

SERVICE 4 FOSTER CARE FAMILIES

Suitcase Stash

Materials: Large box(es) for donations, list of items needed (clothes, shoes, hygiene items, blankets, small toys, etc.), one or two suitcases to fill for a foster family

Time: 45-60 minutes

Cost: \$50

Prep: Two months prior to event, begin collecting items for a foster family. Be sure to include items for both a boy or a girl so the family is prepared for future placements. One week before the event, collect the items that have been donated and set them aside for the event.

During the event

1. Sort the items into piles before packing the suitcases - boys' clothes, girls' clothes, hygiene items, blankets/bedding, toys, etc.
2. Place the items in the suitcases and make arrangements to deliver them to a foster family in your community.
3. When you deliver the suitcases to the foster family, ask to pray with them over the suitcases and their family. Pray that God would be with them as they take in a new family member, that they would uphold the life of the young boy or girl who will be living with them. Pray that there would be a community of people to support the family as they adjust to the addition of a new family member, and that all lives would be upheld and cared for by those around them. Thank God for the gift of foster families and for those who are in foster care.
4. Check in regularly with the family, asking how you can continue to serve them while they serve the foster children who are placed in their care.

