



## Host a Donation Drive

We are so excited that you want to support children during a time of transition and turbulence. Hosting a donation drive is an easy way to make a difference. See below for some great information on how to launch your drive!

Questions? Reach out to [amara@amaraputskidsfirst.org](mailto:amara@amaraputskidsfirst.org) or at 206.260.1700.

### Hosting a Drive

Your donation drive will help to make sure that every child who stays at our Sanctuary has shoes, clothing, a new duffel bag, and an opportunity to participate in engaging activities.

#### Step 1: Decide Your Drive Details

- **What are the dates** of your drive? How long will it last? *Although holidays are a popular time for a donation drive, the Emergency Sanctuary is always in need of your support!*
- **What will you collect?**

We always welcome donations of:

- New, unopened packages of socks in all sizes (toddler to 12)
- New, unopened packages of underwear in all sizes (toddler to 12)
- New backpacks and duffel bags, all colors and sizes, especially gender-neutral styles

Or you can find other items on our Amazon wishlist:

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3F12AZV0YPJH1/ref=topnav\\_lists\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3F12AZV0YPJH1/ref=topnav_lists_1)

- **Set a fundraising goal** for monetary donations or a goal for total number of items you want to collect? Do you want to share this goal or keep it private?
- **How will you collect donations?**

#### Step 2: Get People Engaged

- **Send emails** to friends, family, and coworkers. See our sample email on page 3.
- Post about the drive on **social media**. See our sample social media post.
- **Put up posters** – Use our Donation Drive Poster on page 2. Simply fill in your drive details, print, and hang up!
- **Talk to your friends** about the Amara Emergency Sanctuary and how they can help.

#### Step 3: Collect Donations

**In Person:** You can collect donations in person by setting up collection boxes in a central location (or two). Be clear about the dates that people can drop off donations.

**Online via the Amara Website:** Online monetary donations can be made via the Amara Website: [www.amaraputskidsfirst.org](http://www.amaraputskidsfirst.org)

**Online via Amazon Wish list:** To donate items from our amazon wish list visit:

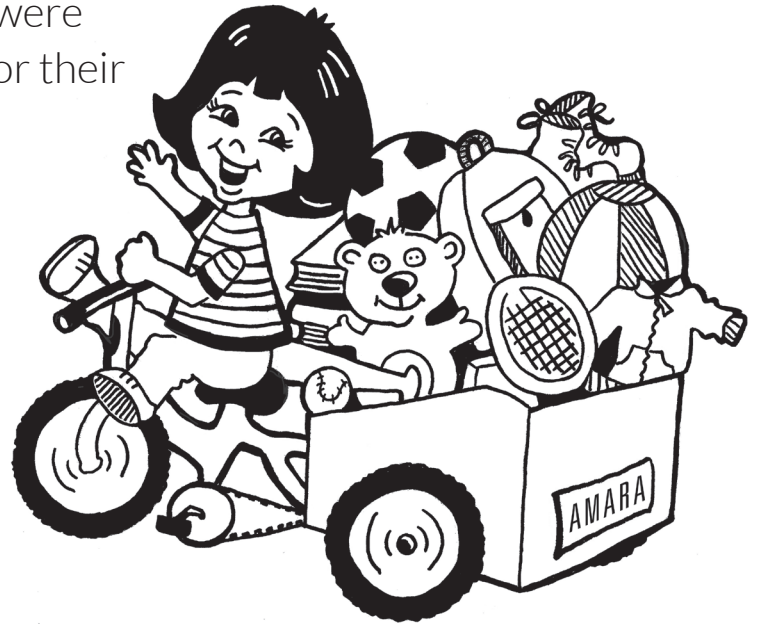
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#### Step 4: Donation Drop Off

Donations may be dropped off or mailed to the Amara Office in Seattle or Tacoma. Call us at 206.260.1700 or 253.444.0121 to make arrangements!

# Join our drive!

**Amara's Emergency Sanctuaries** provide a temporary home for children who were recently removed from their home for their own safety. It is a safe place for kids to land that gives families and state social workers more time to find the best long-term option for the child.



**For more information, please contact:**

You can help change a child's life.

## Amara

We work to ensure that every child in foster care has the love and support of a committed family — as quickly as possible, and for as long as each child needs.

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## Sample Email

Subject: Join me in helping children in foster care!

Dear [Insert Name Here],

I am writing to ask for your help in ensuring that kids entering foster care feel safe, welcome, and important. I am hosting a drive to help the children at the Amara Emergency Sanctuary. The Amara Emergency Sanctuary is a home for kids to stay in for up to three days immediately after they are removed from their homes.

Many kids enter foster care with only a few belongings, usually carried in a trash bag. The Emergency Sanctuary ensures that by the time they leave, each child has at least 3 days' worth of clothing and a nice backpack in which to carry their things.

You can help by participating in my drive! Your donations will help ensure that these children have the basic clothing and supplies that they need.

[Here, please include your instructions for your donation collection plan.]

If you'd prefer to donate money you can give me your donation or donate online at <https://amaraputskidsfirst.org/get-involved/make-a-donation/donate-now/>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

Thank you for your support,

[Your Name]

## Sample Facebook Post

Help me make sure that kids entering foster care receive the things they need! I am hosting a drive for the Amara Emergency Sanctuary, a temporary home for kids entering foster care. Many kids enter foster care with only a few of their belongings, usually carried in a trash bag. At the Sanctuary these children are outfitted with the clothing and supplies they need. I'll be collecting [insert items you're collecting] and trying to raise [insert fundraising goal] to help! Contact me for more information. Thank you for your helping caring for children in our community!