Kiwanis collecting backpacks for needy youth

South Lake Tahoe has more than 250 youth that are in transition due to life circumstances. These include foster children, transitional age youth who may be homeless and couch surfers. They are without permanent homes.

They frequently carry their limited belonging from place to place in plastic garbage bags.

To help these youth bring some order to their lives, the Kiwanis Club of Tahoe Sierra is staging a pack back and luggage drive on April 2 from 10am-2pm at the TJ Maxx parking lot in South Lake Tahoe.

Club members are seeking donations of new or gently used backpacks, duffle bags, and suitcases. The backpacks and luggage will be given to local agencies working with children and youth. Usable camping equipment will also be collected.

Representatives from the various agencies will be on hand to answer questions.