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This month's topic: What to do with the toys?

Now that your kids are in high school or maybe even college, it's time to re-capture your basement.

Like a victorious king or queen, perhaps you can make it into a man-cave or a sewing / craft room. Maybe it can be transformed into a home office, or at least you can better organize it to hold out-of-season items.

But first, you need to make decisions about all those toys cluttering up your space.

Those old toys may bring you lots of good memories, but now it's time to let go. Maybe they should go to new family's basements, but they don't need to continue living in yours.

For one or two toys with special family memories, ask your children if they want you to keep them for their own future homes. There's no harm in neatly storing a few treasured items a little longer, to make more memories in the next generation. You can also take pictures of some of the toys as memories, and create a family scrapbook.

Otherwise, many old toys are just old toys, and it's time they travel elsewhere. Let's talk about some great methods and places to send your goodies:

First, you can call local churches to see if playthings are being sought. You can learn if some of the local ministries — Catholic Services, Jewish Family Services of Metro Detroit, adoption agencies, foster homes, The Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries — are in need. These organizations are good places to donate those unwanted and outgrown toys, and often the need is great.

Second, you can establish a shelving unit to house some favorite toys for your grandchildren. You will be able to tell them their parents played with these items or read these books when they were little children.

But you need to ask yourself, is it worthwhile to hold on to these playthings for another 10-20 years? If you are planning on downsizing in the future, where would you store them?

Maybe it's wise to keep things that are compact, like books or small toys. Building blocks and Lego-type sets never seem to go out of style.

Just think how much fun it will be one day to shop for your grandbabies — and imagine how happy and proud you will be, when you re-capture all that space in your basement. You can create a whole new empire for that space, once you've cleaned up its past!

Your local professional organizer,

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