



CFSF Family Connection

Spring 2023

Dear Foster Parents,

I hope and pray all is well with you and your family! Thank you for answering the call to step forward to help children in need. I know the work you do is near and dear to God's heart.

As we hear of so many fear-based problems in our community, country and world, it can cause us to become callous and pull back from society. I am so thankful for you, our foster parents. Regardless of your surroundings, you step forward to help.

Your selfless kindness is truly inspirational.

As we move toward Spring and one step closer to getting beyond COVID I hope to see you at one of our events around the state.

God Bless You All! Sincerely,

CFSF
Emergency
Afterhours:
360-443-2516

Success Story: Maverick

Maverick has been struggling with anger and assaultive behavior, and has had trouble making & keeping friends. He has been working hard on improving his social skills and peer interactions. Maverick joined a basketball team, which he loves and shows confidence in, and has been engaged in his therapy program. He went from an angry and assaultive child to a confident, happy and well-adjusted teenager. His foster parents are so proud of the man he is becoming and could not be happier for these improvements!

Way to go, Maverick!

Remember Daylight Savings! Spring Forward 2AM March 12th

2022, What a year!

- ◆ **284** licensed homes at end of year
- ◆ **308** foster children in care at close
- ◆ **87** kids returned home this year
- ◆ **37** kids adopted!
- ◆ **1476** days of respite used for CFSF kids, for **379** respites
- ◆ Arranged respite for **76** out-of-agency kids in CFSF homes
- ◆ Served **645** kids
- ◆ **41** new homes licensed
- ◆ **65** active staff at the end of year
- ◆ Hired **15** staff members throughout the year

KEEP THE BEAT!

In-person CPR training is needed for foster parents by 6/30/23. Avoid the rush, register today!

Registration & info:

[The Alliance for Professional Development](#)

- 3/7/23 Spokane
- 3/8/23 Walla Walla
- 3/8/23 Redmond
- 3/9/23 Redmond
- 3/10/23 Yakima
- 3/11/23 Everett
- 3/11/23 Vancouver
- 3/12/23 Tumwater
- 3/13/23 Shelton
- 3/14/23 Bremerton
- 3/19/23 Puyallup

Special Thanks To:

Haggen's Inspiring Change Together grant for providing funding that helped supply food, diapers, safety gear, clothing & essentials to foster children in need

TJ Maxx grant for funding that helped stock our clothing closet, send kids to camp, and fill other child-specific needs

Ticket To Dream Ally for funding grants and donating items to help Hispanic & African American children in care embrace their heritage, as well as funding to meet the needs of the LGBTQ+ youth, and provide training for foster parents & staff

Private Donors for ongoing donations of handmade quilts, new clothes, toys, school supplies and books that will be available to foster kids throughout the year

The End of An Era

This little office in Belfair was the beginning of CFSF! As the agency grew, so did the need for more space! In 2002, the majority of staff moved into the Port Orchard, leaving Mark Fullington, Dave Jenkins & Jennie Brusco to hold down the fort.

Over the years, Belfair staff has ebbed & flowed. Karen Davis, Celeste DiFlaviano & Meghan Castillo all have enjoyed the views of this little office as Licensing & Respite both operated out of this location at one point in time.

There are many fond memories of the Belfair office, including Lake Days, distributing school supplies & clothing, and drop-in visits from foster parents. With staff retiring & additional offices opening across the state, the staff in Belfair pared down to just one... Mark. The time seemed right to make the decision to retire this office and move Mark to our Port Orchard office.

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful memories!



Staff Departures:

- Intern/Family Support Specialist *Janessa Core*
- Family Support Specialist *Aubrey Niegocki*
- Family Support Specialist *Clara Nichols*
- Family Support Specialist *Desiree Germaine*
- Birth & Foster Mentor *Carrie Mattoon*
- Family Support Specialist *Cristina Gorak*
- Port Orchard Case Manager *Breanna Diaz*

New Welcomes:

- Family Support Specialist *Russell Sleeper*
- Port Orchard Case Manager *Hailie Signor*
- Family Support Specialist *Katie Lanning*