

**Give a child in foster care something to hold on to.**

## **Take the Trenton Backpack Challenge!**

Giving children in foster care their very own backpack full of things they really need and use gives them a sense of ownership and security.

### **Here's how your donation can help.**

Get your office, business or family and friends working together as a team to fill as many backpacks as you can. Then bring your filled backpacks to the drop-off location on the dates listed below.

### **Take the challenge - get started today!**

It's easy! Just post this e-mail and start collecting.

### **Drop-off dates - July 27, 28 or 29**

Bring your filled backpacks to the Food Court (50 East State Street)  
or The War Memorial (Lafayette Street)

Look for the NJ Foster Children's Winnebago!

### **Drop-off hours - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Bring your filled backpacks to either of our drop-off locations anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

For details, contact Jean Slagle at (609) 989-7751 or David De Flavio at (973) 802-7344

For information about being a foster or adoptive parent in New Jersey, call toll-free 1-877-NJHEROES or visit [www.njfostercare.org](http://www.njfostercare.org)

## **Backpack Challenge Shopping List**

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Please create backpacks with the following age groups in mind. Mark the backpacks accordingly, designating if the items are for a boy or girl.

*Some suggested items to fill a backpack:*

### **Infants and Toddlers**

- Sleepers
- Diaper Bag
- Diapers
- "Baby care" items (baby wipes, baby shampoo, diaper cream, hairbrush and/or accessories)
- Lightweight blankets
- Disposable camera and photo album

### **5 to 8 years**

- School supplies (games, pencils, notebooks, loose-leaf paper, binders, markers)
- Toothbrushes
- "Gift" items (stuffed animals, small toys, books or photo album)
- Socks
- Pajamas
- Disposable camera and photo album

**9 to 12 years**

- **School supplies (pens, pencils, notebooks, loose-leaf paper, binders, markers)**
- **Toothbrushes**
- **"Gift" items (a journal, sports cards sports cap, T-shirts or photo album)**
- **Socks**
- **Pajamas**
- **Disposable camera and photo album**

**13 to 17 years**

- **School supplies (pens, pencils, notebooks, loose-leaf paper, binders, markers)**
- **Toothbrushes**
- **"Gift" items (a journal, CD's, T-shirts, or photo album)**
- **Health and beauty aids (hair products, deodorant, makeup, perfume, skin and nail care)**
- **Socks**
- **Sleep wear**
- **Disposable camera and photo album**