



Stuffed Animals For Emergencies, Inc.

Possible Donation Locations

1. Fire departments.
2. Police departments.
3. Ambulance services.
4. Sheriff's offices.
5. Highway patrol.
6. Children's services or children's protective services.
7. Churches.
8. Missionaries/orphanages.
9. Hospitals/clinics (usually for new stuffed animals/toys only).
10. Organizations dealing with the mentally handicap or children with disabilities.
11. Any kind of emergency services organizations.
12. Homeless shelters.
13. Domestic abuse shelters.
14. Donate to organizations/churches that help people during natural disasters (fires, storm damage, tornadoes, hurricanes, etc.). You will have to make some phone calls to find out who would be the appropriate person to donate to as when these things happen certain organizations/churches will step up to organize and help these people.
15. Military organizations/families and military bases.
16. Ladies auxiliary groups.
17. Day care centers.

18. School events, carnivals, etc.
19. Summer camps, festivals (please keep an eye out in your local paper for events and possible people to contact to ask).
20. Safety/awareness events held by the police and fire departments (they usually give out items to the children after they talk to them).
21. Libraries (great place to donate any really large stuffed animals you receive as they use them to sit against in the kids section of the library or for display).
22. WIC agency in your county.
23. Nursing homes/retirement homes (a lot of times they use stuffed animals as prizes for games such as bingo, keep them for their own comfort and even give them away to their grandchildren as gifts).
24. Always check your local paper for news, events, emergency situations in which SAFE can help. For example a local family just lost their home in a fire and had children who could use the items we accept.
25. Veterans organizations.
26. Open door free meals at churches that are held several times a week/month. They use stuffed animals to give to the children who come to these.
27. Check out www.freecycle.org. This is a basically a Yahoo group whereby people can give items away and receive items they need entirely for free. It is a way to keep things out of the landfills and provide items that others need. They have over 7 million members and usually there is a group in each city. Just go to the website and look up your closest city for more info. I have found many a family listed on this site that is going through really rough times who really loved receiving a donation.
28. Child abuse organizations.
29. Community action groups.
30. Organizations that work with children overseas.
31. Foster care organizations.
32. Court system groups (Every city has children that go through the court system everyday for neglect, abuse, divorces, etc. and could use the comfort of a stuffed animal).

33. American Red Cross.
34. United Way.
35. Dog rescues/shelters (usually for the older stuffed animals).

*A quick way to find any of these places for your town, county, state, etc. is to do a Google search with each of the terms, for example, 'emergency services, Leesburg, Ohio' or 'fire departments, Columbus, Ohio'. Also you can check out your official state website at www.state.gov. Just put your state name where it says 'state', for example, www.ohio.gov and look for social services for more information on what organizations are available to help others in need.

Also, here are some other helpful links to look for donation locations:

<http://www.statetroopersdirectory.com/>

<http://www.militaryconnection.com/>

<http://www.usacops.com/>