

To: Chase's Chance
From: Emily Rector, Regional Director of Philanthropy, CHS
CC: Betsy Seaton, Director of Community Engagement, CHS
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Re: Children's Home Society of North Carolina

At Children's Home Society of North Carolina, we believe in families. Since 1902, CHS has worked across the state of North Carolina to promote the right of every child to a permanent, safe, and loving family. CHS serves more than 20,000 children and families each year, in all 100 counties of North Carolina. While CHS offers more than 20 programs, we are best known for our foster care and adoptive services. Sadly, the state of North Carolina is facing a foster care crisis. Currently, there are more than 11,000 children in foster care, and that number has increased by 25% in the past five years. Each night, more than 300 of those children are cared for by CHS foster families across the state.

Often, when children enter foster care, they bring along very few personal belongings. Sometimes, all they have is a garbage bag to hold their clothing. To ensure that each child has the items he needs, CHS works with individuals, faith communities, and corporate partners to collect backpacks, toiletries, school supplies, and financial contributions.

For a child in foster care, a backpack provides much more than essential items – it helps to provide a sense of normalcy and security during a time of uncertainty. If you have any questions about Children's Home Society or the children and families we serve, please contact Betsy Seaton, bseaton@chsnc.org or (336) 369-3817.