



May 30th, 2023

Dear City of Fort Pierce Police Department,

We are pleased to introduce Little Birthday Angels. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization serving Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin Counties. Our mission is to provide a birthday celebration for every homeless child on the Treasure Coast. As you can imagine, our greatest area of need is St. Lucie County, where over 13% of the population lives well below the federal poverty level and within the City of Fort Pierce, where the poverty level is estimated at 27%. There are over 2,000 children registered as homeless in the St. Lucie County School System currently, and many more falling under the age of public school attendance or outside of the school system in other ways.

Little Birthday Angels works tirelessly to ensure that each homeless child receives a *Birthday Bag of Hope* filled with essentials and a few wanted items on their special day. *Birthday Bags of Hope* are comprised of duffle bags, lap desks, toiletries, socks, shoes, toys, gift cards (for teens), books, school supplies, clothes, and other essential items. While we receive many donated items, there is still a great need when it comes to filling birthday bags tailored to each child.

We are requesting \$3,000 through The Law Enforcement Trust Fund to provide approximately 120 pairs of sneakers for the homeless children in the City of Fort Pierce to be distributed through our Birthday Bags of Hope in partnership with St. Lucie County public schools. We look forward to your reply and the opportunity to provide any additional information you may need to consider our request. Thank you for your time and consideration.

For the Children,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angel Pietsch".

Angel Pietsch  
Executive Director

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