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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to share with you how blessed we are to have a partner like Angels Against Abuse in championing and caring for our local children who have been abused or neglected. Angels Against Abuse is a rare partner-Sandy's only question when approached for assistance is "How Can I Help?" and her response is always "Send me what you need and I'll take care of it." Furthermore, she doesn't wait for a need to arise-whenver able she reaches out to us and asks "What else can I do?" to help ensure that together we all meet the needs of our most vulnerable.

Angels Against Abuse provides monthly birthday bags for the GAL children we serve so no child goes without a birthday celebration during a tumultuous time in their life due to no fault of their own. We recently partnered with Angels Against Abuse and Directions for Living to give a child a special day when he was saddened that he would not be able to return home in time for his birthday. A local women's group provided decorations and other celebratory items to be paired with the Angels bag and help make his day special. His therapists threw a birthday party and he was so excited to read the cards. He even stated that he never got a card before with his name on it and took special time to read every message written by every staff member just for him.

Additionally, Angels Against Abuse provides gas cards for Guardian ad Litem volunteers who would not be able to do visitations or attend court hearings because of the financial burden. As you can imagine, as the number of children has grown that are placed out of county and out of circuit, volunteers need this assistance now more than ever. One volunteer located in Dade City has an infant placed in Clearwater she must see weekly and a 15 year old autistic boy placed in a group home in Clearwater. She worries about his safety as he is easily picked on and the gas cards allow her the additional funds to visit him multiple times a week when he is struggling. She also takes him on outings to museums and other educational activities whenever possible. The advocacy and normalcy she provides Colby would not happen without the support of Angels Against Abuse.

I can't recommend Angels Against Abuse enough as a community partner. I wish more partners truly valued collaboration the way Sandy and her entire team does. You can always count on them to do whatever they can to make a difference in the life of a child!

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance. I can be reached at amyf@galf6.org or 813-469-2306.

Regards,

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