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Thank you for your interest in Soroptimist International of Eureka's Bags for Belongings project.

The Bags for Belongings program first began in September 2007 by Stacy Reyes, a Deputy Probation Officer for Humboldt County, when she "observed a teen returning from placement. His belongings were placed in three large, black garbage bags, as he did not own a duffel bag or other bag to use for his belongings." Stacy decided to start collecting unused duffel bags so that teens would have a more presentable and less embarrassing way of transporting their belongings. Stacey has been successful, and Soroptimist International of Eureka would like to help take her idea one step further by providing items for the bags to help make the first week of transitioning into a new home a little easier.

We have made a list of items that we would like to have included in the bags and are asking local businesses for donations. In addition to these items, we are also putting together bonding kits that will provide opportunities for the teen and their foster family to interact and get to know one another.

In recognition of your contribution towards Bags for Belongings, you will be listed on SI of Eureka's website as an in-kind sponsor. We will also be running a press release in the Eureka Reporter and Times Standard. If you are unable to donate items at this time, but would like to make a monetary donation, we will follow up with you and let you know what items have been purchased with your donation. Accompanying this letter is additional information explaining in more detail the Bags for Belongings project and how your donation will help to change the lives of Humboldt County teens.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Burger
Service Committee Chair
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*Improving the lives
of women and girls,
in local communities
and throughout
the world*