

**Instructions:**

1. **Read** the paragraph of explanation below from the founder of Fusion Ministry (Jaoni Wood).
2. **Read thru** the detailed instructions for packing a carebox for a LoCo foster family below that.
3. **Are you ready and willing to pack a care box?** If so, [please start by signing up here](#) so we know how many boxes are being prepared.
4. **Check out** the encouragement and feedback from a foster family who already received a box! (1st screenshot is a letter written by the family giving the box, 2nd is the foster family's reaction)
5. **Pack your box** (if you are packing as a group, set a max \$ value) and include a personal note.
6. **Drop off** your box - contact Brittany ([office@brbible.org](mailto:office@brbible.org)) for instructions to drop-off your box on the family's front porch



**Jaoni Matzker Wood**

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Hi there! As the director of Fusion and a former Loudoun County foster parent, I wanted to give you a couple of snapshots into what life is like for children in foster care! Here are some stats- I'll talk about Fusion in future posts.

- \* on average, there are about 60 kids in foster care in Loudoun County
- \* the majority of those kids are teenagers who have experienced a life of trauma, but now have a short window to establish healthy relationships before aging out and being on their own
- \* children in foster care are surrounded by adults- foster family, their support system, teachers, case workers, lawyers, bio-family, doctors, therapists, judges... people to support them. Right now many of those supports for themselves and their caregivers are limited, at best.

That's why we are doing this book drive and gifting Care Packages to foster care resource families in Loudoun during this time.

(This pic is my bio-kids with our foster son in the middle the week he joined our family, 7 yrs ago).



### How to pack your box:

- **Pick a box** to use as your container. A shoebox, plastic container, or other cardboard box is fine!
- **Details about the foster family** you signed up to bless:
  - Family 1 - Female (14) She's a tomboy, likes Harry Potter, legos, art, dogs, photography.
  - Family 2 - Male (15) Likes skateboarding. Male (9) Likes beyblades, pokemon.
  - Family 3 - Female (15) Male (11), Male (5). No specific likes.
  - Family 4 - Male (4) Likes cars and trucks. Female (3) Likes princesses and unicorns. Male (2) Likes construction trucks.
  - Family 5 - Male (19) Likes philosophy and cybersecurity. Male (17) Likes fishing.
  - Family 6 - Female (18) Likes music, children, helping, fashion
- **Aim for the \$30-\$50 range** and fill your box with these or other items you think the foster would enjoy:

Games (Spot It, Speedee Bee, lots of other smallish games with wide appeal)

Books (picture books, easy readers, chapter books)

Arts and crafts

Snacks

Gift cards for take out or to grocery stores, WalMart, Target, etc

Outside toys (bubbles, chalk, jump ropes, frisbee, balls, etc)

Activity books

Puzzles

Coloring books

Pens/markers crayons

Baby supplies

At-home spa stuff (makeup, hair, nail polish)

Legos

Building projects

Model cars or airplanes

Make-your-own kit (pizza, dessert, S'mores, etc)

- **Write or draw a note** (or multiple notes) to include

We haven't met. Our names are Jeff, Anna, Heath (15), Lauren (13), Nate (12) and Will (8) and we go to McLean Presbyterian Church. We found out about Project Belong through our church and were excited to get to put together a few things for you to do while in this season of being at home. It's already been a month and a half out of school and away from friends and we know the days can get long and boring. We wanted to give you a few things that we've enjoyed these past weeks. Here are the activities in the box:

***Get outside!***

(chalk, bubbles, Nerf football, Frisbee, S'mores supplies and flower seeds)

***Game Night!***

(Family Trivial Pursuit, Taboo, M&Ms, popcorn and ice cream toppings)

***Arts and Crafts!***

(coloring books, composition notebooks, gel pens, markers, and colored pencils.)

***Spa Day!***

(assortment of face masks, nail polish, bubble bath, lotion and bath bombs)

***And, because 7 is a lot of kids...***

(brownie mixes, toilet paper, paper plates, sanitizing wipes and laundry detergent)

We pray that the Lord would bring abundant peace and grace to your household in these times.

Love,

Day 358: Wow. Thank you, [Project Belong](#) and thank you to the beautiful family who put this together! I wish I could have captured all the squeals and excitement. My heart is full.

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