

EMPOWER to hold luggage drive for children in foster care

WAYS TO HELP:

- Shop the Amazon Wish List
- Donate in person on Nov. 1, 2024
- Share about the need on social media



**Drop off a new piece of luggage between
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on 11/1/2024 at one of our two drop
off locations:**

Allen office: 760 North Watters Road, Suite 100, Allen, TX 75013

OR

Dallas office: 1820 Regal Row, Dallas, TX 75235

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EMPOWER, a nonprofit child welfare collaborative, is hosting a luggage drive on Friday, November 1, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to provide children in foster care with their own luggage. Luggage can be donated by dropping off in person at EMPOWER's offices in Dallas and Allen, or by shopping the Amazon wish list up until Nov 2, where the items will ship directly to EMPOWER's office when selecting "EMPOWER's Gift Registry Address" at checkout.

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Every 45 seconds, a child enters foster care in the United States and is removed from everything they have ever known. In Texas, there are currently more than 13,000 children in the foster care system.

EMPOWER is the Community-Based Care (CBC) contractor in Metroplex East region, a nine-county area in North Texas including Dallas, Grayson, Fannin, Collin, Hunt, Rockwall, Kaufman, Ellis and Navaro counties. The goal is to collect 400 brand new suitcases, providing luggage for children in foster care within the Metroplex East region.

Many of these children have to carry their belongings in an old backpack, a laundry basket or a garbage bag, inadvertently sending a message that their personal possessions lack value. With the luggage drive, the goal is to provide children with their own piece of luggage to give them a sense of dignity as they are going through this difficult transition.

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EMPOWER is a unique partnership between Texas Family Initiative LLC, CK Family Services,

Jonathan's Place, Bair Foundation, Pathways Youth and Family Services that works together to serve some of our most vulnerable children and families. This partnership has almost 190 years of combined child welfare experience and will further our community's pursuit of caring for our children and families with integrity and success.

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