

Become a Foster Parent

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FOSTER CARE

Every year, thousands of children enter the foster care system due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment. These children face uncertainty, fear, and a lack of stability, often moving from home to home without a sense of belonging.

On average, children spend 22 months in the foster care system. In 2022 2,868 children entered foster care in South Carolina.



Unfortunately, many of these youth have no stable place to call home. The foster care system, while intended to protect and support, sometimes falls short, leaving these children vulnerable and longing for a sense of belonging.

YOUTH WITHOUT HOMES FACE DISMAL OUTCOMES

Teenagers, large sibling groups, and youth with special needs are often the most overlooked in the foster care system.

These kids are in desperate need of loving foster homes where they can feel safe and supported while in care.

Foster youth are left without families, love, or the attention a child needs. As a direct result these youth are set up to fail.

90% of youth with 5 or more home placements become incarcerated
70% of young women are pregnant by age 21
60% are involved in the sex trafficking industry



These youth are **not just statistics**; they are individuals with hopes, dreams, and the same need for love and stability as any other child. However, the statistics are grim, and the situation is dire.

HOW COULD THIS BE HAPPENING?

The Crisis | Lack of Foster Families

There is a critical shortage of foster families. Many children are placed in group homes, night to night placements, or institutions because there aren't enough families to care for them. This **shortage** means that children may not receive the individual attention and care they need to thrive.

391,000
Children in Foster Care
(estimated number of children in foster care)

210,000
Foster Homes Available
(estimated number of foster homes available)

What does it mean to be a Foster Parent? Being a foster parent doesn't have to be a forever life calling. It can simply be an opportunity to serve, a way to help. You don't need faith for the whole journey, you only need it for the first step.

Do you have a heart to serve children and families? Do you have the resources, stability, support to do so? Do you have one space, one bed, one crib, one year? That's enough, that's all you need.

Foster families provide more than just a roof over a child's head. They offer love, stability, and a chance for children to heal and grow.

THE NEED AND VALUE OF FOSTER FAMILIES

By becoming a foster parent, you can make a profound difference in a child's life, giving them hope and a brighter future.

Children in stable foster homes are more likely to succeed in school and have better long-term outcomes

Your compassion and willingness to open your home can change a child's life forever. Join us in making a difference. Scan below to attend an information session and/or learn more.



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