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RE: Love Luggage Project – Allen County

Dear Tom:

On behalf of my Allen/Lima Leadership Class, I would like to thank you and the Ohio Cops for Kids for supporting our Love Luggage project, the goal of which is to help ease a child's transition into foster care. Our Love Luggage project is now up and running. On Saturday, March 3rd, we held our first "fill the bag day". Several area youth groups and community volunteers helped fill the 240 bags of Love Luggage with the donated and purchased items, including your organizations' donations of teddy bears, toothpaste, tooth brushes and crayons and coloring books.

I am including a copy of the Sunday Lima News coverage and some additional photos from the event. Allen County Children Services' social workers are now delivering the Love Luggage to all of the children in our foster homes. We also have more love luggage ready for when children are removed from dangerous home situations and placed into foster care.

We are right on schedule with it's time line. It is also being replicated in Lucas County.

The project's success would not be possible without the Ohio Cops for Kids support. Please share the news story and photos with your organization. Do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions. I look forward to working with your organization in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott".

Scott H. Ferris, MPA, LSW
Executive Director

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