

## **Our Story!**

No child deserves a trash bag! Of the over 3,400 children currently in foster care in Orange County, most have little to no belongings of their own, and no parent in their lives. They typically carry what little they have in plastic bags from home to home. We believe we can do better for these kids!

In January 2023, we went shopping with our own children and grandkids with the goal of filling four carry-on sized suitcases, each for a specific-aged foster child in mind. We filled each case with essentials: clothing, toiletries, books and more. We even enclosed a handwritten note of encouragement inside each case.

It was easy and fun, and impactful on our children and family. We dropped the filled suitcases to the team at County of Orange Social Services, who were thrilled with the donation. We were delighted to learn they were able to hand out these suitcases to foster children that same day.

Our goal is to make a difference in the life of each child in foster care. We set a goal of filling 340 suitcases by the end of 2023, but as of December 15<sup>th</sup>, we have donated over 740 suitcases and wheeled duffels filled with essentials!

In 2024, help us provide each foster child in OC with a case to call their own!