

Take the Backpack Challenge!

Deadline: July 29, 30 and 31



Give a child in Foster Care something to hold on to.

Children in foster care leave behind everything they've come to know — their home, possessions, friends and even siblings. The Community Volunteer Council, Portland, of Prudential is proud to participate in the eleventh annual Backpack Challenge.

A backpack can make all the difference to a child in foster care.

Giving a child in foster care their very own backpack full of things they really need and use gives them a sense of ownership and security through each move.

Here's how your donation can help.

Get your office, business or family and friends working together as a team to fill as many backpacks as they can. You'll be helping to give a child in foster care something of their very own.

Drop-Off Dates:
July 29, 30, 31

For details:
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Suggested items to fill a backpack

Please mark the backpacks by age and if for a boy or girl.

Infants and Toddlers

Sleepers
Diaper bag
Diapers
Lightweight blankets

"Baby care" items
(baby wipes, baby shampoo, diaper cream,
hairbrush and/or accessories)
Disposable camera & photo album

5 to 8 years old

Socks
Toothbrushes
"Gift" items
(stuffed animals, small toys,
books or photo album)

Pajamas
School supplies
(pens, pencils, notebooks,
loose-leaf paper, binders, markers)
Disposable camera & photo album

9 to 12 years old

Socks
Toothbrushes
"Gift" items
(a journal, sports cards, sports
cap, T-shirts or photo album)

Pajamas
School supplies
(pens, pencils, notebooks,
loose-leaf paper, binders, markers)
Disposable camera & photo album

13 to 17 years old

Socks
Toothbrushes
Sleepwear
"Gift" items
(a journal, CDs or T-shirts)
Disposable camera & photo album

Health and beauty aids
(hair products, deodorant, makeup,
perfume, skin and nail care)
School supplies
(pens, pencils, notebooks,
loose-leaf paper, binders, markers)

Kids Aging Out of the Foster Care System

Deodorant
Shampoo
Lotion
Bar soap
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Hair products/accessories
Cosmetic bag (women)
Toiletry bag (men)
Light blanket

Sleeping bag or rolled up foam mat
First Aid Kit
Sleepwear
Medium & large sweat pants/sweat shirts
Socks
Literature on homeless shelters,
medical facilities, employment offices,
community colleges in the county
Gift cards to local CVS, Rite Aid, grocery
stores, Bed, Bath & Beyond