



Dear Foster Parents,

The last 2 years have been challenging for our country and our world. Many of us experienced loss due to COVID and we have all been impacted.

As we look to turn the page on this chapter in history, I hope gratitude for essential workers is not lost. We are thankful for our health care workers, law enforcement, fire and rescue, truckers, etc. And we must also never lose sight of our foster parents who stepped boldly forward.

Gratitude only scratches the surface as we watched you put the needs of others ahead of your own. Several of you became very ill and ended up in the hospital. Despite all the challenges you stayed strong.

Thank you all for answering the call and loving children. You will always be remembered for being essential.

Sincerely,



2021, What a year!

- ✦ Children served: 684
- ✦ Number of Homes: 313
- ✦ Receiving care placements: 143
- ✦ Days of receiving care: 5,239
- ✦ Number of adoptions: 49
- ✦ Total Agency adoptions: 541



REMEMBER DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!
SPRING FORWARD MARCH 13TH, 2022



Success Story

FROM OUR CASE MANAGER

One of my BRS youth, Myah, was officially adopted by her foster family; the first youth to be adopted out of BRS within my office. Myah has been with the foster home for a little over a year and has come so far. She has a very different background from a lot of our kids. She was adopted by her grandmother as a baby and unfortunately her grandmother passed away when she was 12. When Myah came to the foster home she was really struggling behaviorally and emotionally. I've watched her grow into a caring and sweet young lady. Myah is very creative, she is currently teaching herself to draw. Myah loves having older brothers and really looks up to them. She also has a lot of fun playing with her little sister. Myah was so happy at the adoption. Both Myah and her Mom have stated that they knew Myah was meant to be their child since she came to the home and they are so happy it is finally official!

Way to go, Myah!



WELCOME



What is KGG? The Kitsap Great Give is a 24-hour, online giving event organized by the Kitsap Community Foundation to grow philanthropy in Kitsap County & surrounding areas

Why Donate? Gifts made through the Kitsap Great Give website during that 24 hours will be magnified by bonus funds. Your gift will also help participating nonprofits qualify for prizes that will be offered during the event

How do you Donate? Starting midnight April 19th (for 24 hours) go to www.kitsapgreategive.org/profile/s/community-and-family-services-foundation

How will CFSF use funds raised through KGG? 100% of donations received will directly benefit foster children & families, for things like: tutoring, clothing & essentials, extra-curriculars, activities, presents, camps, & foster family needs. 0% will go toward overhead or administrative needs

More info at www.kitsapgreategive.org



We are so blessed by the community! Here are just a few of the organizations that have generously given in the past few months:

Bethany Lutheran Church — overnight bags

Gig Harbor Quilters — many quilts

Desert Graphics Inc — lots of boots

Kitsap Quilters — quilts & beanie babies

Daffodil Festival — filled backpacks

Toys for Tots, Fort Vancouver Lions Club, Danny's Tavern, & Apex Physical Therapy — All donated toys & games!

Thank you all!!

May is
**FOSTER PARENT
APPRECIATION
Month**

You open your hearts & your homes, THANK YOU will never be enough! We look forward to CELEBRATING each & every one of you!!



Events, Activities & Resources

Family Day at the Seattle Mariners, Sunday May 8th
<https://www.mlb.com/mariners/tickets/specials/we-are-family>

Royal Family Kids Camp — summer camp for foster children
<https://www.ftcbremerton.com/camp-info>

Sibling Strong (Camp to Belong)
<https://www.sibling-strong.org/>

Camp Ten Trees — residential camping programs for LGBTQ+ youth & youth of LGBTQ+ families
<https://camptentrees.org/>

One Simple Wish — granting wishes to foster youth
<https://www.onesimplewish.org/>

Discount tickets to Woodland Park Zoo ("Discover" Ticket)
https://shop.zoo.org/?_ga=2.12261812.1071132003.1629844262-407110054.1629844262#/Admission

iFoster — helping provide access to resources & opportunities
<https://www.ifoster.org/>

Kids Bowl Free — Select bowling centers and schools
https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/all_centers.php#WA

Treehouse — educational support, holiday gifts, driver's assistance
<https://www.treehouseforkids.org/our-services/>

Together We Rise — birthday boxes, duffel bags, bikes, scholarships and more <https://www.togetherwerise.org/>

Boys & Girls Club — no-cost basic membership for youth 6-18 years
<https://www.coordinatedcarehealth.com/members/foster-care/benefits-and-services/benefits-overview1.html>

Check out our Facebook and Website Calendar for more Trainings and Events in your area!



STAFF CHANGES:

Departure, Fife Case Manager Becky Ross

Departure, Port Orchard Licensing Samuel Owens

Case Aide to Case Aide/CA Coord Asst Sue Pinkston

Case Aide to Case Aide/Respite Coord Asst Shelby Mox

NEW WELCOMES:

Burlington Case Manager Stefanie Ahrean

Port Orchard Licensing Teresa Pena