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Ms. Mahalia Surin
Charles S. Rushe Middle School Builders Club
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Land O'Lakes, FL 34638

Dear Ms. Surin & Members of the Builders Club:

Thank you for your generous gift of boxes and boxes of socks, toiletries, towels and sheets to benefit the children of Joshua House. Thank you, also, for all the time and effort that you put into collecting all these items. Your commitment to helping abused, abandoned, and neglected children in our community is always appreciated; especially by Dakota.

Dakota cannot stop smiling from ear to ear. Because of your gift, she is full of joy. At nine years old Dakota arrived at Joshua House full of worry and woe. Dakota has an unfortunate history of abuse and neglect for such a tiny girl with a nose full of freckles and a pixie haircut. Her smile rarely reached her eyes. Not now! Everyone could see a remarkable transformation in her after just a few months of living at Joshua House and receiving on-site therapy. It all began by simply restoring her childhood. Addressing her trauma through play therapy, and providing a stable environment to address her particular type of complex trauma has made a remarkable difference. Her frown has literally turned upside down!

Each year, Joshua House is able to provide 150+ children and teens a place to live, heal, learn, and feel safe; and in an effort to enhance the continuum of care, another 100 foster children and families are provided off-site therapy to assure stabilization and placement permanency. We could not do this without you.

On behalf of all of us, thank you for restoring the joys of childhood to so many foster children in our community. We hope to have your help again!

Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns about this letter and its contents, I can be reached by cell at (813) 263-3469.

Sincerely,

DeDe Grundel
Executive Director

Thank you so much!

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