

# How You Can Help...

*Please join us as we strive to meet the needs of the children in CPS care.*

## The DARE TO LOVE: Rainbow Room

Located at 3635 S.E. Military Drive SA TX

The Rainbow Room is an emergency resource center where caseworkers pick up new items and quickly deliver them to needy children. A gift of something from the "Needed Items" list can make life better for a family. Donations should be new and are made to the Dare to Love Sponsorship Program, a nonprofit organization that assists children through their Child Protective Services caseworkers. Cash donations made to Dare to Love will buy supplies for the Rainbow Room or provide funds for more expensive needs like car seats, cribs, and funds for camp.



**Dare to Love** is a nonprofit run by volunteers.

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## Needed Items:

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- ❖ jackets: all sizes
- ❖ school supplies and back packs
- ❖ school uniforms, all sizes
- ❖ shoes: all sizes (new only)
- ❖ new briefs & panties, all sizes
- ❖ bras: all sizes
- ❖ gifts for teens
- ❖ lice shampoo
- ❖ combs, brushes, hair accessories
- ❖ birthday gifts for teens(perfume, jewelry, cologne, wallets, gift cards)
- ❖ ladies hygiene products
- ❖ toddler clothing, male & female
- ❖ sweat tops/pants sizes 2 thru adult
- ❖ shirts/jeans sizes 2 thru adult
- ❖ formula, diapers,(all sizes), baby wash, lotion, powder, shampoo, infant pajamas, infant onsies & shirts, baby wipes, bottles
- ❖ laundry detergent, dish wash
- ❖ cleaning supplies:, mops & buckets, brooms & dustpans
- ❖ large garbage bags and sponges
- ❖ towels, washcloths
- ❖ blankets, sheets, pillows and pillowcases
- ❖ sleeping bags for homeless children
- ❖ adult shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes

## Our Faith-Based Community can help in BIG ways!

### 14 Ways You Can Help

Whether you want to get involved as an individual or member of an organization or church, the following is a list of volunteer opportunities that might be of interest to you. While not everyone decides to adopt, we can all help a child in foster care. Keep in mind that there are many other possibilities not listed here. Think of your talents and where your interests lie and you will surely discover the best way to help.

1. Make a "Birthday Wish" come true
2. Start a prayer/support group
3. Participate in Blue Sunday ([www.BlueSunday.org](http://www.BlueSunday.org))
4. Have a special prayer ceremony ("Calling Out" ceremony)
5. Donate meeting space
6. Host a Heart Gallery event
7. Host a "Special Occasion" party or picnic such as an Easter Party where every child is gifted an Easter Basket
8. Host a respite day/Mother's Day Out
9. Collect much needed items like:
  - a. African American hair care items
  - b. Luggage/duffle bags
10. Participate in the annual Hair-a-Thon for African American foster youth
11. For Youth aging out of foster care- sponsor a Graduation Party or donate a complete "apartment care package" including starter items for the youth's first apartment
12. Provide Car Pool Services for foster and adoptive parents in your church family
13. Teach foster youth to Sew and Cook or to Play an Instrument
14. Create an apprenticeship opportunity for a youth in foster care

Utilize your talents. While we always need hair stylists and photographers we can help you find the best way to put your passion or hobby to good use helping our youth.

The good news is that your Bexar County Faith-Based Recruiters are here to help you no matter how you decide to get involved. All we ask is that you find the avenue that best utilizes your unique talents to help meet the needs of our local youth in foster care.

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