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To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Hope in A Suit Case Program

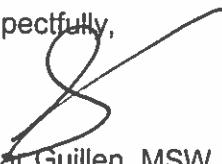
I will not be able to put into words just how great this program/agency is and the significant positive impact it has had on the foster children on my caseload. This program is truly a blessing to the community and the children it services. It is a program that is needed.

I have referred over thirty children to this program over the last year. The children I've referred are primarily foster children who do not have a large amount of clothing as they typically come into the system with what they are wearing. Every child that I have referred to this agency has received a substantial amount of quality clothing, shoes, toys, and miscellaneous items. After being serviced by the program, I have seen the children arrive to Children's Court in their nice new Adidas outfit and nice new Nike shoes walking with confidence and smiles on their faces. I have seen the children walk into CFT meetings they usually do not like to participate in, with a hop in their step, a smile on their face, and story to tell about their new clothes and new Van shoes. It is an amazing transformation not only in appearance but in spirit. You have to see it to fully understand.

Moreover, the staff is exceptional, they go the second mile for the children, caregivers, and the community. They try to meet the needs of all the children that come into contact with the agency. I've had a staff member mail me a box of large dinosaurs for one of the little boys on my caseload because he asked for dinosaurs. I delivered the dinosaurs to the little boy and his eyes lit up in amazement. To date, every time I speak to him, he looks at me with a smile and asks if I have a box for him.

This program/agency is much needed in the community and they are truly making a difference in the lives of the children and families they come into contact with. Your assistance in continuing to support this program is sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully,

  
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