

Abused children can't wait

Lyn wanted to make Carlos' dream come true. She called his local soccer league and registered him for a team on scholarship. Lyn hand-delivered paperwork to Carlos' grandmother to sign, and then delivered the documents back to the league the same day.

She took Carlos to get his first soccer uniform and communicated practice and game times to Carlos' grandmother. She even got the league to provide a voucher so Carlos could get his first pair of cleats and his first real soccer ball.

Carlos' grandmother took him to practices. Carlos took to soccer naturally. A few weeks later, Lyn attended Carlos' first soccer game, cheering him on as he played in the first organized soccer game of his life. Afterward, Lyn, Carlos and his grandmother went to breakfast to celebrate.

Today, Carlos still lives with his grandmother who is hoping to adopt him and he's continued to play soccer. His grandmother says Carlos playing soccer has even improved his grades. Now, all she has to say is "No soccer until your homework is done" and homework gets done without another reminder.

