

# Little threads

FOUNDATION



The idea to start a children's foundation formed in 2009, when a friend of mine, who is a foster mother sent me an email, telling me about a foster child that she just received in her home. The little boy's feet were black from playing in the street, and the only article of clothing he had on was his diaper.

When we heard the news we went right over to our Knuckleheads warehouse and gathered clothing for the child and rushed it right over.

A month went by and another child was placed in the same friend's care. This child came wearing raggedy clothing and toeless shoes. I felt compelled to help once again, so I sent over a bag of clothing so the child could start in a new school with nice clothes.

In my later discussions with my friend I learned a lot more about foster care. I learned that when a child is pulled from their home, they are taken quickly because of harmful circumstances and they often come to their new foster

homes with nothing. The foster families are then left to try to find the right size clothing, shoes, and diapers within an hours notice. Sometimes calls even come in the middle of the night.

I also found out that the foster families don't get reimbursed for the items they purchase for the children, and this really shocked me. I realized the importance of helping these foster parents get access to new clothing.

I was particularly moved when the foster mother told me the story of a little girl that was placed with her whose clothing was so old and dirty that she got made fun of at her old school; and she was only in kindergarten!

I brought some new clothing over to her right away. Later on, I was delighted to hear how this little girl was excited to own something new and pretty, and that someone had especially bought it for her. It helped her feel confident and happy, and what an awesome feeling for me. I couldn't get these two events off

my mind. I knew that I had to do something.

In 2009, with the help of family and friends, (including my dear friend who is the foster parent in this story) "Little Threads Foundation" was born.

The first purpose of "Little Threads" is to provide packages of clothing, shoes, blankets and a stuffed animals to children in distress who are placed into foster care.

The second purpose is to provide essentials to these wonderful foster families giving care to the children and bringing them into their homes, which is often a financial burden.

Please join us and help with our goal of dressing and caring for foster children in need.

Melissa Nash- Founder and CEO;  
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# How you can help?

## Donate New Product

If you are a retail clothing store, outlet, or wholesale business and would like to donate new articles of children's clothing or other items, LTF can use your assistance.

And your company or your organization may be entitled to a charitable contribution deduction that exceeds your cost of the inventory.

The increased deduction can be as high as your cost plus one-half the difference between the cost and the fair market value of the item.

### Example:

Retail Value \$5,500

Purchase Cost \$2,500

Gross Margin Dollars \$3,000

### Tax Benefit

Purchase Cost \$2,500

Gross Margin @ 50% \$1,500

**Net Tax Benefit \$4,000**



Little Thread Foundation also accepts new items that can be used for auction at fund raising events such as; high chairs, bedding, furniture, diaper bags or any other high-end item of value.

Sections 170(e)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code permits "S" corporations or a partnership company to earn a straight cost deduction.

Little Threads Foundation will provide an acknowledgement letter, which can be used for I.R.S. purposes. \*Note that the overall deduction amount cannot exceed two times the amount of your cost

# What else can I do?

## Donate Dollars

As a non-profit agency that charges no fees to its recipients or distribution partners, all revenue is generated through fund-raising. Your financial donation helps Little Threads Foundation positively impact the lives of area children by giving them the self-esteem and confidence that comes from having brand new shoes and clothes and an item of comfort.

LTF is a fiscally responsible organization that works hard to ensure your money is spent wisely.

## Corporate Giving

There are many ways for your corporation or organization to get involved and make a difference in the lives of foster children in need. These unique programs provide positive publicity for your organization and get your employees involved in the organization's programs and events. You can also support us with personal contributions through your company's workplace giving campaign or matching gift program.

## Host a Drive

Your company or organization can host a drive for LTF and collect financial donations or brand new clothing items for children. Clothing items can be collected during back to school or holiday/winter time. LTF asks that all donated items be brand new with the tags on and unwrapped so we can inventory them for distribution.

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