

Our 7<sup>th</sup> annual **Luggage of Love Campaign** to benefit CASA Kane County is underway! Last year we raised over \$35,000 in cash, suitcases, gift cards and essential personal items for children in the foster care system. CASA Kane County advocates for the best interests of these children (ages 0-21) both in and out of court. This year we have set our goals higher than ever! **We are looking to surpass last year's total and raise \$40,000 in monetary donations, suitcases, gift cards and essential personal items.** With the more than \$35,000 that was raised last year the Luggage of Love lifetime contribution to CASA Kane County is over \$100,000!

#### THE REALITY

Foster children frequently have few belongings; just a couple of outfits, photographs, and a stuffed animal or toy. When they are moved between families, these children are often forced to carry their few keepsakes and belongings in plastic trash bags. Carrying their items in bags can be embarrassing and yet another reminder of how little they own.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

From October 19 to December 17 we will be collecting donations of the following items in our office along with other select locations. Please stop in and help us help these kids.

#### THE ITEMS NEEDED THE MOST ARE:

- Suitcases, backpacks, and duffel/baby bags to carry belongings.
- Gift cards for needed clothes, incidentals, furniture, linens and supplies at grocery, multi-chain stores and restaurants.
- Recreation passes for all youth to experience fun and exploration with park district classes, theaters, movie tickets, special occasion activities and birthday parties.



## **SCAN & DONATE TODAY!**

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Thank you!



#### SPONSORSHIP FORM

# How you Can Help

The following age group tables show the incidentals and suitcases that can be provided to a youth. Purchase or donate \$250 to supply the following incidentals to a youth in need:



Suitcase/Baby Bag Diapers/Pull-Ups Toiletries

Teddy Bear

Pajamas

Blanket

Nightlight

### AGES 7-13

Suitcase

Toiletries

Pajamas

Blanket

Books

Learning Activity

Water Bottle

## AGES 14-21

Suitcase/Duffel Bag

Toiletries

Visa/MC Card

**Target Card** 

**Grocery Card** 

Water Bottle

\*No shaving supplies, please!

| Name of Sponsoring Organization |       |  |
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Choose from these options below to help support and provide for our foster youth in need:

Purchase and fill a suitcase with incidentals for the selected age table above. Give \$250 to provide basic necessities for a child in the foster care system. \$100 to be used at our discretion to support the needs of a foster youth.

Other:

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CASA Kane County is a Guardian ad Litem, nonprofit volunteer organization that advocates for the best interests of children in abuse, neglect and private quardianship cases within the Juvenile Court system.

