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SOUTH RIVER RESTORATION GIVES BACK TO TEN-YEAR-OLD HERO

UPPER MARLBORO, Maryland; January 9, 2014, continuing its motto to give back what disaster took; South River Restoration, Inc. (SRR) donated more than 15 boxes to Lauren's Luggage, a local charity started over a year ago by 10-year-old Lauren Hontz. With a mission to provide a blanket for each child and the basic necessities for a family after a fire or other disaster, Lauren's Luggage has given back to many families in need.

In 2012, Lauren's Luggage was brought to life after an unexpected fire broke own at the Hontz' residence leaving them with the clothes on their backs. Shortly after, when the family was staying in a hotel, Lauren and her three older brothers were fighting for blankets – each of them had to have their own. It was then that they realized how important the simple necessities in life are.

The family requested blankets for the kids. Not only did they receive extra blankets, but they were also brought stuffed animals. Lauren said, "We could save them for other kids after fires," and it was with that simple remark that Lauren's Luggage was created.

Lauren's luggage is a nonprofit organization that collects various necessities and donates to those who – infants to adults – have suffered a loss. All of the donations are put together and delivered in a suitcase or bag.

"We are grateful for South River Restoration's generosity," says Jennifer Hontz, Co-Founder of Lauren's Luggage. "The bags that can be created and given from the SRR donation will benefit so many families who suffer a loss."

During a company-wide meeting held on November 1, 2013, the SRR marketing department made an announcement about supporting Lauren's Luggage. "Supporting an organization like this for us was a no-brainer," said Bryan Agee, President and CEO of South River Restoration. "Lauren's Luggage is an organization with a mission that closely aligns with what we at SRR aim to do every day - give back what disaster took. We are proud to work with and support Lauren's Luggage."



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SRR DONATES TO 10-YEAR-OLD

Through email marketing campaigns, flyers and word of mouth, SRR were about to collect thousands of dollars' worth of blankets, diapers, bottles, bathroom supplies (i.e., shampoo, conditioner, etc.), hair care items and more. If you are interested in donating or collecting basic necessities to Lauren's Luggage, please contact the organization at 410.551.3067 or visit www.LaurensLuggage.com to learn more.

Together, we can give back what disaster took.

About South River Restoration

Since South River Restoration's founding in 1998, it has grown and evolved into one of the country's most specialized disaster recovery specialists. South River Restoration is a one-stop resource for any disaster, from small floods and sewage backups to complete reconstruction due to fires, hurricanes and more. Our team guides clients through the process from start to finish. We give back what disaster took so that our customers can get back to business.

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