

Mission: Support Kids

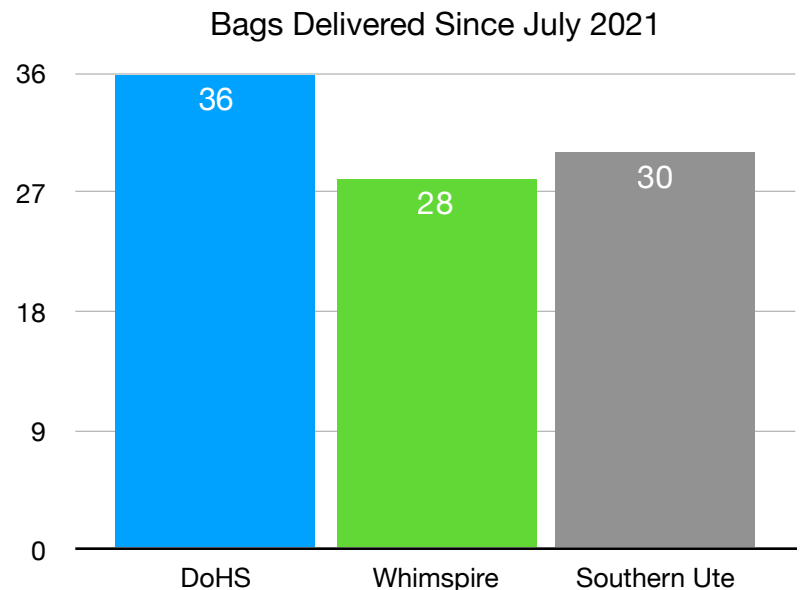
Helping to provide comfort and support
to children in foster care

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Thank You For Making This Possible!

Since our formation as a basic needs team of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Durango (UUFD), Mission: Support Kids has delivered 94 backpacks to help support local children going into foster care. Over the past year we have grown to serve not just the La Plata County Department of Human Services, but also the Whimspire foster care agency and the Southern Ute foster agency. We would like to give a HUGE thank you to everyone that has helped to grow this group and make this possible.



What do we do?

Mission: Support Kids aims to provide comfort and care to children entering the foster system by assembling age-appropriate backpacks filled with items such as stuffed animals, hygiene products, fidget toys, journals or coloring books (depending on age). Whenever a child is being placed in foster care, a case worker gives the child one of our backpacks, which becomes theirs to keep no matter where they live. Our team worked with child therapists to confirm that the backpack with these items helps with creating an emotional safety net during a very traumatic experience.



What's New?

Using the grant we received from the Unitarian Universalist Funding Program we have been building up our inventory. A most generous member of our team and fellow UUFD member, Jill Bystydzienski, has allowed us to use her garage to store and expand our operation. This will help to insure that we can continue to provide for these vulnerable children for years to come.

Are you interested in helping?

Mission: Support Kids is a part of UUFD's Social Justice Team. We meet on the first Thursday of every month. We currently alternate between core team meetings and assembly meetings. Our next assembly meeting is on December 1st at 3:30pm in Skyridge. You can contact Alex for more information at a.rosetodak@gmail.com.