

Bags of Love Bio



Bags of Love began its partnership with CASA of Middlesex County in 2019. The goal of Bags of Love is to provide CASA kids with the tools they need to succeed at the beginning of the school year. Claudia Dolan and Samantha Pizzarelli facilitate this work by seeking out donations from family and friends and by sharing out on various social media platforms. People can shop from a grade level specific list or make monetary donations in which Sam and Claudia do the shopping for them! Year after year, dedicated donors look forward to the initial post stating that Bags of Love is starting up. In addition, Sam, who has been a sports coach for various seasons, has been able to bring Track and Soccer teams together from Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark to collect backpacks and supplies.

Sam and Claudia are immensely grateful for those that have been so committed to this work from the beginning. They have been able to collect close to 100 backpacks each year and spend time in the summer organizing them by grade level, ensuring that each bag is filled with the necessary supplies, and preparing them for delivery day (the best day of the year!). Brand new backpacks filled with school supplies are delivered to CASA in August and the volunteers are given the opportunity to come shop for their CASA kid.