



**ERIC GARCETTI**  
**MAYOR**

To:  
Janeen Holmes  
President/ CEO  
My Stuff Bags Foundation

The My Stuff Bag donation given to the Mayor's Office of Public Safety on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2020 were given to the children in "Project Safe Haven". Project Safe Haven houses survivors of domestic violence and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of these families have fled their homes leaving everything behind in an attempt to find safety. Living in a home with violence is traumatizing for everyone involved and fleeing that violence, while families feel is a necessary step, also exposes the family to an additional level of trauma. Children are often confused and afraid. The normalcy of the items in the My Stuff Bags, have been a grounding force to maintain a sense of normalcy for our children in an otherwise tumultuous time. Many of our children have grown up in environments where kindness was a rarity and receiving these bags that are just for them is a rare moment of compassion and caring. Many of our kids cried upon receiving them from being overwhelmed with a feeling of being cared for.

There are not enough words to properly express my gratitude for your organization and their support of these amazingly resilient children.

Sincerest Gratitude,

Chanel Smith  
Director, Domestic Violence & Vulnerable Populations  
Los Angeles Mayor's Office of Public Safety