

## Hosting A Virtual “Child Shower”

Did you know the average age of foster children at Wellroot Family Services is around 6 to 8 years old? Instead of a baby shower to welcome a newborn, groups can throw a virtual “child shower” and invite friends, coworkers, neighbors, and church members.

Host a virtual party and each of your “guests” can present a new item on the [Wellroot Wish List](#) to support a newly placed foster child.



Some ideas on how to raise awareness during the “Child Shower”:

- If your church has a foster care ministry, explain the ministry and how people can get involved in your church’s ministry
- Encourage people to visit Wellroot’s cultivate site to learn about other ways to engage
- Include a short video like [“ReMoved”](#) (13 minutes) to follow the emotional journey of a nine-year-old girl who is taken from her abusive birth home and placed into the tumultuous foster care system.
- Invite someone to give a testimony, either a foster parent or foster care ministry volunteer to share their story
- Include videos or stories from the [Children’s Bureau](#).
- Hold a virtual panel discussion

After the shower, have attendees drop off the gifts and schedule a time to drop off at a Wellroot office. Please ensure donated gifts are new and unwrapped for the security and enjoyment of the families and children we serve. Also, please place all gift cards inside envelopes, along with the accompanying receipts.

**This project can easily be done with social distancing:**

- Ask attendees to drop off the gifts in a dry safe area (in your carport, hold a drive-up donation drop off, etc.)
- For those not going into store, buy gifts online or do curbside pickup

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