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One teen's kindness brings comfort to the children who need it most

Dear Mr. Marcantel:

While reading one of your recent publications in the Acadiana Advocate, I decided to write you on behalf of a teen you may be interested in researching and sharing with your readers in the Lafayette area.

Devin Lanclos was eight when he founded the Furry Friends Project. In 2014, young Lanclos realized how many toys he owned and later witnessed a car accident. This series of events led to an inspiration to share his plethora of stuffed animals with children who had experienced trauma to give comfort when they needed it most. As of 2024, the Furry Friends Project has now delivered almost 750 bags of stuffed animals to first responders in St. Martin Parish.

This initiative has helped many children in the area and Lanclos would love the opportunity to share his initiative to help more areas of Louisiana in the future.

Lanclos and his mother would love to meet with you for an interview or photo opportunity at your convenience. If you would like more information please visit the "Furry Friends Project" page on Facebook.

Best regards,
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