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Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows – Carano Location

The members who had received the bags were excited to get them and even asked if they could get two. They were most excited about the blankets that were in the bags.

It does provide our members with the opportunity to receive items that families do have the means to purchase or items kids don't normally receive.

Our special story came from our member, who is 9 years old and was very excited to receive the bag. He was going to spend the weekend with his grandparents and had all of his clean clothes and toothbrush in his backpack with his papers and school supplies because he didn't have a duffel bag to hold his clothes in. Teresa had offered the boy a bag who was very excited to receive it and his mother was emotionally excited that he had gotten one when she heard about it. He uses his bag to carry his clothes in and has read the books that were in the bag and donated them back to the club for other members to read.

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I am not sure where the communication was lost but I had no idea where these had come from, all I knew was the kids were so so excited!

We have been able to hand them out to many of our members who may not have anything above and beyond basic needs. Seeing them receive toys and hair bows was absolutely adorable. We also targeted many of our children who are in Foster Care. So many of those children only have the bare necessities in a trash bag. We work closely with the Foster Care system making sure that placements have child care so we shared some bags with our Early Learning Center and the Family Engagement Center for new placements.

By providing these bags we are able to create a sense of family with the staff at Boys & Girls Club. While these bags go home with the children and provide them a sense of security and happiness, they also create a positive connection between children and the Club.

We had a little girl who had been struggling. Her family had recently been displaced because of a fire in their apartment building. Although we had been able to help with some clothing, she had little else. When we gave her the My Stuff Bag, she started crying because she had lost all of her books and toys.

These bags brought so many smiles!