Donations

UNFORTUNATELY, FAMILYWISE IS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Plush toys (Stuffed Animals, etc.)
- Clothing
- Furniture and large toys

WHERE WE RECOMMEND TO DONATE THESE ITEMS INSTEAD:

- Bridging
- Dress for Success
- Goodwill - nearest donation center is St Paul Goodwill Outlet
- Habitat ReStore

WHY NOT? FAMILYWISE IS LIMITED BY:

- Space available in our building is primarily used for programming and offices. Our University Ave and St Paul offices have limited space available for storage, and prioritize program needs.
- Staff time is dedicated to organizing and distributing donations. In order to focus our staff's specialized skills towards parent education, we encourage them to connect families with community resources. Even with volunteers helping to keep our donation storage spaces tidy, it is difficult to sift through piles and find exactly what a family needs before/during/after meeting with them. We try to provide commonly requested items to families, while remaining focused on our goal to build their self-efficacy.
- Toys get a lot of traffic and we try to keep items as clean as possible to keep kids healthy. This is easier and more frequent when toys can be wiped down.

QUESTIONS?

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