

# What's Happening at Abbott House

News Bites About Staff and Friends Who Help Us Meet Our Mission

## **JULY 2022**

## **Morgan Stanley Delivers Dignity Suitcases**

Employees at Morgan Stanley recently hosted a team-building event to assemble more than 40 dignity suitcases for kids in care.

Dignity "suitcases" are large duffel bags and carry-on travel bags filled with cozy blankets, journals, hygiene kits, and stuffed animals. This effort is part of Abbott House's commitment to ensuring that children who come into care feel welcomed, safe, and secure - and that no matter where their journeys take them, they will travel with dignity.



The bags give children a sense of comfort and a place to keep their personal belongings as they adjust to new environments. If you are interested in organizing a dignity suitcase activity, click here to visit our volunteer page and learn more.

Special thanks to Jodi Carlucci, Karen Mercera, and Team Morgan Stanley for organizing this meaningful effort!

## **Toolkits for Success**



#### The Back-to-School Drive is underway!

Abbott House knows that having a fully stocked backpack to start the school year is a confidence booster for kids!

Think back to your first day of school. You may have been excited or even had mixed feelings about summer ending. Imagine how you would feel if you didn't have school supplies to get your homework done or to keep up with your peers. Would you feel nervous? Anxious? Embarrassed?

Support our supply drive to help ensure children and teens at Abbott House have the confidence and resources to succeed in the classroom. Let's help them start the school year free of anxiety and ready to learn.

<u>Click here to shop from our Amazon Wishlist</u> and have the supplies delivered directly to us. You can also host your own drive and drop off donations to us in Irvington M-F from 9:30am - 4:30pm.

### **Summer's Harvest**

The Children's Garden on our Irvington campus is a welcoming place where kids can heal from trauma and learn about sustainable agriculture and nutrition.

Children in our TRC Program have been tending to their vegetable garden, and just last week they had a bountiful harvest of carrots, cucumbers, and peppers!

Once the vegetables were harvested, TRC Program Chef Gail used the fresh ingredients to prepare healthy meals like soups and salads. This wellness initiative is an example of Abbott House's holistic approach to caregiving.

Special thanks to Volunteer Lori Cohen who organized the plantings and Nathan, a Dobbs Ferry Eagle Scout, who built the raised plant beds.



"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." - Audrey Hepburn.





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