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ASHLAND COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

COMMUNITY WORK SERVICE PROGRAMS

KnitWhits

A Knitting Program of the Ashland County Juvenile Court



What is KnitWhits?

- Program for community work service participants to earn service hours by knitting hats for charity.
- Program was initiated following a donation of hats and scarves made by the mother of a cws participant.



Benefits of KnitWhits:

- Teaches youth a new skill
- Meaningful way of giving back to the community
- Calming, therapeutic activity
- Promotes a sense of pride in their accomplishment

Other Ideas:

- No-sew baby blankets
- Greeting cards for nursing homes/hospitals
- Poster art dealing with youth issues

Fostering a Smile

A Program Benefitting Ashland County Foster Children

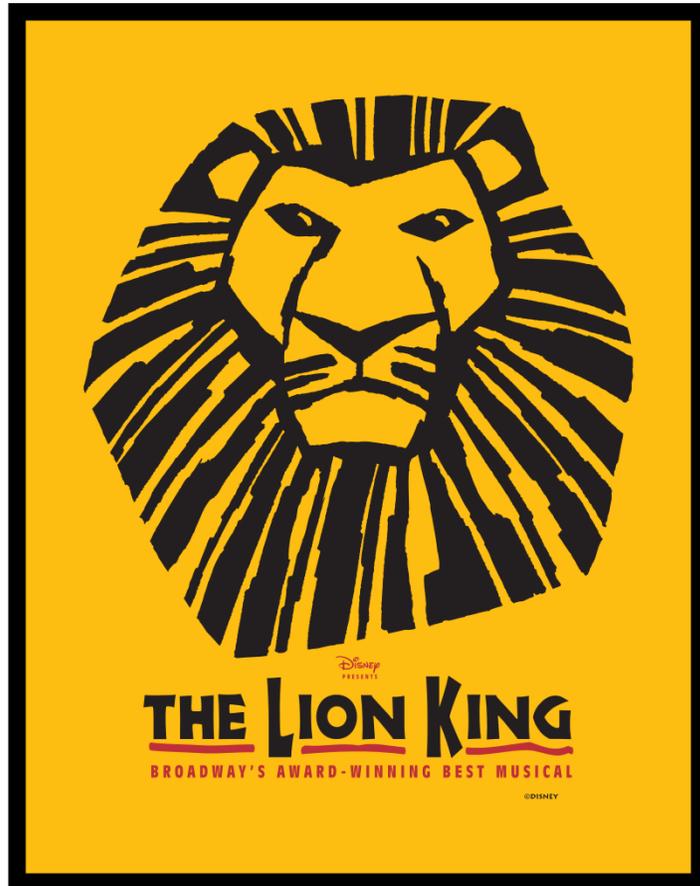


What is Fostering a Smile?

- Program that benefits Ashland County foster kids.
- Program was initiated in 2004.
- Program has provided luggage for foster kids to transport their belongings to new placements, care bags for children when removed from their homes, holiday gifts to every foster child in the custody of ACDJFS, and cultural arts experiences such as *The Lion King* in Cleveland and various performances by the Columbus Children's Theatre.



Over 400 pieces of luggage were donated to the Fostering a Smile program and transformed into works of art by local high school art students.



Trip to Cleveland to see the Broadway hit *The Lion King*-over 40 foster children were able to attend.



Holiday gifts purchased for foster kids with money raised from our annual auction.

How Does Fostering a Smile Involve Community Work Service?

- CWS participants have the opportunity to participate in the Fostering a Smile Donation Program.
- CWS youth design and fill the care bags given to children removed from their homes.
- Participants can earn hours by helping with the annual auction.



A typical care bag.

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