FROM FOSTER MOM TO GEAUX BAGS ADVOCATE

CHLOE'S STORY ***************

She was only 7 months old when I saw her for the first time. I could tell she had given up on trust and life. However, there was something in her eyes that told me the little girl was still in there.

When she came to me, all she had was a dirty shirt, a diaper and the smell of neglect. She clung to everything she could hold in her tiny hands: toys, stuffed animals, tissues, clothes and especially food. She held on to things so tightly as if it would kill her to let go.

It took time, but the life I saw in those eyes began to show. The longer she felt safe with me, the more the darkness that had been a part of her young life began to fade. Even as the trust in others began to return, she still clutched small items as if her life depended on it. Old crayons, a single Lego[®], a single piece of a jigsaw puzzle, candy wrappers and clothes she had outgrown: She was afraid of letting them go. At first, it left me puzzled. Then, I realized that (even at her young age) she knew the feeling of owning nothing, including security, care and love.

Geaux Bags help ease the difficult transition for children entering foster care by providing a sense of comfort and stability during an uncertain time. Each bag includes essentials like a blanket, a toothbrush, and a stuffed animal—small but meaningful items that belong to them and stay with them, no matter where they go. Geaux Bags are more than just everyday necessities. They symbolize care, security and love: something these children may have never had in their life.

Today, my daughter Chloe is thriving. She has what every child needs,

friends, a loving family and her dog. My Chloe is one of the lucky ones, a blessed one. She found a home and a mother who provides the security, care and love every child deserves.

Chloe has been such a blessing in my life, and I wanted to do more. That is why I am currently a Geaux 4 Kids Board Member and an advocate.

Be a blessing to children in foster care everywhere, and support Geaux 4 Kids.

Terri Mathews, Chloe's Mom





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TYPICAL GEAUX BAG

Hairbrush Toothbrush Sulfate Free Shampoo Pajamas Underwear Shirt Backpack Pillow & Blanket Water & Snack Comfort Items Note of Encouragement from Another Child

TEENAGE GEAUX BAG

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Typical Geaux Bag Items + Journal Feminine Hygiene School Backpack Pillow & Blanket Water & Snack

INFANT GEAUX BAG

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