



New Beginning ESSENTIALS

HOUSEWARMING KITS FOR SOUTH FLORIDA
FORMER FOSTER YOUTH MOVING INTO
INDEPENDENT HOUSING

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TAKE 5 min TO WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES | IMPACT

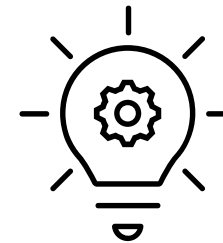


IMAGINE TURNING 18 + BEING ON YOUR OWN

- No family or guardian to call for advice.
- No safety net.
- Few belongings.
- Survived a childhood of instability, violence, trauma, and loss
- At 18, you are ALONE facing life.

THIS IS THE REALITY FOR 100's OF STH FL FORMER FOSTER YOUTH WHO AGE OUT OF THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM EACH YEAR!

- Risking: homelessness, unemployment, human trafficking, mental health struggles, substance abuse, and criminal justice involvement.



WHAT WOULD YOU NEED IF...

- You lacked essential household items?
- You're pregnant or already a parent at that young age?
- There's no funding available to help you?

TAKE TO WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES | **ENGAGEMENT**

GOAL

±50 “New Beginning Essentials” kits, with:

- Bedding.
- Household Essentials.
- Practical Items + Everyday Needs.
- Basic Baby Items, if needed.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Day 1-30 — Planning and Coordination

Day 31-75 — Fundraising and Item Collection

Day 60-75 — Kit Assembly

Day 80 — Workshop + Kit Distribution Kick Off

Day 81-100 — Continued Distribution



BUDGET

- New Beginning Essentials Kit Items (based on 50 kits) @ \$454 per kit = \$22,700
- Logistics + Distribution = \$2,300
 - Transportation
 - Storage
 - Packaging
- Total Budget: \$25,000



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Both organizations have access to former foster youth (potential kit recipients) and experience to make this project a success.

CITRUS FAMILY CARE NETWORK

- Contracted with Florida Department of Children and Families
- Part of Citrus Health Network, serving South Florida since 1979.
- Oversees area child welfare, including transitioning services for nearly 300 former foster youth.

OUT OF FOSTER FOUNDATION

- Assisting former foster youth since 2017; partnered with Citrus FCN since 2019.
- Focused on raising funds for housing stipends.
- To date, the program has helped more than 40 young adults.

We seek Leadership Miami's support:

- For fundraising, collecting in-kind donations, and assembling 50 kits.
- To host a Business Etiquette Workshop for these young adults prior to the kit distribution event.



- How it would feel to receive a New Beginning Essentials kit with items the rest of us often take for granted.
- We are giving them DIGNITY, STABILITY, and a REAL CHANCE AT SUCCESS.
- We are saying "You are not alone."
- Together, we can turn empty spaces into warm, welcoming homes... Let's be the reason they have one.

