



Kara Program Guidelines for Donations

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Following the Catholic Community of Caring model, the Kara Program relies on the involvement and support of the entire community in addressing the needs of pregnant and parenting students. The Kara Community Advisory Association helps coordinate donations to the Kara Program in the following manner:

1. Monetary donations are gratefully received in order to further the work of the Kara Community Advisory Association in contracting the Kara Social Worker and providing for other non-educational needs. The Kara Community Advisory Association is a registered charitable organization. All monetary donations are acknowledged with thanks and charitable tax receipts are issued annually.
2. Monetary donations can be designated for specific purposes. An example of this is the Christmas hamper program and the Educational Bursary program.
3. Gift certificates and gift cards in smaller denominations (\$5 - \$25) are also gratefully received. These help to provide for specific needs of students and clients and are distributed by the Kara Social Worker as needs arise.
4. Newborn layettes are provided to all Kara students and Outreach clients when a baby is born. For those who have made an adoption plan, a special adoption personal care kit is given instead.
 - These layettes and kits are provided by C.W.L. groups and are coordinated by the C.W.L. Representative on the Kara Community Advisory Association.
 - The layettes and kits are kept in limited quantity at the Kara Life Centre.
 - The Kara Social Worker monitors the number of layettes and kits available and assesses the need for more. The Kara Social Worker communicates this need to the C.W.L. Representative well in advance of the need for more.
 - The Kara Social Worker is responsible for the delivery of layettes and kits to Kara students and Outreach clients.
5. The Kara Life Centre has very limited storage space. As such, we cannot accept donations of clothing, toys, furniture, etc. Safety and liability concerns also preclude us from accepting car seats and cribs. The philosophy of the Kara Program is to support pregnant and parenting teens in accessing community resources. The Kara Social Worker helps these young people define their needs and access appropriate sources for clothing, housing, finances, furniture, food, etc. Persons wishing to donate these items should be referred to community agencies that provide these services.