

CARRYING HOPE



WHAT WE DO:

Carrying Hope is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded by foster parents and advocates that gives Hope Packs filled with comfort items and essentials to children who are entering the foster care system in Central Texas. We work with every agency in the Austin area and directly with CPS to distribute our packs, which contain everything a child needs during the first 48 hours in foster care. Our goal is to make sure that every child who enters the foster care system arrives with a Hope Pack, making a difficult transition a little brighter for these children and the foster families caring for them.

*"Over the last 12 months I have had 11 children placed in my home. Of those children, only six came with any personal possessions at all. ...Of those, four had their belongings in a black trash bag. What you do is extremely important, and I just wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart."
-William, Foster Parent*

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HOW TO HELP:

♥ MAKE A HOPE PACK:

When children are placed in a foster home, they frequently arrive with nothing more than the clothes they are wearing. If they have been allowed to bring any personal belongings, they have been hastily stuffed into a trash bag. Carrying Hope thinks these kids deserve better. Each Hope Pack, broken down by age and gender for newborns through teens, costs less than \$100 to make and meets a child's needs while bringing comfort in a moment of crisis.

- ♥ Go to www.carryinghope.com
- ♥ Click on **"Make a Hope Pack"**
- ♥ Pick the **age/gender** of a child you want to
- ♥ **Go shopping!**

Don't have time to shop? We also have links to Amazon lists on our website which allow you to order a Hope Pack with a few simple clicks and have it shipped directly to us!

♥ INVOLVE YOUR KIDS:

Making a Hope Pack or volunteering with Carrying Hope is an amazing way to get children involved in giving back while opening their eyes to what some of their peers go through when they enter the foster care system. It's also a great way for Scout troops, school classrooms and other organizations to give back to the community.

♥ VOLUNTEER:

We are always looking for volunteers to help us with our outreach efforts. Want to get involved? Send an email to info@carryinghope.com.

♥ DONATE:

Carrying Hope is always in need of donations. Find ways to donate at carryinghope.com/donate.

