Rainies Foster Closet, Inc. 100 Ridge Road North Tonawanda, NY 14120 **A 501c3 Organization**





Helping to Clothe Foster and Kinship 1017 Families

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Rainies Foster Closet, Inc. supplies children's and young adult necessities at COST NO to eligible Foster/Kinship families. Our mission is to support these families while following the belief that all children should experience love, respect, and kindness while living in a foster care home.

Foster parents assigned children in emergency situations often receive little to no advance notice of placement, leaving minimal time to gather clothing and essential supplies before the child/children arrive. Foster frequently parents cover initial expenses out pocket to provide everything the children need while awaiting support funding, which may take a month or more to arrive.

Upon a first visit to Rainie's, each child becomes the 'owner' of a suitcase or duffel bag to carry their treasures to their new (and future) homes – no more plastic bags or pillowcases! Ongoing support includes the provision of up to 7 days of clothing and personal care items per child, 4 times a year as well as a backpack filled with school supplies once a year.

Children also receive a new toy <u>and</u> book during each visit to Rainie's Foster Closet (4x/year). In addition, 2 large items are provided once a year when available - car seats, cribs, strollers, youth beds, highchairs, etc...

Rainie's ongoing operations entirely on rely generosity of community donations (both durable goods and financial) as well as the availability of grants and service projects. With this support, Rainie's Foster Closet has become collaborative. community initiative. We extend our heartfelt thank you to all our benefactors -- past, present, and future -- for continuing make to this mission possible!

Rainies Foster Closet, Inc. is a 100% volunteer, 501c3 organization providing aid to our Foster/Kinship families throughout Western New York.

Placement papers and photo identification required for assistance.

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100 Ridge Road North Tonawanda, NY 14120 **within Twin Cities' Comm. Outreach Building <u>www.rainiesfostercloset.org</u> Hours: 10am to 1pm Tuesdays, Thursdays and every 3rd Saturday or by appointment (716) 465-8697 / (716) 316-9043