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On Behalf Of:

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My name is Ian Ford and I want kids in foster care to not have to have their belongings stored and transported in trash bags.

As a former foster parent who had the opportunity to work with several placements over the years, these kids already deal with incredible obstacles just to find a safe place to exist. Having their things put in bags that normally hold trash is a brutal and deeply damaging experience on top of all the other challenges they face.

These aren't "foster kids"...these are just kids who need some help for a variety of reasons beyond their control and they deserve some dignity.

Although I am no longer certified, I have continued to try and advocate for these kids by supporting amazing organizations like Project Never Again who work tirelessly to ensure that no kid in care will ever have to have his entire life tossed in a garbage bag.

Thank you for giving this matter the attention that it deserves.

Ian Ford  
Former Foster Parent (2013-2019)