

Horizons for Homeless Children

Our Mission

The mission of Horizons for Homeless Children is to improve the lives of young homeless children in Massachusetts and help their families succeed by providing high-quality early education, opportunities for play, and comprehensive family support services.

Our Vision

Every homeless child will have the opportunity to learn, play, and thrive.

Our Pillars

- Early Education Centers: We operate one of the state's top-ranked early education programs, which starts children along the path toward success at school.
- Playspace Program: We give children in shelters play experiences that let them be kids for a few hours each week.
- Family Partnerships Program: We give their parents a much-needed respite from the difficulties of homelessness, a shoulder to lean on, and practical guidance toward getting their lives back on track.
- Policy & Advocacy: We highlight the unique needs of homeless children and families to ensure they are consistent priorities among policymakers on local, state, and federal levels.

Our Project

Making play dough and cards for the playspace program.

1. Making play dough
2. Stickers on containers for the play dough
3. Making cards to go with it

Our Texts

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Stray pets in need

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Our Project

KITTY TOYS

Cat Nip Sock – a toddler size sock some cotton balls and some cat nip. Sprinkle cat nip on the cotton balls and stuff them in the sock, Tie the sock closed with a rubber band. You can pick colorful socks to stuff, or decorate the sock with eyes and ears so it looks like a little critter for the cat to toss and catch and play with.

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Birthday wishes

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Birthday Wishes' mission is to provide birthday parties to children experiencing homelessness. We believe that all children, regardless of their living situation, should celebrate their birthdays joyfully, surrounded by family, friends, and others who care. Our grassroots philosophy fosters the spirit of volunteerism and community service in the adults, children, and families who donate their time and resources to the Birthday Wishes mission.

Our Project

What would birthday parties be without colorful decorations and games?

Create a Party Fun Pack to support our On-Site Party Program and bring much needed supplies to our parties. *Over 60 parties* happen in any given month.

General Birthday Theme or Current & Relevant Theme:

- Package of Party Hats (8ct-12ct)
- Noisemakers/Blowers (8ct-12ct)
- Streamers (1 roll)
- Birthday Banner (1ct)
- Balloons (12ct)
- Party Game (1ct – “pin the tail” or similar game)
- Juice Boxes (8ct-12ct)

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The Second Step

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The Second Step's residential and community-based programs build on the strengths, needs, and values of the individuals and families we serve. In partnership with survivors and in collaboration with the community, we lay a foundation for a future free from abuse and full of possibility. Founded in 1992, The Second Step partners with survivors to address the aftermath of abuse and build brighter futures for themselves and their children. The Second Step also works to address the root causes of domestic violence and end it in our time.

Our Project

Cooking a meal to be delivered. This is a project that is ongoing at TBA and happens about once a month.

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Boston Children's Hospital

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The Boston Children's Hospital treats children from around the world. Whether you participate in a event, create a fundraiser or make a gift, you're helping Boston Children's change the future of health for every child, here and around the world. Learn about our most vital fund: the Every Child Fund.

Our Project

We are making fleece baby blankets.

1. Lay two blankets on top of each other and smooth out any creases
2. Cut out a square about 3-4 inches from all four corners. Place safety pins at corners.
3. Cut the fringe around the outside of the blanket. Each cut should be 3 inches deep and at least 2 inches wide. Make sure you are cutting both the top and bottom fabrics.
4. Tie the matching top and bottom fringe together into double knots starting with the middle fringe on each side.
5. Continue tying the other fringe until your blanket is complete. Remove the safety pins.

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The Boston Living Center

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Victory Programs' Boston Living Center (BLC) is a nonprofit community and resource center that fosters the wellness of all HIV positive people and responds to the changing needs of the HIV/AIDS community through education, treatment information and support services.

Our Project

We are putting together winter kits to be given out to people in need including:

- A hat
- A pair of gloves
- A scarf (made by TBA's knitting group)
- A pair of socks
- Vaseline

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