



## My Stuff Bags Foundation

Dear Friends,

My 5 year-old granddaughter, quarantined with her wonderful little family, has recently taken to saying "When the virus is gone, I'm going to learn to roller skate...play with my friends...have a party!" I treasure her optimism and outright **certainty** in the future.

Lately the phrase "these uncertain times" is repeated often, on the news, amongst our friends. And for sure, most of us have never felt this insecure about what's next. But there's something so comforting about having your own stuff around you at this time, isn't there? We are much more grateful for it now that it's what we can count on while we shelter safely.

So, I'm reaching out to you today about the children we serve through My Stuff Bags, for whom life has already often been filled with uncertainty. Rescued from abuse or neglect by parents who should have shown them love, running away from domestic violence, nearly homeless, living in cars or other unstable environments, they have had to leave all their stuff behind, they enter crisis shelters with nothing personal to cling to for comfort and dignity. And now one thing we know for certain, at times of great upheaval like the current disaster, their lives will get worse!

Because so many of you have helped over the past 20 years, by donating new items for the kids, by making blankets, by providing much-needed funding, we have reached the hands and hearts of nearly 600,000 children across America with the necessities and message of hope contained in a My Stuff Bag. We are enormously grateful for your outpouring of compassion and concern over the years and we want you to know we are here, working safely, getting Bags stuffed and ready to go to thousands of children.

Now, more than ever, these vulnerable children need our continued support. Together we can say "**We are most certainly here for you!**" through the gift of a My Stuff Bag. Please donate now.

I wish each of you, our dear supporters, good health and safety and I thank you for listening.

Janeen Holmes  
President and CEO

