

Gifting the Love of Reading



It is amazing how the gift of reading can change the life of a child. Reading a book together not only helps with a child's development, but also creates bonds between people. So many of our precious foster children have never had the opportunity to own a new book or sit and have someone read to them, to imagine the story come to life or dream of that far off magical place the story tells about. The sky is the limit when you let your imagination soar through a book and the story that it tells.

A local group of women and children from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints came together with one goal in mind: to give the gift of reading to our foster children. They wanted every child that left Child Haven, no matter their age, to leave with a bag of brand new books. Books that belong to them and could go with them as they transitioned

homes. Together these wonderful women gathered over 3,000 new books to be donated. They worked together with the Foster Parent Champions to make sure their donations made it into the hands of our foster kids.

Once they had all the books collected, they came together for an afternoon of gathering, sorting and bagging the books by age or reading level. They made sure they were labeled with a sticker for the children to write their name on them and placed in the correct color coded bag. These women gave their time and love to make such a huge and wonderful donation. Though a book may seem like a simple donation, it will have the chance to impact the lives of the children receiving them. We hope these books will brighten a child's day and bring them the joy of owning and reading books of their very own.