



Blain's Foster Socks

In loving memory of Blair Michaela Shanahan Lane
blairsfostersocks.org

9th Annual USG Golf Tournament Sunday, October 16, 2011 1:00pm



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Blair's Story



Blair Michaela Shanahan Lane didn't have a problem with teddy bears. Blair's problem was babies with cold, bare feet. Each time a new foster child was given to her family's care, Blair, 11, asked the same question.

"Why do foster kids always show up with stuffed animals, but no one can find them socks?"

That was Blair. Pragmatic. Compassionate. And determined to fix the problem. Her solution was **Foster Socks**, a program dedicated to providing socks to foster and homeless children that she hoped to launch as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award project. While most girls complete their Gold Award projects as juniors or seniors in high school, Blair had a different sense of urgency. Though not yet a sixth grader at Nativity of Mary School in Independence, she was already filling journals with ideas and project plans for **Foster Socks**.

Yes, that was Blair. The doer. "Saucy and bossy," she called herself. She was the organizer. Take the block party, for instance. Sure, the fliers were misspelled, but you can bet everyone knew which side of the street was to bring meats and which side the veggies.

"She was the neighborhood ambassador. An old soul. She was never afraid or in too much of a hurry to talk to anyone," said Michele Shanahan-DeMoss of Independence, Blair's mother.

But when it came to **Foster Socks**, Blair was in a hurry. She couldn't get warm socks to foster and homeless kids soon enough. Sadly, her dream was dashed this week.

On July, 4, 2011, Blair was enjoying the traditional, backyard holiday festivities she had since she was 2 years old at a family home in Kansas City, Mo. Suddenly, Blair collapsed. She had been shot, presumably by a holiday reveler firing a gun from a nearby apartment complex. Police continue to investigate.

Hundreds of people visited Blair in the hospital. Friends, family, civic leaders, pastors. Michele was stunned at how many people her daughter had touched, as well as touched herself by their words.

"Her friends' parents told me their kids wanted to be like her. And so many people mentioned that Blair knew how to live as a good Christian," said Michele. "Her understanding and devotion to that was not about religion. She went to the church nearly every week, but it was never about the building."

Blair died one day later, on Tuesday, July 5. She never gave socks to homeless children, but as an organ donor, she may have given new life to at least 6 people, between the ages of six and 60.

And, if Michele has anything to do with it, **Foster Socks** will not die with Blair.

"Blair radiated the love and presence of God. She would have gotten this done," said Michele. "Now it's up to us."

You can make Blair's dream come true by donating to Blair's **Foster Socks**, www.blairsfostersocks.org or sending a check to:

Blair's Foster Socks

Blue Ridge Bank & Trust
6202 Raytown Trafficway
Raytown, MO. 64133

You may also visit Blair's Memorial Facebook page, "[In Loving Memory of Blair Michaela Shanahan Lane.](#)"

WE HOPE TO COLLECT HUNDREDS OF PAIRS OF COLORFUL SOCKS AT THE GOLF TOURNAMENT ON OCTOBER 16, 2011! PLEASE BRING ANY SIZE AND COLOR YOU WOULD LIKE! THERE WILL BE A PICKUP TRUCK ON SITE FOR COLLECTION. WE HOPE TO OVERFILL WITH BLAIR'S FOSTER SOCKS AND MAKE HER DREAM COME TRUE!!!

