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I am standing in the gap to not only help provide bags to thousands of children, but to create a systemic change within our Child Welfare Division.

A system that somewhere along the way failed to recognize the impact trash bags can have on children in foster care.

Humiliated, abandoned, unwanted and simply garbage are a few words our former foster youth have used to describe how this practice made them feel.

Project Never Again helps provide children with the divinity they deserve and need. To me it is pretty simple, a duffle bag, words of encouragement, can help kids to maintain the dignity and self-worth, which they all deserve.

Please check out their website -- if you have not already done so which is as follows:

<https://www.neveragainnpo.org/>