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Diann Neill, Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Neill,

I can't find the words to fully express the gratitude our agency has for the donation of the My Stuff Bags. These bags mean the world to the children we serve. Prior to receiving the bags, we often had to put a child's belongings into plastic grocery bags when they were being sheltered. This was both demeaning and embarrassing to the children.

Now we are able to give them a bag full of wonderful donations and also give them a place to store their personal belongings. The children walk out of here, proudly carrying their My Stuff Bag, with their heads held a little higher and their hearts a little lighter.

Recently, we provided services to two girls, ages 12 and 14, who had been sexually abused by their biological father for 2 years. These girls came to our center for services, told their story to one of our counselors, and were going to go to a foster home upon leaving our facility. Because they were a little older, they were concerned about not having any of "their things." Then we brought out the My Stuff Bags. Their faces lit up and they asked, in unison, "Do we get to keep them?" When they learned that these bags were theirs to keep, it brought a smile to their faces at one of the worst times of their young lives.

Thank you for all you do to help us provide this service to our children.

Sincerely,



Diane L. Piszczek, M.Ed
Executive Director



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