



## Volunteering at Cradles to Crayons (C2C)

Thank you so much for making the commitment to come in and volunteer at C2C! Our volunteers are key partners in helping us work towards our mission of providing basic necessities for children in need.

### **Things to know before your group arrives:**

- For safety in the warehouse, all volunteers should wear comfortable clothing (layers work best) and closed-toed shoes (no sandals or flip-flops).
- Groups larger than 15 volunteers are encouraged to pre-register. Please email Sarah MacPherson at [sarah@cradlestocrayons.org](mailto:sarah@cradlestocrayons.org) to receive a pre-registration form.
- Please consider hosting a drive prior to your volunteer date or bringing donations with you. For a list of our current top ten most needed items visit our website at [www.cradlestocrayons.org](http://www.cradlestocrayons.org).
- Table space is available for any groups needing to order lunch/dinner. We ask that you let our staff know in advance if you are planning to order so that we can have tables and chairs ready and waiting for you. Here are a few places we recommend ordering from:

Renaissance Café—617.471.0004

Balducci's House of Pizza—617.328.0448

Panera Bread—617.328.5473

- We ask that your group arrive no more or no later than **15 minutes** before/after your scheduled start time.
- Please find **directions to C2C** listed below.
- Parking is limited. We ask that groups car pool or use the T if possible (we are accessible via the North Quincy stop on the Red Line).

### **What you can expect from us:**

- Upon arrival, a staff member will be available to greet your group and show you our registration process. Registration takes between 10 and 15 minutes depending on group size. Again, groups larger than 15 volunteers are encouraged to pre-register to expedite the registration process.
- Following sign in, a staff member will give a brief orientation on Cradles to Crayons including our mission and information on the children we serve.
- Your group will then be split into teams of 5-15 people and assigned to a volunteer work station. A C2C staff member will be available at each work station to set your teams up and answer questions.

We look forward to seeing you at The Giving Factory!



### **Directions to The Giving Factory:**

The Giving Factory is located at **82 Myrtle Street, North Quincy, 02171**. Our entrance is in the back of “*Avenue Auction Sales*”, a 3-story beige industrial building.

#### **From the North:**

- Take I-93 South to Exit 12 (3A Neponset Circle).
- Stay in the right lane as you exit, passing Staples & Walgreen’s Plaza.
- Bear right until you come to the flashing yellow lights, continue right and go over the bridge, following signs for 3A/Hancock.
- Turn right just before the first traffic light, onto Newport Ave Extension.
- Turn right at the first traffic light onto Myrtle Street and make an immediate right up the hill in front of the beige industrial building.
- Turn left at the end of the building to reach our loading dock.

#### **From the West:**

- Take the Mass Pike (I-90) inbound to Boston and then take I-93 South to exit 12.
- Follow the directions "From the North" above.

#### **From the South (From 128):**

- Take 93 North to exit 9 (Adams St, Milton, N.Quincy).
- Merge straight onto Granite Avenue .
- At the 3rd traffic light turn right onto West Squantum Street.
- Stay on West Squantum Street for a little over a mile.
- Go through three traffic lights.
- Turn left at the fourth traffic light (on the overpass- North Quincy T station is in front of you) and go down the ramp to Newport Avenue.
- Take a left at the third traffic light (past the State Street building on your left) onto Myrtle Street and make an immediate right up the hill in front of the beige industrial building.
- Turn left at the end of the building to reach our loading dock.

#### **From the South (From Route 3):**

- Take Route 3 to Exit 19. This exit splits – Follow signs for the Quincy Center "T" station (But not the parking garage).
- Go straight through the first set of lights on the Bergin Parkway .
- The Bergin Parkway becomes Newport Avenue in about three miles.
- Continue straight on Newport Avenue (you will pass the Wollaston "T" station on your right).
- Take a left at the fifth set of lights after the Wollaston Station onto Myrtle Street and an immediate right up the hill in front of the beige industrial building.
- Turn left at the end of the building to reach our loading dock.

**From the T (weekdays):**

- Take the Red Line (**Braintree Train**), get off at the North Quincy stop.
- Exit at the North end of the station following signs for **Enterprise Drive**. Enterprise Drive is a short street that is perpendicular to Newport Ave.
- Turn right onto Newport Ave. Walk up the street (past the Bank of America ATM) to the third set of lights which is **Myrtle Street**.
- Cross Newport Ave. and take an immediate right up the hill in front of the beige industrial building.
- Turn left at the end of the building to reach our entrance.

**From the T (Weekends and Holidays):**

- Take the Red Line (**Braintree Train**), get off at the North Quincy stop.
- Exit at the South end of the station following signs for **West Squantum Street**.
- Turn right and take a right at the first traffic light down the ramp to Newport Ave.
- Walk up the street (past the Bank of America ATM) to the third set of lights which is **Myrtle Street**.
- Cross Newport Ave. and take an immediate right up the hill in front of the beige industrial building.
- Turn left at the end of the building to reach our entrance.