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To Whom It May Concern:

As Social Worker Technician for the Department of Children and Families office in Haverhill, I want to acknowledge and thank Suitcases4Kids for organizing a successful suitcase drive on June 13, 2009, for the children in our foster care programs.

It was easy to work with the volunteer team leaders. We met in my office to kick off the project, and I asked them for 690 suitcases so that each child that our office serves would have a suitcase.

Soon afterward, the project was up and running full force. Our office was pleased to “co-sponsor” the drive for Suitcases4Kids. I must say that the whole experience felt efficient, compassionate, and focused.

The Suitcase4Kids team reached out to the community through flyers in the children’s backpacks, newspaper articles, and flyers posted in shops, churches, and public buildings in the eleven towns in our area. The result was that 1,300 suitcases were donated on that sunny Saturday morning, and we surpassed our goal.

For me personally, I am truly grateful that the children we serve will no longer have to put their belongings into trash bags when they move to a new home. This gift sends each child a clear message: You are important and you are valuable!

I highly recommend Suitcases4Kids to anyone considering this community service organization.

Sincerely,
Lucia Vega
Social Worker Technician