

# Help Give A Child Pride And Dignity



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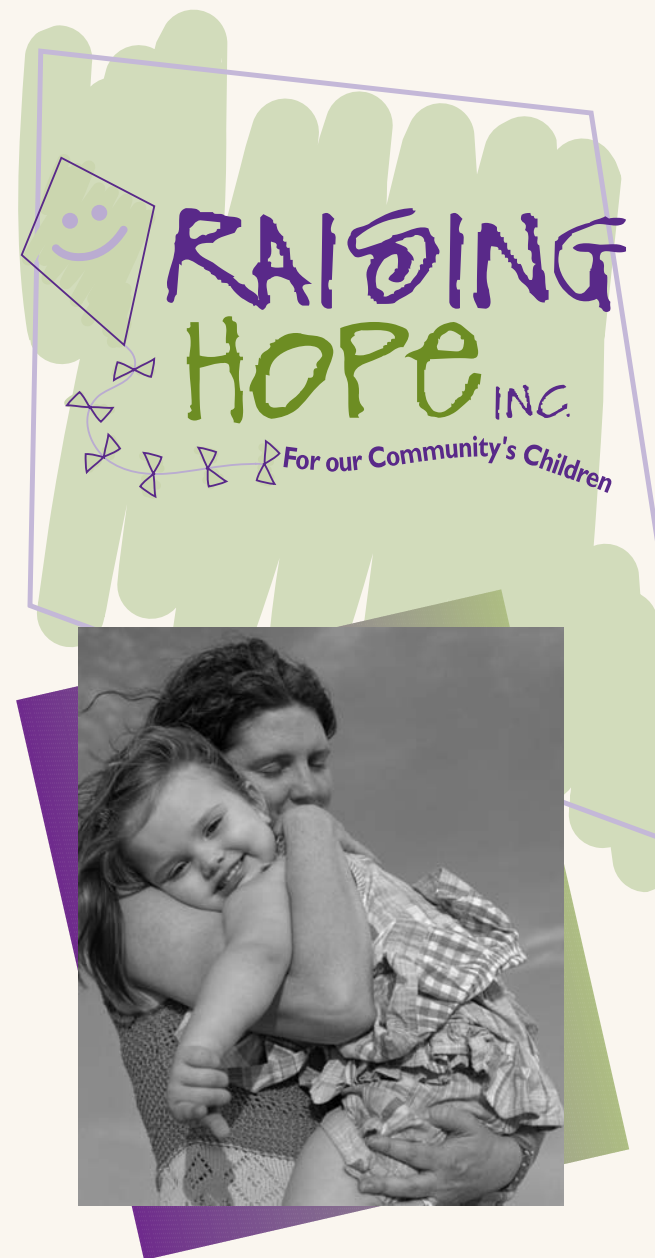
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#### Mission Statement:

Raising Hope, Inc. was established to take an active role in ensuring that the at-risk children in Pinellas County are afforded opportunities to live happy, healthy, stable, and productive lives. This will be accomplished through fundraising and developing partnerships that give members of the community an opportunity to support children living in crisis situations. All money raised and resources acquired will be channeled toward services and products that support the healthy development of children.

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## Yes! I/We Want To Help!

- Enclosed is a GIFT of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Raising Hope, Inc.
- We would like to sponsor a Duffie Bag at \$10 per bag (bag cost only). Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ bag(s) made payable to Raising Hope, Inc.
- My Gift is  In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  In memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- Volunteer Opportunities.

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State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Best time to contact me / comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## About Florida's Foster Care System

At any given time, there are more than 3,000 children in Pinellas County who are not able to sleep at home because of abuse or neglect. The children's ages range from newborns to teenagers. In some cases, they are brothers and sisters that have been separated because of lack of room in the foster care homes. In other cases, they have mental and physical disabilities that make them hard to place in a loving foster care home. But one thing for sure, these children all have needs for love, affection, and a caring community to help soften the turmoil they encounter in their daily lives.

The foster care system attempts to provide a nurturing environment for displaced children, but the needs go much deeper than this. Additional funding is needed to help provide items such as clothing, toiletries, and baby products. Community-based support is desperately needed to

fill this gap. This is known as "community-based care". And this is where Raising Hope, Inc. and you can help.



## How Raising Hope Got Started

When one of our founders visited a foster care home of a child she mentored, she noticed there was a little boy who had received word that he was going to be placed in yet another foster home.

This poor child carried what little belongings he had in a garbage bag. Upon seeing this, it broke her heart. Not only did this child not have a permanent home, but the only possessions he could truly call his own were carried in a small plastic garbage bag. So, the founder made it her passion to see that no child in the Pinellas foster care system, in time, would ever think their clothes and only belongings were no better than garbage.



## Fulfilling Emergency Needs

One of the main support functions of Raising Hope, Inc. is to provide emergency support to the children as they enter the foster care system or are being re-assigned to a new foster home. We do this by providing filled, new duffle bags packed with clothing and toiletry necessities that allow the children to arrive at their new foster home with pride and dignity.



## How You Can Help

**Monetary Contributions:** This is always a great way to support Raising Hope, Inc. and allows us to purchase exactly what items are needed for the children at specific times. Please use form attached for money gifts or if you would like to sponsor a duffle bag.

**Clothing:** New and good quality used clothing is always needed. We accept only laundered, stain free, and folded clothing. Shoes, socks and underwear are items that must be purchased new. These move very quickly off our shelves in all sizes so we are always in need. Raising Hope supports ages newborn thru 18.

**Baby Items and Toiletries:** Toiletries, such as shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes, and baby items such as diapers, bottles, wipes, and formula are always needed. These are great items to keep in mind when shopping!

**School Supplies:** This is an item that is always last on the list for many of these children, and yet such an important one. If you can help out with basic supplies, let us know.

