

# Help us cheer on the 600 Massachusetts youth who grew up in foster care and are now attending college!



Did you know that less than 3% of foster youth go to college? These students face daunting challenges. Without families, they miss out on the emotional and financial support that their peers rely on. On top of their studies, many must work multiple jobs to afford school and often spend holidays alone.

Help us applaud these youth's accomplishments and support their continued hard work defying the odds with care packages! Each youth will receive a special package full of college essentials and goodies.

**How can you help?** Now through October 25<sup>th</sup>, we're collecting snacks, school supplies, hygiene items, gift cards and monetary donations to fill the care packages. Organize your coworkers to hold a drive. Challenge your friends to solicit donations from local stores. Ask your church group to collect items from community members. Every little bit helps, and together, we can show these amazing youth that there are lots of people cheering them on! Please contact us with questions at [info@weriseabove.org](mailto:info@weriseabove.org) or 855-246-8850.



## Here's what we need:

- Gift cards to
  - Wal-Mart
  - Target
  - Bed Bath & Beyond
  - iTunes
  - Dunkin Donuts
  - Starbucks
  - Dominos
  - Papa Gino's
- Food:
  - Instant rice or soup packets
  - Easy Mac, Ramen
  - Packaged cookies
  - Candy and gum
  - Mini cereal boxes
  - Granola bars
  - Healthy snacks
  - Microwave popcorn
  - Coffee and tea
  - Hot chocolate
  - Water flavor packets
- New school supplies (highlighters, sticky notes, pens)
- Hand sanitizer
- Laundry detergent pods
- Ear buds
- Small/travel size toiletries
- Shipping supplies