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Community Human Services

CAPTAIN's Treasures Donation Guidelines

Thank you for considering CAPTAIN's Treasures as your donation destination for *gently used clothing, housewares and furniture*. Your generosity enables us to offer free or low-cost items to those in need as well as support the work of CAPTAIN CHS's many programs throughout Saratoga County. Additionally, you are helping the environment by recycling items that can be used by others.

When making your decision to donate, please use the following guidelines as we have very limited storage and dumpster space and cannot accept everything you may wish to donate.

Donation Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please do not "drop and run" as those found doing so may be subject to a fine for littering. There are no Sunday donation hours.

Process: Please bring your donations to the rear entrance of the store and knock. *Items deemed unacceptable will be returned to you for off-site disposal. CAPTAIN CHS reserves the right to refuse any and all items.*

Donation Receipts: Available from staff.

Clothing Guidelines: We gladly accept clothing that is *in style, clean, wrinkle-free and odor-free*. Clothing must be neatly folded. Shoes, belts and handbags need to be in excellent condition and may not be designer "knock-offs." Winter coats and wool sweaters are accepted year-round except during the summer months (May – August).

Household Items: Dishes, cookware, bake ware, glassware, eating and cooking utensils and collectibles must be *dusted, clean and free of chips, cracks and dents*. Small appliances are only accepted if they are clean and in excellent condition. Luggage that is in good condition with wheels is acceptable. Linens and bedding must be washed and stain-free prior to donating.

Children's Items: We can only accept clean clothing and books in good condition. We are prohibited by law from reselling baby furniture, car seats, strollers or toys.

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Furniture: Please call ahead to make sure we have room for your donation. Furniture must be in “move-in” condition, meaning it cannot be soiled, broken, moldy, severely scratched, covered with pet hair, or smelling of smoke. We do not pick-up or deliver furniture. Also, please bring someone with you to help unload and pick up your furniture.

Other: Books and artwork will be accepted on an as-needed basis. If our current stock exceeds demand, we may have to refuse your donation.

The following items CANNOT be accepted at CAPTAIN’s Treasures:

- Torn, stained, out-of-season or out-of-style clothing
- Intimate apparel and bathing suits
- Computers, televisions, printers, and old electronics (speakers, stereos, phones, etc.)
- CDs and DVDs
- Heavy exercise equipment (treadmills, Bowflex, etc.)
- Large appliances (dishwashers, clothes washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.)
- Mattresses, box springs or entertainment centers
- Textbooks, encyclopedias, Readers Digest condensations, magazines, calendars
- Toys, stuffed animals, board games
- Cribs, strollers, high chairs, car seats, crib bumpers, etc.
- Sports equipment
- Bicycles (*Bikes in good condition may be donated at the CAPTAIN CHS’s Clifton Park office*)
- Stained, dirty or broken housewares or small appliances, and large sharp knives
- Records, albums, cassette tapes, VCR tapes
- Religious articles of any kind
- Wallpaper or blinds
- Shower seats or commodes
- Light fixtures (wire in) or fluorescent light bulbs
- Hangers
- Large Christmas trees

Thank you for your cooperation. This helps to defer our costs for disposal/removal of “un-saleable” merchandise, and helps to maximize our limited space.