The Children's COLLECTIVE OF FLORIDA

Community Impact Report

October 1 through October 31, 2026

A community-wide children's goods donation drive

594.0	499	16
pounds weighed from community bins, Month of October	items delivered to partner nonprofits, many packed in a duffel bag for one child	children received an individual package

Thank you. In October, our community gave three times what it gave in September. Every bag from our community bins was picked up, weighed and recorded, then sorted, laundered where needed and packed by exact age and size for the partner nonprofits caring for children in our community. Here is what that looked like.

What the community bins gathered

Most of the weight was children's clothing and shoes. Alongside it came:

- Toys, games, puzzles and stuffed animals
- Children's books
- Baby gear, a sealed 96-count box of diapers, and wipes
- Blankets and crib bedding
- Duffel bags and a backpack, which went straight back out carrying a child's things
- Toothbrushes, hygiene items and school supplies

Where it went

- **Seven bags in one morning.** A children's shelter received a duffel bag for each of seven children, packed to their size list.
- **A welcome bag.** A young child arrived at a youth shelter with very little in the bag that came with them. Within days, they had a welcome bag of their own.
- **Two families, four children.** A partner that serves families asked on a Wednesday. By Friday, all four children had a bag packed in their own sizes.
- **Warmth for teens.** As the nights turned cool, a youth shelter received hoodies, new pillows and warm socks.
- **Room to play.** Puzzles, card games and books went to a family shelter, because a shelter should still be a place where kids get to play.

787.9	Over 900	23
pounds weighed	items delivered to partners	children received individual packages

Since we began, September 1 through October 31, 2026

Why this matters

A bag of outgrown clothes or a toy that is no longer played with can be exactly what another family needs this month. Reuse keeps goods out of the waste stream, and it keeps generosity close to home. This is a community supporting its own families.

What's ahead

Our community bins are serviced every week. In November, we begin working with another agency that supports foster and kinship families in Martin County, and we will be filling partners' holiday wish lists through December. Next month's report will show where November's giving went.

Where it goes next

Goods are already reaching children and families. What remains is sorted for the next partner delivery and, once it opens in Martin County in 2027, The Collective Kids Closet, our nonprofit storefront program offering quality children's goods at affordable prices for all families throughout the community, with proceeds returning to the funding pool for those same 501(c)(3) partner organizations.

Pounds are weighed community donations, not including individual donors or home pickups. Items include donated and purchased goods. Items counted per CCOF's item rule. Children are never named or photographed, and partner organizations are described, not named. Every delivery to a partner organization is documented on a signed transfer acknowledgment.

Thank you for helping connect our community's generosity to the kids who need it most.

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