

## **Coastal Community Action Program Partners with Amerigroup to Deliver the Gift of Support to Foster Care and Homeless Children in Grays Harbor County**

*300 children, under age 12, will receive Bedtime Bags, helping bring comfort and support to youngsters in need*

**Aberdeen, Wash.** (April 6, 2018) –Coastal Community Action Program (CCAP) and Amerigroup are joining forces to launch “Bed Time Bags,” a new program that provides objects of reliable comfort, such as a book and blanket, that can help reduce trauma and offer emotional support for children living in foster care and experiencing homelessness in four local shelters across Grays Harbor County.

“Amerigroup is honored to support CCAP and help the community’s most vulnerable children gain access to the health care resources they need to improve their quality of life,” said Craig Smith, Amerigroup Washington president. “We are committed to making a difference in the communities we serve. In Washington, children in foster care or experiencing homelessness represent those that are most in need of health care programs. We must continue to work together as a community and ensure that all children not only have access to care, but have the simple tools and resources needed to improve their wellbeing and make a positive difference in their lives.”

The Bed Time Bag project serves 300 homeless and foster children age 12 and under, who need to feel at home, welcome, safe and protected. Each child will receive a stuffed animal, book, and blanket in their Bed Time Bag. These childhood essentials give a concrete and predictable source of security and an exposure to literacy materials during a time of turmoil.

“We want to thank Amerigroup for stepping up and helping to support foster care and homeless children,” said Lucy Machowek, Coastal Community Action Program CFO. “These Washington kids face challenges and hardships that no child should ever have to experience, so we commend Amerigroup for their compassion and support our efforts to bring joy and normalcy into their lives.”



To learn more about how you or your organization can support CCAP, visit [www.coastalcap.org](http://www.coastalcap.org).

### **ABOUT COASTAL COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM**

Coastal Community Action Program (CCAP) is part of the Community Action Network of Agencies across the country. Community action agencies truly make the promise of helping people change lives and fighting poverty at the local level. CCAP creates opportunities for people to prosper personally through a variety of programs and services such as weatherization, job training and placement, housing, energy assistance and transportation. CCAP knows that people in our communities are experiencing growing financial challenges amid an uncertain economic climate and are one paycheck away from becoming homeless. Coastal Community Action Program helps to remove the barriers that prevent achieving economic stability. Our partnerships within our communities help to provide support and opportunity for our citizens in need of assistance.

### **ABOUT AMERIGROUP WASHINGTON**

Amerigroup Washington helps improve health care access and quality for approximately 140,000 Medicaid Washington citizens by developing innovative care management programs and services. Members are assured care that is not only accessible, but also accountable, comprehensive, integrated and patient-centered. Amerigroup provides ongoing community relations and outreach to encourage members to become active participants in their health care. Through health education programs, members are empowered to choose and sustain a healthy lifestyle.