

## **Blossom International gets Support from Wal-Mart and Gund Inc. for New Program**

*A grant from Wal-Mart and in kind donation of plush from Gund Inc. will allow Blossom International to successfully begin their new Comfort Pack program that will help foster care children.*

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MANASQUAN - Blossom International was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Neptune Wal-Mart and given 100 plush from Gund Inc. of Edison to support their upcoming Comfort Pack program.

Comfort Packs will work directly with the Monmouth County Division of Youth & Family Services to bring necessities like toiletries, along with extras like teddy bears and toys, to children when first placed in foster care. The items will be given in a duffel bag so that the children can easily carry them.

"The goal of this program is to provide some comfort to children when they are facing a very confusing and scary time in their lives," said Rodriguez.

"I was so excited to get the news that the plush would be made available to the program. Gund just called one afternoon after I had e-mailed a request to their headquarters and said they'd be happy to donate their product. I was overjoyed."

"The next day I received a call from the Neptune Wal-Mart and was told we were awarded a \$1,000 grant. I was really excited because this meant we had a great start for this program."

Blossom International will distribute the first Comfort Packs to the county in February and will continue the program year round.

"The more packs we can create, the more counties we will be working with so there is a lot of room for development," Rodriguez explained.

Blossom International is located in Manasquan and runs a series of programs that support their mission statement to promote empathy and compassion through action. For more information, to donate or volunteer you can visit Blossom online at [www.blossominternational.org](http://www.blossominternational.org) or call 732-927-5415.

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