



**LOVE &
LUGGAGE**

IMPACT REPORT

September 2024

In Ohio, when a person turns 18 or graduates from high school, most become legally responsible for themselves. That process—known as emancipation—represents a symbolic step toward independence for many children. However, for those growing up in the custody of Lucas County Children Services, it compels an immediate transition to self-sufficiency.

Just out of high school or barely 18, they depart with the few personal belongings they can carry. By age 24, half of them will have experienced homelessness. **Love & Luggage** is helping by standing in the gap for emancipated youth with open arms, love, support and resources.



65

Emancipated youth helped through Love & Luggage



75

Volunteers



100s

Of independent living resources distributed

Each year is filled with experiences to help young adults learn, grow, and find stability & support.

Love & Luggage participants have experienced:

- **Learning:** 1 meet & greet session and 4 dinner & life skill-building sessions
- **Affirmation and Connection:** 1 Love & Luggage graduation for 23 young adults, 1 picnic for young adults and families at Wildwood Metropark, 1 outing at the Toledo Zoo
- **Giving Back:** 1 team walk for NAMI of Greater Toledo

**"Unconditional love.
Durable luggage."**

**Funds raised
\$150,000**

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Thank you

to all our donors
and volunteers!


And Contributing Partners


- Toledo Zoo is providing free Zoo memberships to all our participants.
- 40+ donors are using Amazon Wishlist to support our resource pantry.





Would you like to help?

Do you know of someone who could use our assistance? Please contact us.

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today!



Ready to meet the need...

The call came on Sarah's cell. On the other end is My'ra crying and shouting in a panic. She's been in an accident with another of our participants and needs someone to be with her until the medical team arrives. Sarah works to calm My'ra down, to get the location of the accident and estimate how long it will take to get to her. My'ra is hysterical, angry and feeling alone. Alone in a world where most of her peers could reach out to a family member or neighbor.

Love & Luggage responds weekly to these and similar situations offering support and community. Most needs are not this urgent, but they are about connecting with someone you trust. Love & Luggage can be a lifeline for a vulnerable population. Recent supports that we've provided include food, gas, diapers, appliances, furniture and referrals to 211.

How You Can Help

- Host a community meal
- Help us source items for our pantry
- Be a Community Resource Partner who can assist our participants
- Make a Donation
- Volunteer