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Flanked by young volunteers in a Quincy warehouse yesterday, former President Bill Clinton applauded the Cradles to Crayons organization for taking part in the "explosion" of new civic agencies caring for people close to home.

"Sometimes we ignore the needs in our own community and nothing could be more important than getting kids a good start in life," Clinton said. "There are more and more children in this community and this country that are born into struggling families."

The nonprofit organization, which was founded by former Clinton policy adviser Lynn Margherio in 2002, provided 16,000 children statewide last year with clothing, school supplies, toys, car seats and strollers.

A fund-raiser held last night at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center with Clinton, Gov. Mitt Romney and Boston Celtics co-owner Steve Pagliuca, who was honored with the "Bright Star" award, was expected to raise \$1 million for the agency.

"Every one of us has a big stake in seeing that every one of our children gets off to a decent, dignified, complete, healthy start. Every one. I can't think of anyone anywhere in the country who have done a better job than you have," Clinton said.

Caption: GOOD WORK: Former President Clinton talks with Cradles to Crayons CEO Barbara Clarke as volunteer Samantha Goldwaite, 9, of Braintree looks out at the audience during Clinton's visit to the program's Quincy warehouse. STAFF PHOTO BY TARA BRICKING (1st and 2nd Editions.)

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