



HANNAH'S TREASURE CHEST
Enriching the Lives of Children in Need

Treasured Connections

Summer 2018

3 Simple Ways to Help

- ◆ Buy a pack of diapers to help end diaper need
- ◆ Hold a sock drive with your child's Scout group
- ◆ Sign up for Bunco for Babies with a group of friends

See inside for details!

Got Donations?

Drop off during open hours at 124 Westpark Rd Centerville, OH 45459.

After hours, please place bagged or boxed items in the big, blue donation bins.

Call us at (937) 438-5039 with questions, or visit www.hannahstreasure.org for additional donation locations

Visit Us!

Volunteer, donate, or tour 9 AM to 1 PM on Second Saturdays

- ◆ May 12
- ◆ June 9
- ◆ July 14

Email volunteer@hannahstreasure.org for details

University Partnership Helps Students Succeed

Hannah's Treasure Chest and I work together to help lighten some of the financial burden for our college students who are also parents.

This demographic of student parents constitutes more than 26%, or 1 in 4, of all undergraduate college students in the U.S. with 11% of all undergraduate students raising children alone, and often without any monetary support, even from their families.

These students not only have the responsibilities of attending classes, studying and working, as do their peers, they additionally have the responsibility of caring for their children and providing for their needs, which adds more stress to an already stressful college career.

Of course, this often means working more, studying less, and spending less time with their children and a lot of times, dropping out of college.



Receiving help from Hannah's Treasure Chest through their care packages and the Giving Angels Program allows our

student parents to have more quality time with their children without worrying about putting clothes on their backs, shoes on their feet, or holiday gifts under the tree. All of this helps increase the students' educational attainment, **which is critical to strengthening family well-being and economic security, as well as the country as a whole.**



Since Fall of 2013, Hannah's Treasure Chest has provided 119 care packages to Wright State student parents. So many of my student parents have come to tears when they pick up their care packages.

Hannah's Treasure Chest DEFINITELY plays an important part in enriching the lives of Wright State children in need.

Cindy Vanzant
Assistant Director
Wright State University
Women's Center



A Little Assistance Helps Grad Students Finish Strong!

My husband and I are both full-time graduate students at Wright State University. Last year, with just over a year to go before graduation, we discovered we were pregnant.

When we learned of our pregnancy, we highly considered quitting school – one or the both of us. However, after learning more about our options and gathering much-appreciated support we chose to both continue with school and finish strong.

Cindy Vanzant from Wright State University's Women's Center connected us with resources for child care assistance and WIC. Cindy also requested care packages with diapers from

Hannah's Treasure Chest over the past 7 months (since our son was born). **All of these resources gave us the support we needed to power through together and make it work.**

My husband and I will graduate this summer. **We are overwhelmingly grateful for the diapers, clothing and supplies from Hannah's Treasure Chest.**

Living check-to-check can make the extra baby costs stressful on our little family, but a **little assistance has made a huge difference in our lives!**

~ *WSU Women's Center Client Family*

"Our students TRULY are thankful that Hannah's Treasure Chest is in their lives!!!"

Cindy Vanzant, Assistant Director
Wright State University Women's Center

How Do We Know?

Hannah's Treasure Chest supporters donate items; donors and grantors provide funding; and **volunteers contribute their time in the hands-on work that implements the mission to enrich the lives of children in need.** But about that hands-on work: it's inventory management.

Yes, the science and art of receiving, storing, retrieving, counting, and shipping goods! In other words, **a super important activity at the heart of Hannah's Treasure Chest's operations.** But not the type of volunteering where "hands-on" means directly touching the lives of others.

So how do we know that we make a difference? Fun facts are certainly useful for conveying important measurables. But ultimately it is a leap of faith because Hannah's Treasure Chest's direct clients are actually our nonprofit partner agencies. It is *their* clients – the children and families – who are at the heart of the Hannah's Treasure Chest mission but who we support indirectly.



*Paul Robinson
HTC Board Chair*

Recently we met with Carol Griesdorn, Community Resource Liaison with Montgomery County Children Services (MCCS). She painted a picture of the impact HTC supporters, donors, grantors, and volunteers have on Children Services' mission.

*Approximately
140 children
were served through our
Beds for Babies program
in 2017*

Hannah's Treasure Chest serves as a resource for MCCS during the critical transition time of adoption or foster care placement to ensure that the children have the essentials needed to thrive in their new homes. In fact, Hannah's Treasure Chest is the number one provider of baby cribs for Montgomery County Children Services.

Of course, we implicitly understood that MCCS puts our care packages to good use. **However, Carol's testimonial brought that context to life. The stories she shared really helped translate our warehouse of "stuff" and the volunteers' inventory management system into the lives of real children.** That is how we know our efforts make a difference.

Thank you for all you do to enrich the lives of children in need!

A huge Thank YOU! to the groups, individuals, and our long-term volunteers who make the magic happen all year long!



Volunteer!
Individuals and groups welcome.
Email
volunteer@hannahstreasure.org
for more info.



Enroll your **Kroger Plus** card online to support Hannah's Treasure Chest when you shop!
Organization #81291



Visit smile.amazon.com & choose **Hannah's Treasure Chest** as your charity



Enroll your **Club DLM** card online and support Hannah's Treasure Chest!
Organization #496

Encouraging Babies' Love of Reading

Sharon Oldham, Educational Services Representative with Usborne Books & More, has partnered with Hannah's Treasure Chest for the past six years to support a special program for infants in need.

Donations from Centerville-area businesses and individuals combined with Usborne Books & More's Literacy for a Lifetime matching-grant program have provided 1,066 Cuddle Bear books for the Blankets & Bears program at Hannah's Treasure Chest. The books are bundled with handmade blankets and bears lovingly stitched by volunteers for babies up to 6 months old.



Sharon is thrilled to be able to give back to her community in this way.

"Books change lives," she said. "I love being able to foster an early love of literacy – critical to future success – while strengthening the bond between caregiver and child."

Her role in the program would be impossible without the generous support of Centerville-area businesses and individuals.

"The ongoing support and enthusiasm my donors have for this program has been overwhelming," said Sharon. "Their eyes light up when Hannah's Treasure Chest is mentioned. I think I've even secured a few new volunteers for the organization through my donation drives!"

Loyal supporters from the partnership's inception have been Circa for the Home, Decorating Den Interiors, Sisson Design Builders, Thrivent Financial, Triad Title Agency, and the residents of Washington Township Estates.

Contact Sharon at 937-885-4734 or visit UsborneSharonOldham.com to sponsor a Cuddle Bear book. To support the Blankets & Bears program with a financial gift or a donation of materials, contact Hannah's Treasure Chest at 937-438-5039 or info@hannahstreasure.org.

GEMS Gives HOPE Every Month

An adequate supply of diapers is a basic need for all babies but, **unlike hunger, this need cannot be met using government safety net programs** such as Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

These programs are nutrition-based and do not allow funds to be used to purchase non-food items like diapers, wipes or other hygiene products.

One in three families reports experiencing diaper need, so assistance from Hannah's Treasure Chest is vital to keeping babies dry and healthy.



Our GEMS program offers an opportunity to **STRETCH YOUR DOLLARS** to help more babies stay dry and healthy. For \$25, you could purchase approximately 93 diapers in a big box store.

We have teamed up with other organizations across the region to increase our purchasing power, so **for every \$25 you donate through GEMS, we can purchase 208 diapers. That's 223% more diapers YOU can provide to local babies in need.** And even better—your monthly gift will be tax-deductible!

Your monthly donation will make a significant difference to local children in need of the 5200+ diapers we distribute each month. Visit www.firstgiving.com/HannahsTreasureChest/GEMS or call Deanna at 937-963-9044 to make your \$25 pledge today.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Financial Gifts

- * Cargill
- * CarMax Foundation
- * Centerville Hustle Rec Basketball Club, Team 502
- * Centerville Women's Civic Club
- * GEM Society Members
- * Invotech
- * Junior National Honor Society – Springboro
- * Walnut Creek Senior Living Center

Volunteer Groups

- * Apple
- * Centerville Interact Club
- * Centerville Rotary
- * Creative World of Montessori
- * Girl Scout Troop 33263
- * Jr. League of Dayton
- * LDS Missionary Elders and Sisters
- * Muslim Sisters of Dayton
- * St. Andrews UMC
- * University of Dayton Emerging Leaders
- * University of Dayton Engineering Department
- * University of Dayton Tau Beta Pi
- * Young Scholars

Special Thanks!

We'd like to say a special **Thank You!** to past board members who recently completed board terms and significantly enhanced the mission of Hannah's Treasure Chest.

- ◆ Ryan Honeyman
- ◆ Kathy Mannier
- ◆ Stuart Merl



Thank you for your dedication to Hannah's Treasure Chest while serving on the Board of Directors!



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Read more news online! Visit hannahstreasure.org/wp1/news

2ND Saturday

donation drop-off

9 am - 1 pm

124 Westpark Rd., Centerville

Spring Warehouse



April 26, 9 AM-4 PM
April 27, 9 AM-2 PM

124 Westpark Rd
Centerville, OH



All proceeds benefit the mission and operations of Hannah's Treasure Chest.

Join us for
Bunco for Babies
Shake, Rattle, and Roll!

May 20 from 4-8 PM
St Henry Parish Activity Center

6690 N Springboro Pike
Miamisburg, OH 45449

\$25
in advance
(\$30 day of event)

Sign up online:
bit.ly/HTCBunco2018
or call 937-438-5039 ext. 2683

Events

- ◆ April 26-27, Spring Warehouse Sale
 - ◆ May 12, 2nd Saturday Hours
 - ◆ May 20, Bunco for Babies at St Henry Church PAC
 - ◆ June 9, 2nd Saturday Hours
 - ◆ July 14, 2nd Saturday Hours
 - ◆ July 21, 1/2 to Christmas Race
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