



Tatum's Totes

A Program of Love



Our mission is to ensure that all children entering foster care are provided with **essential items and a sense of worth and love**. We are also dedicated to providing support to foster families, the unsung heroes of our community.

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WHAT IS TATUM'S TOTES?

Since 2016, GMUW has worked in partnership with the Dept. of Children & Family Services to provide love and support to infants, children, and youth transitioning into emergency foster care. We provide backpacks filled with essential care and comfort items when children enter custody.

HOLIDAY GIVING

Our holiday giving program offers community members the opportunity to be matched with children in state custody and to provide special gifts to help make the holidays a time of joy. Additional support is encouraged for the foster parents in recognition of all they do for children in need.

THE STORY BEHIND THE NAME

Tatum's Totes is an independent nonprofit organization started in Rutland by foster parents Liz and Alex Grimes in honor of their son Tatum who died at the age of 5 months old of SIDS. They found that many children entered the foster care system with little more than a plastic bag and the clothes they were wearing. They started Tatum's Totes to give each child entering emergency foster care a backpack of their own filled with comforting items to help them through their transition into foster care.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE TATUM'S TOTES PROGRAM?

Call 802-613-3989 or email info@gmunityway.org

