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Teen's Backpack Charity Flourishes Thanks To CityNews Viewers

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"Knowing that foster kids go from home to home with their belongings in a garbage bag...I wanted them to have a duffle bag to put their belongings in."

Those were Jordyn Harrison's words six years ago when he was just 11-years-old. He had just started a charity that sends donated backpacks filled with books and gifts to children in foster care.

He's now 17, and has never stopped trying to help children in need, sending out a total of about four thousand bags.

But last February **CityNews** aired a story showing how a heartbroken Jordyn was on the verge of closing his charity. Donations had dried up, and he was running out of backpacks.

Since our story aired, the bags have been pouring in, and everything has turned around for Jordyn and the children he so

desperately wants to help.

KRG Children's Charitable Foundation offered 250 backpacks, and a guarantee of more when he needs them.

"We stand behind teaching kids at a young age to give back and Jordyn is the perfect example of that," said Susan Zickman-Wise, Dir, KRG Children's Charitable Foundation.

Numerous individuals have also come forward.

Business owner John Goraieb took Jordyn on a tour of his company, ACI, and promised two-thousand backpacks and supplies to put in them whenever he needs them.

Every backpack that goes to a foster child has a personal note of encouragement from Jordyn.

"All my cards say 'Never give up, you can do anything you set your mind to,' " he said.

"We can help a lot more children now, we've got thousands more bags now, it's just great."

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