

Help us make this transition easier for our children, by purchasing and assembling packages for teens moving into subsidized housing or institutions of higher education. Packages are for first apartment or college dorm essentials, and include items such as linens, toiletries and storage bins.

Welcome Care Packages

5-10 volunteers will create welcome kits for children entering our community-based group homes for foster care youth with behavior and/or emotional disorders. Children in these homes have an opportunity to heal from past trauma, learn to trust others and respect themselves in a nurturing therapeutic environment. Welcome kits include: decorative pillowcase/bedding, white hand and bath towel pajamas, slippers, decorated duffle bag, and small teddy bears. All volunteers will purchase care package items and assemble at Children's Aid and Family Services.

Community Drives

Volunteers have the opportunity to host community drives with their colleagues and friends to collect essentials for our children in foster care low-income families, and elderly. These drives are conducted at home, your place of worship, or business. Donations are delivered to the agency.

Specific drives include:

- Hygiene/toiletry
- Large print books
- Diapers, formula, and baby essentials
- Toy/birthday
- Seasonal drives
 - Give Back; Backpack Drive
 - Holiday Gift Drive



Holiday Goodie Bags

Volunteers have the opportunity to create and assemble holiday goody bags for our children in foster care. Help our children feel remembered and valued on every holiday. Goody bags or care packages are suggested for the following holidays:

- Valentine's Day
- Halloween
- Thanksgiving
- Easter Baskets

Please contact the volunteer coordinator at volunteer@cafsnj.org for more information on how to get involved!