

# 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

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July 14, 2018 | 9A - 1P  
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To friends and supporters of boys and girls in foster care,

Arizona Friends of Foster Children Foundation, Arizona Helping Hands, AASK - Aid to Adoption of Special Kids and Voices for CASA Children are excited about our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Backpack School Supply Drive for children in foster care.

Today, there are more than 14,000 children in foster care, and every day 24 more children will enter foster care in Arizona. Most of these children have been physically abused, neglected, sexually assaulted or emotionally abused by the very people they rely on to keep them safe. They enter foster care with little more than the clothes on their back, and are most likely behind in school, as well as in their social and educational development.

Our ambitious goal this year is 6,750 backpacks filled with all the necessary supplies to start the school year. We believe this goal will be reached — with the help of community leaders like you and your organization.

There are many ways to get involved:

**Create a Team-building Experience:** You can have brand-new backpacks and school supplies shipped directly to you for as little as \$11! Bring the team together to assemble the products either at your location or ours.

**Sponsor a Collection Drive:** Hold a collection drive for needed items at your business or in your community group - we will even provide boxes and posters.

**Be a Drop-off Location:** Use your business as a drop-off location for backpacks and supplies.

**Be a Gold Star Sponsor:** Your **\$5,000** donation will provide 350 fully-stocked backpacks AND you will receive prominent recognition on our flyers, posters, press releases and social media (over all four agencies' pages, reaching a minimum audience of 21,000). Posters will be displayed in businesses, retail shops and restaurants across the valley.

**Be a Silver Star Sponsor:** Your **\$2,500** donation will provide 175 fully-stocked backpacks and you will be recognized on flyers, press releases and social media channels.

**For more information on any of the above opportunities, please contact Sherie Siegel at [sseigel@azhelpinghands.org](mailto:sseigel@azhelpinghands.org) or 480.889.0604.**

All donations are tax deductible. Only with your help can we look forward to ensuring that children in foster care will begin their next year with the tools they need to be successful.

Thank you for your consideration.

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## SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Notebook paper

Spiral notebooks

Folders

Pencils

Pencil boxes or pouches

Pens

Highlighters

Erasers

Crayons

Markers

Writing tablets

Glue sticks

Glue

Ruler

Sharpener

Scissors

Backpacks (elementary, junior high and high school sizes)

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## FACTS ABOUT FOSTER CARE

In February, 2018, the number of children in foster care in Arizona is 14,270. <sup>1</sup>

Of the children in foster care: 40% live in a kinship placement, 42% live in a licensed family foster care home and 15% live in congregate care (group home) <sup>2</sup>

More than 900 youth will “age-out” of Arizona’s foster care system this year, without any family support.

Children come into foster care because they have been neglected (85%) or physically (7%) or sexually (2%) abused or “other” (58%). The sum of these is not 100% because children can be removed for multiple reasons.

Children have little more than the clothes on their backs when they enter foster care.

Most children are behind in their development or behind in school.

<sup>1</sup> AZDCS Monthly Operational Report, March 23, 2018

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