

## Westboro Toyota Partners with Together We Rise to Help Local Foster Children

Westboro Toyota partnered with non-profit Together We Rise and the Worcester DCF to help make a difference in the lives of local foster children.

WESTBORO, MA, USA, March 10, 2015 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Westboro Toyota, a leading Toyota

Now you can drive happy, knowing you helped kids in the local community." *James Tonelli*  dealership located Westboro, MA, partnered with nonprofit <u>Together We Rise</u> and the Worcester DCF to help make a difference in the lives of local foster children.

"At Westboro Toyota we feel like we are part of the community, we want to give back to our community and we do have the resources to help those in need," Westboro

Toyota Marketing Manager, James Tonelli said. "We started raising money for the program in January. For every car we sold we raised, \$10 went toward a sweet case. Today we delivered 50 sweet cases to the Worcester DCF office."

Sweet cases are care packages given to foster children during the transition from their biological home to their foster home. Each sweet case contains a Teddy Bear, a fleece blankets, a coloring book and crayons and a hygiene kit.

"This is an extremely generous donation. We deal with hundreds of children over the course of any given month. All of the items that are needed for a quick transition for taking the child out of the biological home and into the foster home are in these bags," said David Morin, Former Business Manager for the Department of Social Services, Worcester. "The donation we just received here from Westboro Toyota certainly makes that process so much easier."

According to Together We Rise COO, Gianna Dahlia, there are over 8,000 children in foster care in Massachusetts. In 2014 Together We Rise sent out nearly 3,500 sweet cases and hopes to more than double that 2015.

"We hope to reach a goal of 10,000 sweet cases in 2015 and it's looking like we will be able to reach our goal since we've been averaging around 1000 sweet cases a month since the start of 2015," Dahlia says.

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To get involved with Together We Rise, visit their website, togetherwerise.org.

"Now you can drive happy, knowing you helped kids in the local community," said Tonelli.

About Westboro Toyota:

Westboro Toyota is a family owned business that has been part of the community for over 40 years. We pride ourselves in selling the best product to our customers and providing an exceptional sales and service experience.

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