

# Children's Home Society Supply Drive to support the Independent Living Program

**Agency Description:** The Children's Home Society of Florida, North Coastal Division, serves children and families through Foster Care, Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, Family and Individual Counseling, Case Management, Clinical Services, Supervised Visitation, Emergency Shelter, and Residential Group Homes.

**Areas Served:** Flagler and Volusia Counties

## Project Information

**Description:** Food, Toiletries, Cleaning & School Supplies Drive for youth that have aged out of Foster Care: CHS Independent Living Program works with Foster children that are turning 18 and must leave the dependency system and live on their own.

Volunteers will collect items described above.

**Who will benefit:** CHS Caseworkers oversee the transition and help with life skills. Our project would allow the case workers to help the youth with basic food supplements and supplies so that they are not going hungry in order to pay for transportation to school or work. Youth ages 18 through 22 that have aged out of Foster care. The youth that will be served by this project were placed in foster care because of abuse, neglect or abandonment and were in court ordered care for many years. The CHS Independent Living Program provided support services to 178 youth in 2008-2009. Donations will also be a resource for former foster youth reaching for success.

**Long Term Impact:** 18 is a magical age for most teenagers living in a supported environment of family but to youth in foster care it is time of potential homelessness. To encourage continued education as the means for success for these youth, we must find the whys to take some of the burden from their shoulders and help as supportive families would do. By helping with supplements of food and household supplies they can stretch what money they make to help with books and lab fees.

**Location:** Drop off in South Daytona

**Time:** *Drop-off* 10am-1pm

## Volunteer Needs

**Number of Volunteers Needed** Minimum: 10 Maximum: Unlimited

**Minimum Age:** Open to *all* ages



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