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CEDARVILLE, OHIO -- CU Women, a ministry at Cedarville University, will coordinate an April Showers Rain Boot Drive for foster children beginning Friday, March 29. The program is in conjunction with the Bair Foundation of Moraine, Ohio. Rain boots and umbrellas will be accepted for donation throughout the drive, which concludes April 26.

Individuals can donate items by bringing them to the Stevens Student Center near Resound Radio, or email Mary McCaulley at marmcculley@cedarville.edu, who will schedule a pick up.

Last year, CU Women and the Bair Foundation provided stuffed duffel bags for foster children. More than \$1,000 was raised, and more than 50 bags were stuffed. The Bair Foundation, a Christian foster agency that supports foster families through the certification and placement process and facilitates a unique service plan for each child, distributed the duffels to foster children they placed.

“The Bair Foundation is looking to help families to be knowledgeable and empathetic, while training them with a biblical foundation to love the foster children,” described Dr. Mary McCulley, service coordinator for CU Women and assistant professor of English. “These foster parents already have a heart for the children, but often times they don’t know all the complications that go with fostering. To be trained by social workers who have the knowledge and the love of Christ is a great opportunity.”

This year, the Bair Foundation has asked for rain boots and umbrellas for foster children. When they are being transported in the rainy condition, it is a health concern for the children not to have appropriate protection from the weather, McCulley explained.

The Bair Foundation has provided a list of 41 children who have expressed a need for rain boots. Contributors can view this list and support a specific child by visiting rebrand.ly/Rainboots.

CU Women is an organization for female staff and faculty or the wives of staff and faculty. CU Women wants women who are part of the Cedarville family to have an authentic community that enables them to serve the community around them.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 4,193 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 150 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit www.cedarville.edu.