



Dear Friends of the Women's Club of Hollister:

Once again we are organizing **"The Comfort & Care Backpack Project"**. This project was developed by the Leadership San Benito County Class of 2010 to provide children arriving at foster care facilities or group homes with items that will make their arrival easier; including necessities and personal items. The Women's Club of Hollister felt strongly about the value of this project and decided to provide the management after the Leadership class fulfilled their year.

The members would like to thank past donors who helped with this project in making special backpacks available to children. Without community support, **"The Comfort & Care Backpack Project"** would not continue. It was through generous backing last year, that approximately 125 children received new backpacks during a tumultuous time in their lives. This year's goal is to provide 200 backpacks to **Chamberlain's Children Center, SBC Child Protective Services, the Emmaus House, House of Sueños, and the Kinship Center** (San Benito Chapter).

The backpacks are packed to accommodate children from infants to 17 years old and are gender specific. We fill them with items such as a soft blanket, some school supplies, toiletries, small stuffed animal, socks, underwear, tee shirts, and a few fun items. Aside from giving them a warm welcome, the backpacks give them a feeling that someone cares for them! The backpacks are theirs to keep. One organization wrote:

"It is amazing how something that many of us might take for granted can work miracles for our children, who come to us confused and afraid. I am so grateful that you all continued this wonderful idea and are working to keep it sustainable."

We would like to partner with community-minded organizations and individuals who would like to help area children in need. There are a couple of ways you can help: sponsor a backpack for \$40 (this includes all the items mentioned earlier), or send a donation to **"The Comfort & Care Backpack Project"**, at the address below, make checks payable to the Women's Club of Hollister. If you donate items, please call our number below and we will be happy to arrange a pickup.

If you have questions or would like to have a Women's Club representative speak about the project at your organization's meeting, please contact us at (831) 673-9056. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your continued support.

Your donations are tax deductible. **Our Federal ID is 94-6115437 – 501(c)(3)**

Sincerely,

COMFORT & CARE BACKPACK PROJECT



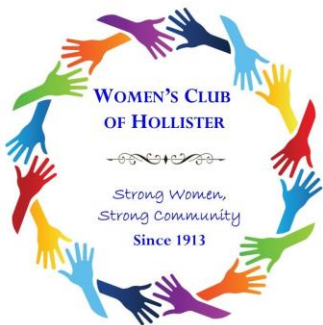
Backpacks for Kids in Need

In its eighth year, the Women's Club of Hollister is gathering supplies and backpacks to create comfort packs for children who are in need. With your support, we will supply 200 fully stocked backpacks to San Benito County kids. We will distribute backpacks in Fall 2018 to **Chamberlain's Children Center, SBC Child Protective Services, Emmaus House, House of Sueños, and the Kinship Center** (San Benito Chapter). Please note items we need in the box to the right, or copy this link to our Amazon wish list at <http://a.co/ai5kWdG>. Donations are tax deductible. Please complete the form below and email or mail it to womensclubofhollister@gmail.com or by mail to WCH Comfort & Care Backpack Project, P.O. Box 818, Hollister, CA 95024-0818.

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Help a Child In Need!

- New towels and washcloths (gender neutral colors)
- Target, K-Mart, Kohls gift cards to purchase needed clothing items
- Blankets (toddler size and twin for older kids)
- Reusable drink containers (all ages)
- Ask your dentist for adult and child toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss
- Travel size shampoo, lotion, deodorant, and hand sanitizer
- Kleenex tissues (individual packs)
- Flash drives
- Flashlights
- Crayons (small packs 8-12 crayons; regular or toddler)
- Colored markers (small packs)
- Glue sticks
- Highlighters



Donation Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount: \$40 _____ (covers a backpack and contents) Other: \$ _____

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Find the Donation Form and payment option at womensclubofhollister.org