Mercola Donates 140 Duffel Bags to Local Foster Kids



CAPE CORAL, Fla. (June 8, 2022) — Natural Health company Mercola hosted its first-ever company-wide teambuilding event, where employees gathered to mingle while decorating and filling duffel bags for local children in the foster system. With the help of Foster Care Advisory Services, Inc. (FCAS), the company was able to provide 140 children and teens with bags containing snacks, school supplies and personal care items.

Founded in 1984, FCAS was born out of a growing need to place abused and neglected children in the Southwest Florida area into safe homes. Several caseworkers from what was then the Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services came together to form a volunteer-based organization to address this need and offer support for the foster care community and its providers. Since then, there has been an improved foster care experience locally, and the length of time a family provides foster care support has increased. The nonprofit also offers other resources to children in need, including clothes, books and scholarships.

"As our company grows, it's important to connect the departments with one another, outside of the work we do, to help create a strong sense of community," says Mercola CEO Steve Rye. "With a team this size, we can do a lot of good, and that's exactly what we're all about here – giving back to the community we now call home and having fun while doing it."

The leadership team at Mercola has put increased efforts toward finding new ways to make a difference in the Southwest Florida community while uniting its employees, so "Teamwork Tuesday," an event that combines the two, will take place quarterly.

The company's goal is to host these give-back events along with monthly employee appreciation activities. In the last few months, these have included themed photo contests, cookout-style lunches and free drink days in the Mercola Market Café.







For more information about the FCAS and the various ways you can support the organization, please visit <u>fostercareadvisory.org</u> or call 239-939-1338.

Celebrating 25 years in business, Mercola is a multisided natural health company founded by physician and *New York Times* best-selling author Dr. Joseph Mercola. It empowers people to take control of their health through research-proven, health-based information while delivering the highest quality, biodynamic and organic supplements, foods, textiles and personal care products for your health, home, pantry and pet. Its retail space, Mercola Market & Café of Cape Coral, serves as a hub for the local community, offering seasonal events, a full-service café and more. To browse over 1,000 premium products, visit mercolamarket.com, and for the most up-to-date health news and information, visit mercola.com.