



CARE Program Overview

Comfort And Renewal Exchange | Bret Bigelow Foundation

What is the CARE Program?

The **CARE Program (Comfort And Renewal Exchange)** turns your family's used BRETS Pajamas into hope for another family. Instead of throwing away outgrown or hospital-worn BRETS Pajamas, you can give them new life to comfort children who need them most. Through professional cleaning and sanitization, your donation becomes a meaningful gift that helps families during their most challenging moments.

How CARE Works

1. Easy Collection & Return

Simple for busy families: Gather any BRETS Pajamas your children have outgrown or no longer wear—we accept everything from lightly used to heavily stained hospital BRETS Pajamas. Return through convenient drop-off locations, and free mail with prepaid labels.

2. Assessment & Sorting

Our trained staff log all returns and categorize items into processing levels:

- **Light cleaning** (minor stains, good condition)
- **Enhanced cleaning** (visible stains, moderate wear)
- **Biohazard processing** (blood, vomit, unknown fluids)
- **Non-salvageable** (excessive damage, proper disposal)

3. Professional Cleaning & Sanitization

Using hospital-grade protocols with temperature-controlled washing (160°F to 200°F), EPA-approved sanitizers, and multi-stage quality control. Processing includes enzyme treatment, extended cycles, disinfectant pre-soaking, and UV treatment based on contamination level.

4. Quality Assurance & Redistribution

Final inspection ensures complete stain and odor elimination. Approved BRETS Pajamas are steam pressed, packaged in clean bags, and distributed through hospital partnerships, family requests, emergency response, and community events.

Why Families Love CARE

Guilt-Free Giving: Don't feel bad about throwing away expensive BRETS Pajamas—even heavily stained hospital BRETS Pajamas can help another family through our professional cleaning process.

Convenience: Multiple return options fit your schedule with free shipping.

Connection to Mission: Your donation directly helps families facing pediatric medical challenges, extending the comfort during some of their most difficult times.