



*You're never too old to make a difference in a child's life!!!*

# Become a Foster Family

Hugs and kisses and someone to be there  
Love, understanding, patience, and Care  
Something that would make me smile and sing  
A FOSTER FAMILY would be my special thing.

## Foster Parents are...

- ♥ At least 21 years of age.
- ♥ Financially self-sustaining.
- ♥ Married, single, divorced, or widowed.
- ♥ With or without children of their own.
- ♥ Just starting out, raising a family, or empty nesters.
- ♥ People who love children.
- ♥ People who want to be involved in their community.
- ♥ People from all walks of life and a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds.



## Foster Parents Rewards are...

- ♥ **Involvement** — Helping care for children in your community.
- ♥ **Respect** — You will be treated as a professional caregiver and member of the foster care team.
- ♥ **Growth** — You will receive training in areas of child development, discipline, parenting children with special emotional needs.
- ♥ **Hugs and Smiles** — making a difference in a child's life that will last a lifetime.



## Basic Requirements for Foster Parents

- ♥ Attend Pre-service training along with other prospective parents.
- ♥ Obtain a criminal record check.
- ♥ Participate in a home study.
- ♥ Have adequate sleeping accommodation.
- ♥ Agree to a non-physical discipline policy.
- ♥ Meet fire and safety standards.
- ♥ Vaccinate pets annually.



## Foster Parents Receive...

- ♥ Social worker support for their home.
- ♥ Per diem (non taxable) paid monthly to support child in your home.
- ♥ Child's OHIP and medical expenses covered by agency.
- ♥ Clothing allowance, money for school expenses, etc. for child.
- ♥ Ongoing training including emergency first aid & CPR certification.



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