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STUDENT PROVIDES BIRTHDAYS IN A BAG FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

(Corpus Christi, TX) Seventh grader Maia Bates knew she wanted to do something for children when tasked with completing a service project for the National Junior Honor Society at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Academy. She decided to put together birthdays in a bag for children in foster care and will deliver the 24 bags today at 4 p.m. to CASA of the Coastal Bend, 2602 Prescott.

Each “Birthday in a Bag” contains:

- a box of Funfetti cake mix
- a container of Funfetti frosting with sprinkles
- a cake pan
- a pack “Happy Birthday” plates
- a pack of birthday candles
- a party hat for the birthday girl/boy
- a small party whistle

The items are packaged in a birthday gift bag, with the purpose of wishing a child a Happy Birthday on their special day. This allows them to enjoy the experience of baking a cake and sharing it with those surrounding them. Most importantly the bags serve to remind children in foster care that they are special and their life is to be celebrated.

The OLPH NHS Individual Service Project requires each student to select an organization in the community that they have a passion for and render a service for them. The purpose of the Chapter is to create an enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote worthy leadership and to encourage the development of character in students at OLPH Academy.

Those interested in learning more about CASA and the rewards that come along with serving as the voice of a child are encouraged to attend a brief, non-committal information to hear about the roles a requirements of a CASA volunteer. Information sessions are held at the CASA office every Wednesday at noon.

CASA Of Nueces County, Inc. (Casa Of The Coastal Bend) is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization of trained, court appointed volunteers who advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in courtrooms and communities. CASA of the Coastal Bend serves children in Nueces, San Patricio and Aransas counties. ###