

Magellan's MY LIFE group in Cambria County supports local 'Duffle Bag Project'

Foster home placement is a reality for many youth in Cambria County, and too often their personal belongings are put in trash bags when they relocate to another home. Having your personal items in trash bags can lead some of the youth to feel like "trash." Cambria County's Youth Advisory Board (YAB) wanted to change this situation for the foster youth so they started a 'Duffle Bag Project' in coordination with Children Youth and Services (CYS), and Magellan's MY LIFE (Magellan Youth Leaders Inspiring Future Empowerment) group in Cambria County joined the effort.

The mission for the project is to collect as many new and gently used duffle bags, suitcases, book bags and reusable bags so that they can be directed towards foster youth in Cambria County. In January, two collection drives were held at the Galleria Mall and the Cambria County Library, and items are collected year round at the Christian Home of Johnstown, 1100 Edson Avenue, Johnstown, PA, 15905. Through mid-April, the project has collected over 400 bags and suitcases for foster youth.

To learn more about this project, please send an email to [Beth Wyatt](mailto:Beth.Wyatt@magellanhealthcare.com).