

To ease the emergency transition of displaced children into the protective custody of foster care.



Geaux 4 Kids, Inc. operates Project Geaux Bags, which gives a bag of clothing and necessities to children who are removed from their home due to neglect or abuse and placed into the protective custody of foster care.



5,200 number of Geaux Bags given to foster children since 2013

WHAT'S IN A GEAUX BAG?

One Geaux Bag costs approximately \$100, and it is customized for infant to teen. The bag includes all **NEW** age and size-appropriate clothing, toiletry kits and therapeutic items:

- Modest Pajamas
- Pack of Underwear
- School Backpack
- Pillow with Pillowcase
- Blanket
- Note of Encouragement from Another Child
- Therapeutic Items
 - Teens: journals, pens, music players, books
 - Children: coloring books, crayons, stuffed animals, fidget spinners
 - Infants: lovies, stuffed animals, developmental tools
- Toiletry Kits
 - shampoo/conditioner/brush
 - toothbrush/toothpaste/floss
 - Infants: wipes/diapers/pacifier
 - Teens: razors, hygiene products
- Geaux 4 Kids Luggage Tag with Emergency Numbers: 1-888-LA-HelpU/1-855-4LA-Kids

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HOW CAN I HELP?

Host a Geaux Bag Pack & Sack event to provide victim assistance in your area:

Alexandria • Baton Rouge • Covington • Lafayette • Lake Charles Monroe • New Orleans • Shreveport • Thibodaux

Items are bought in bulk ahead of time and set up in a systematic way for a "PACK & SACK" event. The completed bags are delivered to a regional DCFS office, and a social worker takes a bag with the child to the new foster home.

ABOUT GEAUX 4 KIDS

K.C. Kilpatrick, the Founder and Executive Director, began the organization as an independent, grassroots effort after becoming a foster parent of two in 2013. **It was at that moment that she discovered exactly how stressful the initial 24 to 48 hours of receiving children into foster care is, and how impossible it is to adequately prepare for it.** She recognized a gap in services. She immediately began purchasing supplies at her own expense and distributing to foster children out of the trunk of her car. **By providing the immediate necessities to a foster child during this emergency, Project Geaux Bags enables foster parents to focus on the emotional needs of the child.** Geaux 4 Kids, Inc. is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

IF YOU KNOW A CHILD IN NEED, CALL 1-855-4LA-KIDS.

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