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Hogan's Project ReGive collects for families in need

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Newport, RI Now in its 9th year, Hogan Associates|Christie's International Real Estate's "Project ReGive" has collected over 12,000 gifts and household items for local families in need.

Donations are collected and sorted by the Hogan Associates | Christie's International Real Estate team, then distributed to the local charities accordingly. This year's collection came in at a total of 1,655 gifts, with a particularly impressive amount of high-quality items in this year's lot.

Matt Hadfield, Middletown local and co-owner of Hogan Associates Real Estate, launched Project ReGive in 2013 with a handful of collection bins and the help of friends and real estate agents. Since then, the project has grown steadily with the generous support of the community. This year, 20 local sponsors including Bank Newport, Newport Hospital, and Embrace Home Loans were happy to set out the colorful Project ReGive bins in their lobbies and entrances, encouraging visitors to contribute to the cause.

Lucy's Hearth, Newport Community School, and The Women's Resource Center have all been the primary recipients of the collected gifts over the years. Due to the overwhelming generosity of the community, Hogan Associates, now for the second year in a row, has been able to extend additional donations to The Confetti Foundation, and to Newport's Housing Hotline. The charities then provide gifts to adults and children in need, helping them celebrate birthdays and other milestones all year long.

"One of the beautiful things about Project ReGive is that no one is asked to go out and buy presents. We are simply distributing unwanted, unused gifts to those in the community that can really benefit from them. The kindness in the community is humbling," said Hadfield.

"We are so grateful for this annual program that fills a need beyond the traditional holiday season," said Becky Knight, manager of Women's Resource Center of Newport and Bristol Counties. "These gifts help our families celebrate holidays, birthdays and important milestones all year long."

More information can be found at projectregive.org, or follow along @projectregive.

It doesn't cost a thing to spread a little happiness.

Special thanks to our recipient organizations: Lucy's Hearth, Women's Resource Center, Newport Community School, The Confetti Foundation, and Newport Housing Hotline.

