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Dear Young Professional's Network:

This letter comes from my heart to yours as I reflect on last week's Back to School day at the CASA office. Your generosity made an immense difference for the children and families who attended. We appreciate each one of you and cannot begin to express how much your donation of school supplies and or volunteer time meant to those who attended; please read the following note I received from a foster mother the day after the event that demonstrates how much your donation is appreciated.

Dear *CASA* and Community Partners:

As I start writing this letter, let me give you an idea of what I am hearing in the next room. My children are surrounded with back packs, notebook paper, pencils, markers, water colors, scissors, socks, new shirts, underwear, PJ's and shoes and newly trimmed hair. All of them smiling; it is not about the material things they have in their hands, it is much much more. You see for a normal family this would be no big deal, but for us we are not even close to normal. School shopping, school supplies new shoes, new pants, new everything is much harder for us to attain. Our family is larger then most families; we have fourteen children. You see we take in children that are emergencies, or labeled as too hard to handle, the ones that no body wants or can handle. So our home is always full. These children are my passion; I am writing this to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation for all you do. It goes beyond school supplies, clothing, mattresses, cribs and high chairs. You dedicate part of your life to helping us when it matters the most. I would not have been able to bless my children with these things without your generosity. These children deserve the best of care and with your help they are rewriting trauma and creating new memories of a new school year. God Bless you and yours.

Proud Foster Parents of 14 beautiful children

P.S. A special thanks for all who blessed us with popcorn and snow cones...we loved these best...

On behalf of CASA and especially the children who have benefited from your generosity, thank you. Most of all, thank you for giving children the opportunity for a positive start to the school year.

Sincerely,

Vicki Martz
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