

Opportunities to Help...

♥ VOLUNTEER

Help at REACH's warehouse, special events and fundraisers.

♥ SPONSOR A FIRST RESPONDER

\$150 buys your favorite First Responder a REACH BAG.

♥ Businesses/Community Groups

Businesses and community groups are encouraged to sponsor at least 10 REACH BAGs for their First Responders.

♥ All Smaller Donations (\$5 & Up)

will help to purchase BAGs, books, and drawstring backpacks.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact REACH for further information.



Please Consider Donating to REACH-A-Child™ Today!

To make your tax-deductible donation, please go to our website,

www.reachachild.org/donate

Thank YOU for Supporting the First Responders in Your Community!



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REACH-A-Child™



“Helping First Responders Comfort Children-In-Crisis!”

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ABOUT US...

Founded in 2007, REACH-A-Child™ has worked with First Responders statewide to make sure that they have **the necessary tool** to reach children-in-crisis — a book that is age appropriate* to redirect the child's attention from the crisis at hand and allows them an emotional escape from their fears. Whether a child is in an accident, a victim of a domestic disturbance, or going through a trauma, the power of a book and a positive interaction with a First Responder can go a long way towards "making things right" again!

**Children, ages 2 to 12 years old, are served by this program.*



REACH's Mission is to provide First Responders books and drawstring backpacks to comfort children-in-crisis.



REACH BAG Program

The **REACH BAG Program** operates as follows:

- Each squad or emergency vehicle is equipped with a REACH BAG containing 10 children's books & 10 drawstring backpacks.
- When First Responders encounter a child-in-crisis, they offer the child a book which the child gets to keep.
- The First Responder also gives the child a drawstring backpack to put the book in – and anything else the child might have to keep with them.
- BAG support also includes one refill of 10 more books and drawstring backpacks in a year.



OUR RESULTS...

♥ **Children are immediately comforted and their attention directed away from the crisis at hand.**

First Responders consistently report that the act of giving the child a book immediately calms them and helps them to cope with the situation around them. As one officer reported, "...after getting my REACH BAG, I offered a book to the little girl who was extremely frightened. She was instantly comforted and became far less fearful."



♥ **A second result is First Responders feel good about their jobs and what they do.**

REACH staff hear from First Responders all the time that the act of giving the book and seeing the child become less fearful, helps them to feel good about what they are doing. After helping a homeless family, one officer reported that he "left feeling better about my job knowing that simple contacts, aided with things like the donated books, can really make a difference."



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