucial support to **Hannah's Treasure Chest** and at the same time sends an important message to a Company's employees, customers and shareholders that they value and support the needs of our children living in poverty. Corporate sponsorship can take different forms, including direct financial giving, cause-related marketing, event sponsorship, as well as in-kind support.

Ask if your employer has a **matching gift program**. Many companies will double or triple an employee's donation.

When you can make a financial **donation in honor of a loved one**, **Hannah's Treasure Chest** will send your honoree a card acknowledging your gift. If it is in memory of someone we will send acknowledgment to the family.

### **In-Kind Support**

Donate new or nearly new baby and children's items. We are thrilled to accept your donations. The most important thing is that the items be in new or gently used condition. Hannah's Treasure Chest offers a special opportunity for families in poverty to obtain needed children's items that are in excellent condition. Please donate what you would feel good about having for your child. We are unable to accept items that are stained, teathed on, worn in appearance, missing parts, etc. Thank you!

### **Hannah's Treasure Chest accepts:**

Clothing, Toys, Books, Videos/DVDs, Music Tapes/CDs, Blankets, Bedding, Towels, Strollers, Highchairs, Bassinets, Baby Carriers, Swings, Exersaucers, Baby Proofing Items, Baby Monitors, Diaper Bags, Photo Albums, Room Accessories, Diapers, Formula, Stuffed Animals, Walkers, Bottles, Nipples, Teethers, Car Seats, Cribs, Baby Furniture, School Supplies  
... and anything else appropriate for a child 12 and under

**Hannah's Treasure Chest cannot accept:**

Recalled Items, Broken Items or Items Missing Parts

**Organize a collection drive** at your place of business, child's school, church or other affiliation. **Hannah's Treasure Chest** can help you with the details.

Whether or not you are expecting a child, you can help **Hannah's Treasure Chest** by **organizing a baby shower** to collect children's items for children in need. Get together with friends, colleagues, or others to raise money or to collect children's items to donate to **Hannah's Treasure Chest**.

**Celebrate your child's birthday or other family event by donating a gift to another child in need.** We can help you choose an item, or pick one out yourself!

**Volunteer your time for Hannah's Treasure Chest.** Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering. We always need volunteers to help on-site (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm) and many times need volunteers off-site for special projects.

Finally, **tell others** about **Hannah's Treasure Chest!**

**Will my cash or other donations be tax deductible?**

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Since **Hannah's Treasure Chest** is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) organization, all donations to **Hannah's Treasure Chest** are tax deductible. Receipts or donation letters are available upon request.

**What is the impact of a child living in poverty?**

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For a child born into poverty, the capacity for healthy development is

compromised by multiple risk factors, including a lack of basic comforts, poor nutrition, minimal opportunities for stimulation and enriching activity, unpredictable or unstable surroundings and maternal depression. For these reasons, ensuring a healthy and secure start in life can be a special challenge.

### **What are we doing to help children in poverty in the Miami Valley and surrounding areas?**

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**Hannah's Treasure Chest** helps children in poverty by reducing risks associated with poverty. By providing their parents with the clothing, furniture and toys needed for their children, we empower them with the tools to ensure their children's optimal development as well as enhance their child's feelings of being secure and valued.

#### Fewer children in poverty will mean:

More children entering school ready to learn,  
More successful schools and fewer school dropouts,  
Better child health and less strain on hospitals and public health systems,  
Less stress on the juvenile justice system, and  
Less child hunger and malnutrition, and other important advances.  
– National Center for Children in Poverty, "Low Income Children in the United States: A Brief Demographic Profile (March 2002).