

build always



**TO OLIVIA, TOMORROW  
IS A QUESTION MARK**

JOEY doesn't know. He doesn't know why this is always happening to him. Why did they give me away? It hurts. It hurts bad. I don't like it and it makes me want to hit somebody. I bit the girl that sleeps in the bed next to me. She screamed. They sent me away... again.

**Give Joey the support he needs.**

## A Foundation that needs a Foundation

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for children who are in foster care or are in danger of entering the foster care system by identifying their economic, environmental, educational and emotional needs and implementing ways to raise public awareness and establish programs in an effort to solve these issues.

Our focus will include activities to raise foster children's self-esteem and provide for specific needs and opportunities that non-fostered youth enjoy, thus helping them realize that they are a vital and valuable part of society, as well as establishing a more stable foundation to help them reach their potential.

There are **thousands** of children in foster care in the state of Georgia alone, and the numbers are **rising**.



**TO JOEY, FEAR IS THE  
ONLY CONSTANT.**

TARA is in her fifth school. She doesn't know anybody. She never does. Her world consists of unknowns. She doesn't know any other way – but she wishes that she did. Tara has a heart with a thin shell. She wants people to know her, but is afraid when they find out, they will not want to. Tara is afraid her wishes will never come true.

**Give Tara a chance to believe.**

### Goals

- To bring public awareness to the needs of and situations faced by foster children.
- To partner with the Private and Business sectors to provide solutions for these needs.
- To assist in finding more foster and adoptive parents and help expedite the training process.
- To establish programs and projects to improve the self-esteem and quality of life for foster children.
- Provide a “Needs Center”– a safe and clean facility where children can go to get clothing, hygiene products, book bags and other desperately needed items.
- Establish a facility for the Foundation to provide a location where people can come to get help and information.
- Partner with corporations to help collect needed funds to implement goals.
- Mentor and tutor children with specific/special needs.
- Introduce foster children and families to positive functions they may not otherwise get to experience, such as performing arts and sporting events.
- Provide scholarships for the children to do things they could not do before such as attend summer camp or take music lessons.
- To establish a solid foundation in the Metro Atlanta area that can then grow to meet these needs in every county.
- To work in close contact with DFCS, caseworkers and foster parents to constantly stay informed regarding the needs of the foster children in our communities.

Kids are used  
to closed doors.

We offer  
open doors.

Always.

Foster **children** come in all shapes and sizes.



**TO TARA, ACCEPTANCE  
IS A PRAYER**

SIMON likes to watch TV. He stares at it as if his constant gaze will make it real. He always pictures himself in the stories he watches. He wants so badly for the characters to reach out, clasp his sweaty palm and take him somewhere... somewhere else. He tries not to think too much about his own life. He's not really sure what any of it means. But he thinks there could be more. Just like the stories on TV. That's real. Isn't it?

**Give Simon the foundation to love.**

A resource that  
needs resources

### Programs

Resource Center – It is a location where foster families can bring their children to shop for needed items such as clothing, hygiene products, school supplies, baby products, books and other essentials that non-fostered youth are accustomed to having as a natural part of being in a family but at NO COST.

Mentoring Program – Teaches life and educational skills providing the tools and resources needed to help youth reach their potential as they grow to become self-sufficient adults. Mentors teach age-specific life skills, such as health, hygiene, furthering their education, money management, making choices and breaking the cycle of their past.

Annual Events – FCF sponsors events throughout the year such as picnics, holiday parties and an Easter egg hunt that are designed to reunite separated siblings, provide positive role models for the youth, and give them a carefree day to celebrate.

Foster **children** make up one of the most **vulnerable** parts of our **society**.



**TO SIMON, LOVE IS  
UNDEFINED.**

MIDDLE school is too hard. The people there are like something out of a movie. Laughing, fooling around, working together. What is that? Where am I? This is not me. It is not anything like me. I've seen people living on the streets. Some of them I grew up with. I see them sitting there with their paper cup and cardboard bed. I get that. I get them. And they get me. That must be where I belong.

**Don't let Sam wind up in the streets.**

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

Right now there is an urgent need to build a permanent facility to house the Resource Center and Mentoring Program, as well as provide space for events and activities for the youth. This new facility will provide a consistent location where former, current and future foster children can come to find resources and support when they otherwise have none. In order to accomplish this, we need two acres of buildable land and your financial support to build this permanent facility for the children. Here's how you can help.

**Naming Opportunities**

- \$225,000 OR Land Acquisition.....Building Name
- \$ 50,000 ..... Assembly Hall
- \$ 50,000 .....Learning Center
- \$ 50,000 ..... Rec/Play Room
- \$ 50,000 ..... Clothing / Fitting Room - Girls
- \$ 50,000 ..... Clothing / Fitting Room - Boys
- \$ 40,000 ..... Kitchen
- \$ 40,000 ..... Toy Room
- \$ 40,000 ..... Warehouse
- \$ 30,000 ..... Library
- \$ 30,000 ..... School Supplies (Learning Supply Center)
- \$ 25,000 .....Counseling / Office Suite
- \$ 25,000 ..... Health & Beauty - Girls /Young Women
- \$ 25,000 .....Health & Beauty - Boys /Young Men
- \$ 20,000 ..... Hair Salon

A rock  
that needs  
a rock

Half of the **children** in foster care are over the age of 10 and are **not** likely to be **adopted**.



**TO SAM, SELF-ESTEEM  
IS ELUSIVE.**

SHE'S afraid. All the time. At age four, she has lived in four different homes. She calls any woman she sees "mom". That is when she gets up the nerve to speak at all. She sees other kids playing across the street from her current foster home. They are all smiling and laughing. She doesn't know what that is like. She thinks she can't join them because they are different. So very different from her. Her tears are the only thing consistent in her life.

**Help Mary feel hope.**

### **Sponsorship Levels**

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- Invitation for 10 people to, and participation of a key representative in, Groundbreaking Ceremony and Grand Opening of Completed Facility
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- Recognition on Foster Children's Foundation website
- Prominent logo inclusion and promotion in local print media campaign
- Display table at Grand Opening of facility
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- Listing and Logo in Program Guides
- Inclusion in broadcast e-mails regarding Groundbreaking and Grand Opening events
- Opportunity for banner signage at Groundbreaking and Grand Opening events

A home  
that needs  
a home



**TO MARY, ALONE IS  
EVERY DAY**

Foster **children** too often feel **lost, frightened** and hopelessly **alone**.

**Sponsor Recognition:**

Foster Children’s Foundation thanks all of its sponsors, past and present, for their support of FCF’s mission to meet the varied needs of foster children. We appreciate their investment in the nurturing of the youth of our community. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to Foster Children’s Foundation.

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In 2005, there were **311,000 children** that **entered** foster care and only **287,000** that **exited**.