Children's ATTENTION HOME

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Children's Attention Home, I'm excited to share this final report with you. Last year, we provided care for 62 of South Carolina's most deserving children, totaling 7,616 days of service. With their nutritional needs covered by the Food Services Program, our residents were able to focus on their bigger goals, like getting jobs, opening bank accounts, and saving money for their futures. While in our care, teens also improved in school, earned their driver's licenses, secured their own medical insurance, and took other important steps toward independence.

Our team works closely with each child to set appropriate goals, helping them take the necessary steps to achieve success. At the Children's Attention Home, we see every child as an individual, and each of their stories showcase growth in a unique way.

For example, Journey has been at the Home for almost three years, feeling so safe here that she advocated at her permanency hearing to remain at the Home rather than return to her former guardian. While in care, she embraced her fresh start. Journey is on track to graduate in the spring and plans to attend a local college. She also earned her driver's permit over the summer and holds a steady job. She even donates blood to support her newfound community. In her free time, Journey participates in arts programs with a local theatre and was a part of a recent production of "The Lion King." Through that experience, she earned a job at Carowinds and has saved over $6,000 as she pursues self-sustainability.

Ana also has an inspiring story. At just 13 years old, Ana had already been placed in 50 different facilities over two years in the foster care system. When she arrived at the Home, she had no access to medication management, psychosocial education, or consistent medical care. Additionally, her past trauma made in-person visits with family impossible. Since joining the Home, Ana has received regular therapeutic interventions and behavioral management support through a day treatment program. She now participates in weekly virtual visits with her family and is working toward eventual reunification. Meanwhile, the Home provides her with childhood

experiences that many take for granted. For example, when Ana turned 14, she enjoyed her first-ever birthday celebration, complete with cake and presents. As she moves closer to reunification, the Home will continue offering these meaningful experiences, walking alongside Ana on her journey of healing and growth.

These stories are only a few examples of the work our team does every day. Each child that enters the Home has unique challenges to overcome. However, the Children's Attention Home recognizes that every resident is a success story in the making. They just need encouragement from our team, and support from agencies like yours, to help them achieve their life goals.

Without the partnership of Grace Lutheran Church our efforts to fully support youth in the Carolinas would not be possible. Thank you for the difference you are making in the community and the lives of the children we serve.

With sincerest regards,

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