



# 2022 Annual Report



# A Letter From The Executive Director

Dear Hands and Feet Friends,

What a wild year it has been! With our first full year of operations under our belt, we can't even believe how we have grown, changed, and evolved. This would not have been possible without your support and dedication to helping vulnerable and hurting children and families.

This year, we experienced some significant milestones we want to highlight! It feels like some of them are just a dream, and we honestly can't even believe we are where we are today, entering 2023 with open arms and excitement about the future.

At the beginning of 2022, we took a leap of faith and opened another branch of Hands and Feet. Katy Wood, a mom in the Broward area who has had many friends she has supported as they walked the foster care journey, and Diana Gelfand, a social worker and single foster/adoptive mother, approached us and expressed a need for services in Broward County. After considerable planning and preparation, we launched services in Broward at the end of January, bringing our total service area to 6 Florida counties.

A few months later, we found ourselves being stretched thin as the needs continued to rise. As we worried about what we would do, we received a phone call from Charles Bender, CEO of Place of Hope. Place of Hope had recently acquired an 11-acre campus in Stuart, and they were looking for an organization to collaborate with to hit the ground running while they worked to get the campus up and running for programs. After months of talking and meetings, we finally signed a lease agreement with Place of Hope in May under their Shade Tree Family Outreach Program, and we were given three spaces in Stuart, Palm Beach Gardens, and Boca Raton. Through this generous collaboration, we were able to hire three full-time staff as well to further meet the needs of the community.

We ended the year with 1524 children served, far beyond our wildest dreams! None of this would have been possible without the hard work and support of stakeholders like you. Through volunteerism, donations, purchasing off of wish lists, and sharing about our organization, we have grown to generate a significant impact for the children we serve.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for believing in us and supporting our transformation from a tiny grassroots organization to the incredible programs we offer and impact we create today!

With Love,



Bailey Hughes  
Co-Founder and Executive Director





# The Hands and Feet

DELIVERING HELP AND HOPE



## OUR MISSION

We provide essential items to children and families with an open child welfare case so that they can know the support of a caring, loving community.

## OUR VISION

We are the hands and feet that deliver resources to all children and families impacted by the child welfare system.



## Our Values

- **Dignity** - We provide quality items to the families we serve so they know they are worthy.
- **Community** - We create a community of support for families who feel undeserving.
- **Unconditional Love** - We believe that every person should know they are loved and supported despite their circumstances.
- **Child-Focused** - We believe that children should be given a voice in their story.
- **Service** - Our team are the hands and feet that serve the most vulnerable children and families in our community.

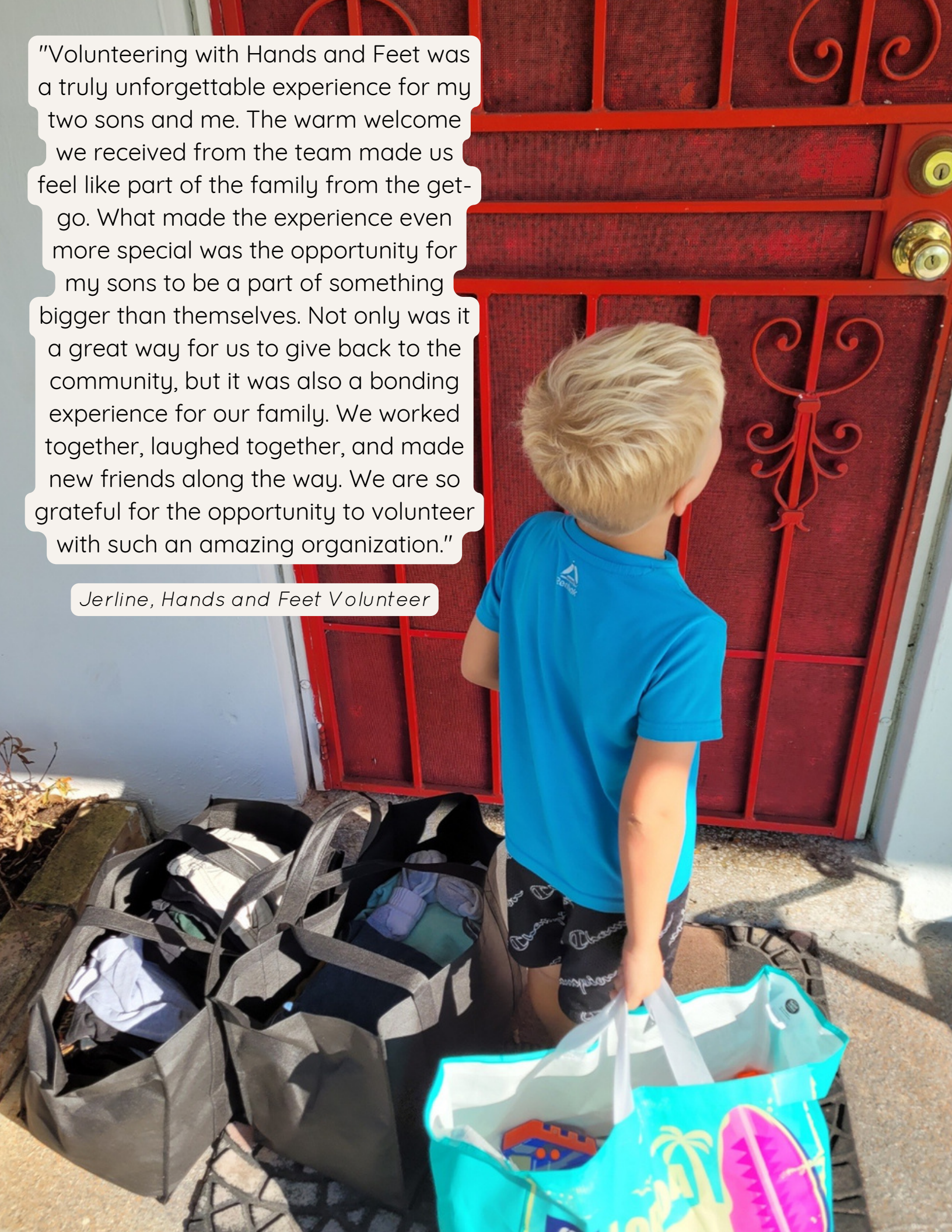
# Our Impact



The Hands and Feet serves  
six counties including:  
Indian River, Okeechobee,  
Saint Lucie, Martin, Palm  
Beach and Broward.

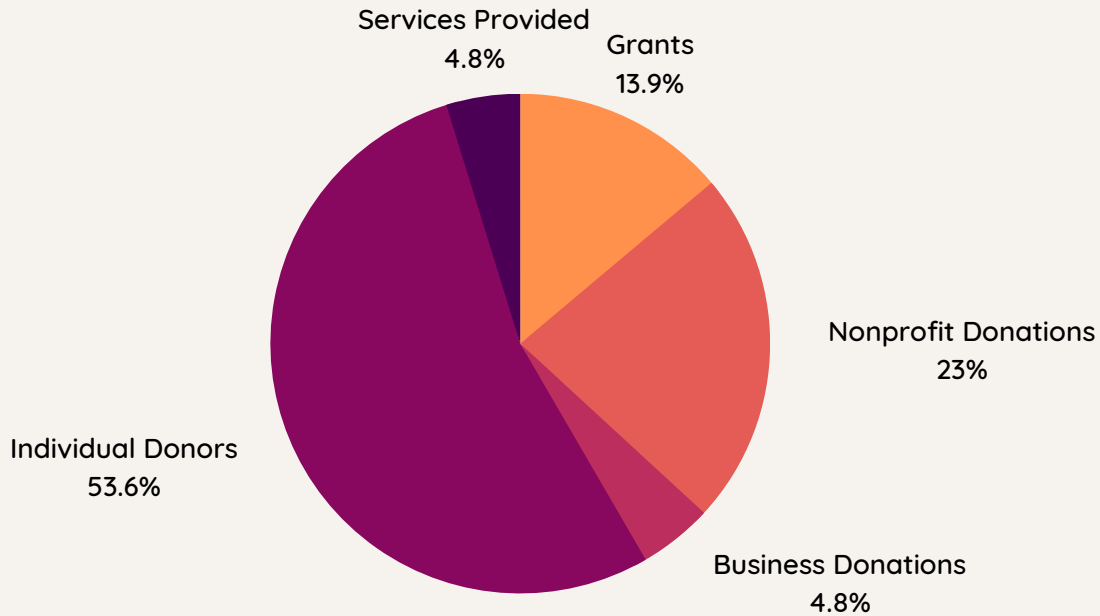
"Volunteering with Hands and Feet was a truly unforgettable experience for my two sons and me. The warm welcome we received from the team made us feel like part of the family from the get-go. What made the experience even more special was the opportunity for my sons to be a part of something bigger than themselves. Not only was it a great way for us to give back to the community, but it was also a bonding experience for our family. We worked together, laughed together, and made new friends along the way. We are so grateful for the opportunity to volunteer with such an amazing organization."

*Jerline, Hands and Feet Volunteer*

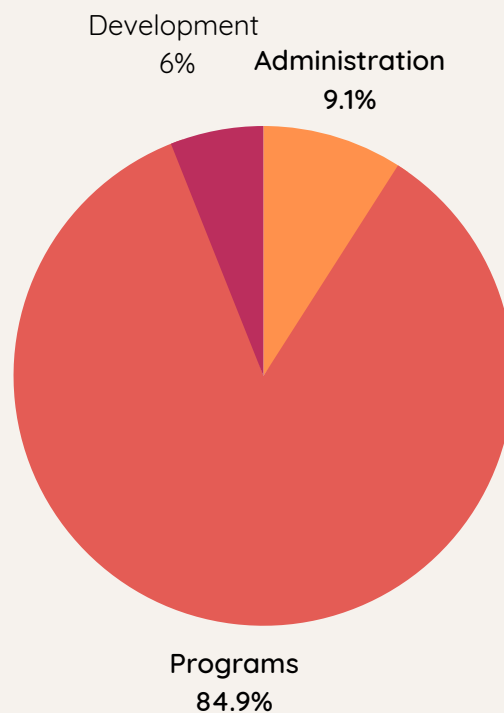


# Financials 2022

## Funding Sources



## Operating Expenses





841

CHILDREN SERVED IN  
PALM BEACH COUNTY

365

CHILDREN SERVED IN  
TREASURE COAST COUNTIES

318

CHILDREN SERVED IN  
BROWARD COUNTY

616

DELIVERIES MADE  
Palm Beach 300  
Treasure Coast 151  
Broward 165

1524

LIVES FOREVER CHANGED



# Our Programs

## *Supporting Hands*

*Delivering Essential Items to Children Impacted by the Child Welfare System*

Our main program delivers items to foster, kinship, and biological families with an open child welfare case right to their door within 48 hours after a referral is made.



## *Applauding Hands*

*Delivering Thanks to Child Welfare Workers*



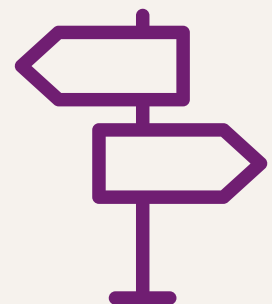
This program honors child welfare employees by highlighting a different department and giving a small token of appreciation while also introducing them to our programs and how we can help.

# Our Programs

## *Guiding Hands*

*Delivering Support to Aged Out Youth*

This program strives to bridge the gap between youth that have aged out as well as youth in group homes and individuals who want to support them. Many times these aged out youth, and youth in group homes, move into new apartments or homes and have nothing. With no family to support them in becoming an adult, we pair these youth with a volunteer who takes them shopping and teaches them life skills such as how to budget and plan accordingly for their needs. The Hands and Feet provides a gift card to give the youth funds in purchasing these items. Through shopping we encourage our volunteers to get to know these youth and form a bond and connection with them that will not just last that one day but a lifetime.



# Your Gifts, Your Impact

AVERAGE COST OF REQUEST

**\$350**  
PER CHILD



**7**

AGED OUT YOUTH  
TAKEN SHOPPING

**55**

AMAZON  
WISHLISTS  
BOUGHT OUT



**125**

NUMBER OF  
CHILD WELFARE  
WORKERS  
HONORED



Your Gifts, Your Impact

Over \$40,000

SPENT BY WISHLISTERS



210


REGISTERED  
WISHLISTERS



185

VOLUNTEERS



A photograph of a family of three sitting on a wooden bench, viewed from behind. The woman on the left has her arm around the middle child, and the middle child has their arm around the right child. They are all looking towards a pond in the background, surrounded by trees. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

"Our family can not thank you all enough for how amazing your rapid efforts, turn around time and huge hearts have helped our little guy soooo much, especially in his first couple of days. You ladies are AMAZING!"

*Anne-Maria, Hands and Feet family served*

# 2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Events

Voices of the System

Shopping with Santa

Thanksgiving Feast for Aged Out Youth



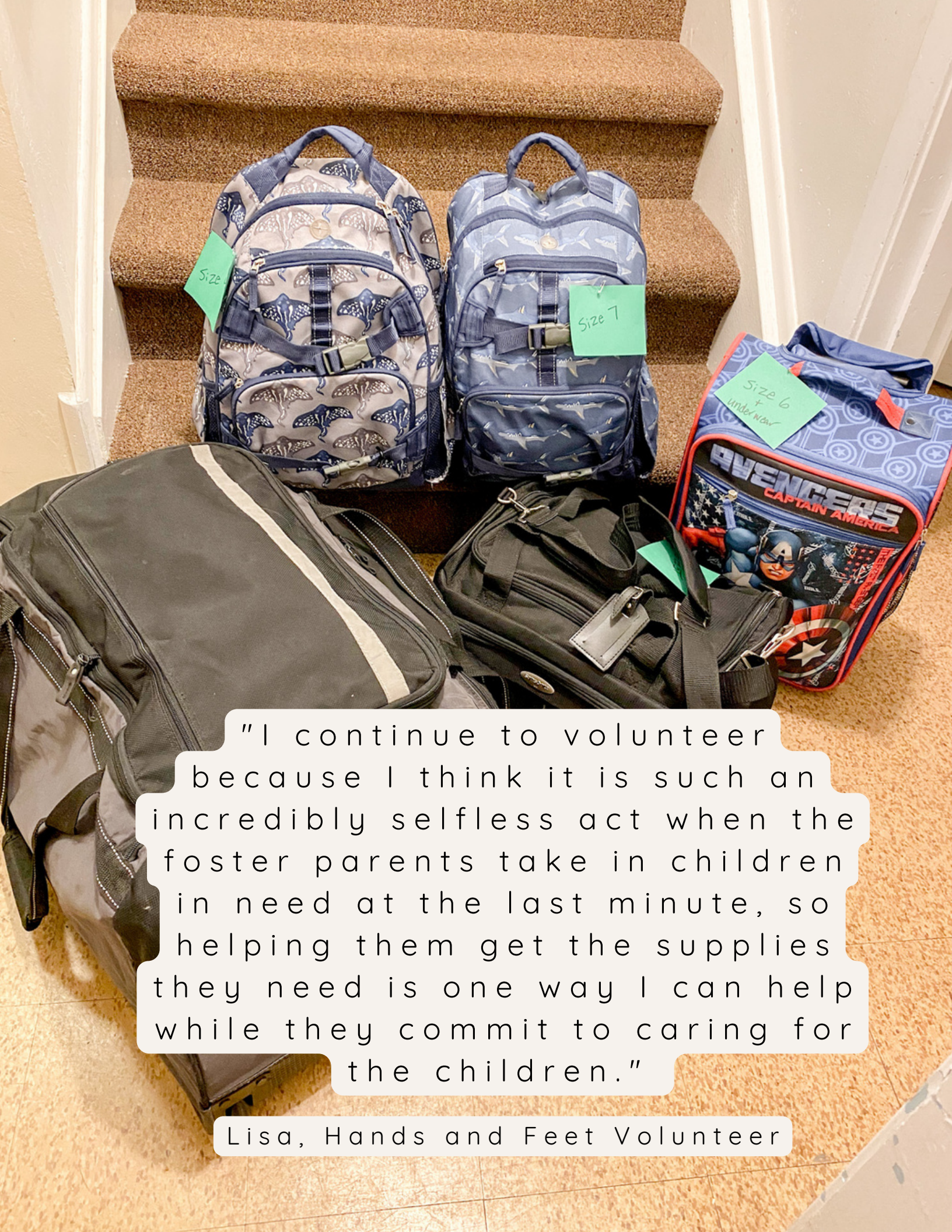
## Recognition

Nomination for Hats Off Award by Nonprofits First

Silver Seal on GuideStar

Chosen for Engage PBC 2022





"I continue to volunteer because I think it is such an incredibly selfless act when the foster parents take in children in need at the last minute, so helping them get the supplies they need is one way I can help while they commit to caring for the children."

Lisa, Hands and Feet Volunteer

# 2022 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Thank you to all that hosted drives, raised money for the families we serve, and brought awareness to children in need right here in South Florida.





# Your impact changes lives



Your support of the vulnerable and hurting children and families right here in our communities goes far beyond the imaginable. Through your generosity this year, we were able to not only serve 1,524 children but also make some extraordinary things happen for families, youth, and children in need.

Your generous donations and support helped keep a family together. Jasper and his three boys were able to secure housing and avoid homelessness because of YOUR support.

Your assistance helped Tamiyah compete in her college pageant at FSU and WIN the title of Queen she had worked so hard for. With your help, we were able to travel to Tallahassee to support her in her dream.

As Hurricane Ian struck Southwest Florida you stepped up BIG by providing for a family of 10 who lost everything. Within hours over \$5,000 was raised and all their personal clothing was replaced.

And days before Christmas when a horrible shooting occurred in the living room of an unsuspecting victim and her child you brought hope to them by providing funds for a week in a hotel, Christmas gifts, restaurant gift cards, and Uber cards to get her 14 year old daughter and her older brother to and from the hospital as their mother fought for her life.

We could NOT do these incredible life changing things without you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for continuing to provide help and hope in the most desperate of times.

# Get Involved Today!

## Volunteer

Sort donations  
Deliver items to families



## Host a drive

Gather specific items to help us stock our centers

## Become a Wishlister

Get notified when a new  
Amazon wishlist is posted



## Donate

Donate new /gently used children's items at our drop locations

## Financial Sponsorship

Make a financial gift today to directly fund  
children in need



## Bags of Love

Donate a new suitcase with new items packed for a child  
entering foster care





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