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Worcester Public Library Participating in Bruins PJ Drive
Drive runs February 1 through March 15, 2020

Worcester, MA – The Worcester Public Library has teamed up with the Boston Bruins to participate in the 13th annual Boston Bruins PJ Drive to benefit the Department of Children and Families’ (DCF) Wonderfund and Cradles to Crayons. The goal is to collect 13,000 pairs of new pajamas. Many of the pajamas donated go to local DCF offices in the area in which they were collected, benefitting local kids and teens. DCF estimates that at any given time the agency is working with 45,000 babies, children and teens.

“We’re so happy to be participating this year. We know the Worcester community has a big heart, so we expect that the response will be strong,” said Cynthia Bermudez, Youth Services Coordinator. “We’ve set a local goal to collect 100 pairs of PJs to help make sure that children of all ages can sleep soundly. Please help us help the kids in our community!”

The Boston Bruins PJ Drive runs from February 1 through March 15, 2020. The library will be collecting new pairs of pajamas for babies, children and teens. The donations can be dropped off at any of the seven Worcester Public Library locations across the city. This is the first time the Worcester Public Library has participated in the drive.

Bruins forward P.J. Axelsson and his wife, Siw, started the PJ drive during the Boston Bruins 2007-2008 season as a way to give back to their community. The couple collected 1,600 pairs of pajamas for Cradles to Crayons which connects with social service agencies to identify specific children in need.
Last year, libraries from across the Commonwealth collected 13,022 new pairs of pajamas, a new record for the drive. In total, over 20,000 pairs of pajamas were collected by 251 groups, 136 of which were libraries.

Participating libraries will compete with other organizations for special Bruins prizes including tickets to a Bruins game.

The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners works with the Boston Bruins to coordinate library participation in the drive. Libraries from around the state use the Massachusetts Library System’s delivery service, typically used to send books and other library materials, to send their PJs to area collection locations which increases libraries’ ability to participate in the drive.

For more information on the Worcester Public Library and a complete list of events and programs visit mywpl.org. For more information on the Bruins PJ Drive at the Worcester Public Library visit https://libraries.state.ma.us/pj-drive or contact Linnea Sheldon, Community Relations and Communications Manager, at 508-799-1654.

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