

“Go Blue April 2019”



Did you know that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month? It is a special time for communities to work together to prevent child abuse and neglect. The Southgate Youth Group and the students of San Angelo Christian Academy take action each April to serve hurting kids in our community by collecting duffle bags. We do this because many children entering protective care do not have a place to put their personal items. Often they move their belongings in trash bags or Walmart sacks.

You can help our students promote this good work. Every Friday in April is “Go Blue Friday” wear blue to raise awareness about child abuse prevention. You also have the opportunity to share with your coworkers or friends why you are wearing blue. You could even ask them if they would be willing to donate a duffle bag to abused or neglected children in our community.

The New Testament tells us twice “do not grow weary of doing good.” Galatians 6:9 and 2 Thessalonians 3:13. It’s important to remember that when thinking about a problem as overwhelming and disheartening as child abuse. There will most likely still be a need for duffle bags for kids in Tom Green County next year. If we don’t provide them children will still experience the unnecessary indignity of moving their belongings in a trash bag. Donating a duffle bag is a small, small step in dealing with the very big problem of child abuse. It may not change a life but it can certainly help make a hard time just a little easier for a child entering protective care.

Collection boxes for new or “like new” duffle bags, suitcases, or carryon bags are at the entrances of the Southgate foyer. You are welcome to donate funds as well and SGY will purchase duffle bags with them. Please give donations to Jason or Tessie Yarbrough. Duffle bags will be given to the Children’s Advocacy Center to distribute to local children who need them. – The Yarbroughs