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Foster children to receive free clothing and more from local charity

Ravena, N.Y. – Foster parents caring for foster children of any age can receive free gift certificates twice a year to shop at Gracefully Chic Boutique and Peace of Home, a gently used clothing, furniture and home décor store through its Cartwheels for Kids program. Foster children under the age of 12 are eligible to receive a \$10 certificate; kids 12+ receive a \$15 certificate.

A little money goes a long way at Gracefully Chic Boutique and Peace of Home. Foster parents and their foster children can select from the store's clothing, footwear, books/toys or childcare departments.

“We routinely give away items to foster families and other people in crisis situations,” said Rebecca Marion Flach, executive director of Hope Full Life Center, the parent charity of several programs, including Gracefully Chic Boutique and Peace of Home, located in Ravena's Faith Plaza. “We're excited to use the resources we have available to us to formally support and encourage families doing the hard work of raising children who are in the foster care system in the Capital Region.”

Gracefully Chic Boutique and Peace of Home accept donations of lightly used, clean goods of every type, including kid's clothing, footwear, books, toys, and other childcare products. The community is encouraged to make donations of these items to support the Cartwheels for Kids program. Donations are accepted anytime during business hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

“Foster children often arrive at foster homes with little more than the clothes on their backs,” said Sandra Flach, executive director of Justice for Orphans, a ministry that encourage and equips Christians to play a role in the global orphan crisis and co-sponsor of the Cartwheels for Kids program. “Supplying clothing, footwear and other essentials decreases the financial burden for foster families and gives kids much-needed clothing, toys and other items.”

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In 2016 there were approximately 16,000 children in the foster care system in New York state according to [statistics from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services](#).

Complete details about the program and how foster parents can utilize it can be found at www.HopeFullLifeCenter.org.

About Hope Full Life Center, Inc.

A not-for-profit, Hope Full Life Center helps the needy in our community and around the world through Helping Harvest, a food assistance program; Gracefully Chic Boutique, a gently used clothing shop; Peace of Home, which sells affordable furniture and home décor; and Cross Culture Market, an international ministry that sells largely fair trade products to help poor, abused and forgotten people around the world (crossculturemarket.org). All of Hope Full Life Center's programs are located in Faith Plaza. Learn more at HopeFullLifeCenter.org.

About Justice for Orphans, Inc.

Also a not-for-profit, Justice for Orphans encourages and equips Christians to defend the fatherless based on James 1:27. Learn more at JusticeforOrphansNY.org.

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