



Seattle/King County
Coalition on
Homelessness
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Dear _____,

As a Dentist you might be surprised to be receiving a letter from the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, but **I assure you the reason is important.**

Homeless children have been found to have 10 times the rate of poor dentition as the general population, and to visit the dentist's office less than half as often¹.

Every fall the Coalition's **Project Cool for Back-to-School** provides **hundreds of backpacks to homeless children** between the ages of 4 and 18 who are starting school. Each child and teen receives a new backpack filled with high quality school supplies, basic health items, and books. Three key items that we include in every Project Cool backpack are a toothbrush, toothpaste, and dental floss.

Here's how you can help support children who are experiencing homelessness:



- **Donate basic dental products:** We are currently in need of at least 500 small tubes of toothpaste, 1,000 toothbrushes, and 1,000 containers of dental floss to provide over 1,400 children will backpacks with this year. We ask that you commit to contributing at least 50 units of whichever item you choose. All toothbrushes must be individually wrapped.
- **Be a Tooth Fairy Sponsor:** Sponsorship starts at \$250 which will help us purchase the items we cannot obtain through donations. We ensure all our sponsor receive due recognition.

We need to collect donations by July 1 and we will organize a collection/drop off time with you. You can also mail donations to the address below. ***Contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. All contributions will be acknowledged in our 2015 Project Cool Report.***

Project Cool is coordinated by the Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness, the oldest homeless coalition in the United States. If you are interested in donating or have questions, please contact Hillary at Hillary@homelessinfo.org or (206) 204-8357.

Thank you for your generous support of the homeless children we serve!

Sincerely,

Rebecca Roy
Community Projects Manager



¹ Karr, Catherine. *Homeless Children: What Every Health Care Provider Should Know*. National Health Care for the Homeless Council. Web. <<http://www.nhchc.org/Children/>>.

Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness works collaboratively to ensure safety and survival for people who are homeless, and to end the crisis of homelessness in our region. 77 So. Washington St., Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 204.8350