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I support any effort that helps children who find themselves in foster care through no fault of their own. As a former CASA, I've seen firsthand the effects of abuse & neglect by sometimes well-intentioned but always ill equipped parents. It breaks my heart to see kids enter the system and meet with our collective failings. I personally know that DHS workers do their very best in a system that also fails them - too many case & too few staff. Still, it is the children who suffer the most.

The least we can do is ensure that while they are being sent from home to home that it isn't with all their (meager) belongings in a trash bag. These children are not trash but can become so if treated that way. These are not throw-away children. These children can grow up to be either productive members of society or a serious drain on it (costing us all much more than a duffel bag). We choose our tomorrows by our actions today.

Let our one action be to send these children off with a proper suitcase or travel bag showing we care about them and value their future among us.