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THE MARK CLAYTON FOUNDATION ROLLS OUT DOLLS & BALLS TOY DRIVE TO BENEFIT CHILDREN IN THE DFW FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

Brand new dolls and balls will be given to children at an Easter Gathering in Fort Worth

Arlington, TX. (March 1, 2007) – The Mark Clayton Foundation is holding a toy drive throughout the Metroplex beginning this week and continuing through March. The public will be asked and encouraged to donate brand new dolls and sports balls at local places of business; these toys will go to children who are currently in and products of the foster care system. The culminating event will take place on Sunday, April 1 at the Gladney Center for Adoption (6300 John Ryan Drive) in Fort Worth from 2:30pm-4:30pm, where these children and their new families will enjoy an afternoon of fun, food, and festivities as they are acknowledged for the role they play in this special and important foster care and adoption process. **There will be a short press conference and welcome session at the beginning of the event.**

Clayton, a wide receiver for the Baltimore Ravens, is elated to benefit families in his hometown community. "Having the opportunity to brighten a child's day is one of the most rewarding aspects of my career," he says. A graduate of Arlington Sam Houston High School, Mark has just completed his second season in the NFL after leaving The University of Oklahoma as the school record holder in receptions, receiving yards, touchdown catches, and 100-yard games. "With the community behind this effort, we can truly impact the lives of these young people."

"The Mark Clayton Foundation is excited to play its role in this effort to benefit these very special children and the extended families they've found along their unique journeys. While only a small token of benevolence, we pray that these children find joy and excitement as we take time to celebrate their lives," JacQuetta Clayton, Founder.

The Mark Clayton Foundation is partnering with *Shereese* Magazine- a national publication based in Dallas- to solicit and collect the toys. Each week, the foundation van will visit pre-identified salons and collect items that have been donated for this cause. "I am extremely pleased to take part in this charity event that will positively benefit a large portion of the underprivileged children in our community," said Shereese L. Slate, editor-in-chief of *Shereese* magazine. Donars can visit any of the designated drop locations to contribute to the toy drive:

Arlington:

- Salons by JC 3701 S. Cooper Ste. 37
- Turning Heads Beauty Salon 207 Fielder N Plaza
- Exclusive Images 3701 S. Cooper

Dallas:

- Meke Stephens Salon 115 Murray
- Hit Rollers Salon & Spa 4041 W. Wheatland Rd. Ste. 130
- House of Beauty 511 E. Camp Wisdom Ste. E

Fort Worth:

- Hair Graphics 7455 S. Hulen Ste 240

Forest Hill:

- Totally Awesome Salon 5134 Mansfield Hwy.

Plano:

- Styles by Elaine 3131 Custer Rd. Ste 180
- Styles by Doreen Flinn 3131 Custer Rd

Each week, the toy drive and participating drop locations will be publicized throughout the area on CW33 during the segment, "A Child to Love." Child Protective Services will partner with several agencies to identify and invite families to the event, where there will be food, bounce houses, an egg hunt, and toy giveaway. The toy drive will take place on the grounds of the Gladney Center, while an adoption expo is held inside. Sponsored by Child Protective Services and CW33, the event will highlight the 100th airing of the weekly segment that focuses on finding permanent homes for foster children, and also serve to educate interested couples on the adoption process.

To learn more about Bolls & Dolls, or to make a donation, visit www.clayton89.com.

About The Mark Clayton Foundation

The Mark Clayton foundation was founded in 2005 By Mark and his mother, JacQuetta Clayton. Focused on benefiting children, the non-profit organization heads projects that are aimed at improving the lives of the youth and families through educational, mentoring, and charitable programs. The Mark Clayton Foundation is dedicated to serving its community as it aims to fulfill its mission: to strive to protect the future and to instill a quality and God fearing way of life in our youth today. The Foundation will execute its mission by PROMOTING a road of positive choices and RELATING the importance of establishing goals to youth while EMPOWERING their minds to be successful.

About Shereese Magazine

Shereese magazine is designed to style, educate and inform its readers and is excited to be the first lifestyle hair and beauty magazine offering information that covers all walks of life as it pertains to the hair and beauty. Filled with editorial content on at home hair maintenance, new trends, current topics, stylists updates and education, as well as hair and beauty products, fitness, fashion and celebrity insight, the magazine is targeted to African American women between the ages of 18 and 49.