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Grab 'n Go Bags FAQ

What are Grab 'n Go Bags?

Grab 'n Go Bags are handmade totes designed for Texas Rainbow Rooms to provide essential items to children in crises. These bags are used for emergency removals by child Protective Services (CPS) and help children who may be leaving their homes unexpectedly with few or no personal belongings.

What are Rainbow Rooms?

Rainbow Rooms are resource centers located in CPS offices throughout Texas, providing immediate access to clothing, diapers, school supplies, hygiene products, and other essentials for children in crisis. There are more than 130 Rainbow Rooms across Texas, and they are available to CPS caseworkers 24/7 to ensure that children and families receive support when they need it most.

What items are included in a Grab 'n Go Bag?

Each Grab 'n Go Bag typically contains a variety of essential items to meet the immediate needs of children being removed from their homes. These may include:

- Clothing (shirts, pants, undergarments, socks)
- Hygiene products (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, etc.)
- Small comfort items (stuffed animals, blankets)
- Diapers and wipes (for babies and toddlers)
- School supplies (depending on the child's age)

Who makes the Grab 'n Go Bags?

The totes are handmade by volunteers and donors who are passionate about supporting foster care youth and children in crisis. These generous individuals donate their time, skills, and resources to ensure that each bag is thoughtfully made and filled with quality items.

How can I contribute to the Grab 'n Go Bags initiative?

There are several ways you can contribute:

1. **Sponsor a Bag:** Monetary donations are always appreciated and allow us to offset shipping expenses to Day 1 Bags

2. Volunteer: If you enjoy sewing or crafting, you can help by making the totes or assisting in organizing and distributing the bags. Your in-kind donation is tax-deductible. Just complete this form:

<https://form.jotform.com/241585101368152>

3. Spread the word: Share the initiative with others in your community to raise awareness and gather support.

Who receives the Grab 'n Go Bags?

Grab 'n Go Bags are given to children being removed from their homes during emergencies. These children range from infants to teenagers and are often taken to safe locations with little time to pack their personal belongings. The bags provide them with immediate essentials and a sense of comfort during a difficult time.

Why are handmade totes important?

Using handmade totes instead of trash bags or other disposable containers sends a message of dignity and care to the children who receive them. The bags are made with love and respect, ensuring that the children know they are valued during their transition, instead of plastic grocery bags. Plus, the child gets to keep the bag.

Are donations tax-deductible?

Yes, all donations made to support the Grab 'n Go Bags initiative are tax-deductible. You will receive a receipt for your records.

Where do I send my donations?

Please contact us for specific mailing details as we are keeping track of these donations across Texas.

How many Rainbow Rooms are there in Texas?

There are more than 130 Rainbow Rooms across the state of Texas, ensuring that children in all regions have access to emergency supplies when needed.

Who can I contact for more information?

For more information, to volunteer, or to donate, you can contact our team at day1bags@gmail.com. We're always happy to answer any additional questions you may have!

This FAQ helps explain the significance of the Grab 'n Go Bags and the broader mission of supporting children in crisis through the Texas Rainbow Rooms.