



# Care Package Program

Would you like to make a positive influence in the life of a child in foster care? Sign up to provide care packages to youth in care who are legally eligible for adoption and waiting for a forever family. Show them that their community cares!



## Who are the kids?

In West Virginia there are more than 7,000 children throughout the state who are in foster care. Some children will return to their families while others will become legally eligible for adoption. Because older children often wait longer to be matched with adoptive families, these are the children who will be selected to receive care packages. It is easy for children to get discouraged while they are waiting and the care packages can help lift their spirits and give them something to look forward to. We believe it is important to let them know that they are not forgotten and that someone out there cares about them. You can exchange mail through our office with the child you are matched with and they will often send thank you cards or other messages back.



## What's involved?

As a Care Package volunteer, you or the group of people who sign up will agree to send care packages to the child you are matched with. These packages should be given to the child for their birthday, Christmas and a 3rd holiday chosen by the volunteer(s). While we cannot provide the location of the child or details about their history, you will receive the child's name, birthday, grade in school, age, their interests, their favorite foods, sport teams, books, movies and hobbies. When your care package is ready, deliver it to Mission West Virginia and we will give it to the child.



## How do I sign up?

This is a great volunteer opportunity for individuals, families, businesses or clubs. If you or a group of people would like to be matched with a child, email Kylee Hassan at [khassan@missionwv.org](mailto:khassan@missionwv.org) or call 304-562-0723. First, you or someone from the group will sign a contract agreement that for one year you will provide care packages for a child in care, then you will be assigned a child to send packages. If the child you are providing for is matched with a forever family, we will match you with a new child.