

Become a  
Foster Parent  
Today!



You Can  
Make the Difference in  
the Life of a Child!



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## **What is Foster Care?**

Foster Care is founded on the principle that all children have the right to be safe and to experience the love and support of a family.

Foster Care is designed to provide a temporary home for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. The placement is often quite sudden and may be for a short or an extended period of time. All foster homes are approved and licensed by the State of Michigan.



## **What do Foster Parents do?**

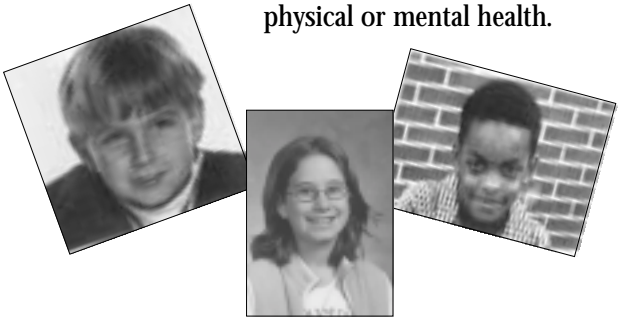
Foster parents take a child into their home temporarily until the child can be returned home or an adoptive home is identified. In addition to providing a loving home, foster parents provide the things that all children need: food, clothing, shelter, and stability. The Foster parent's primary role is to share their love and guidance with a child who has suffered the tragedy of abuse and neglect.

Foster parents assist children in developing a positive self-image and in having positive feelings about their past and present while providing hope for the future.

All foster families receive a monthly allowance for each foster child to assist with the cost of room, board and clothing.

## Who are Our Foster Children?

Foster children are those who have been legally separated from their parents because of some form of abuse and/or neglect. The children are boys and girls, infancy through age 17. They come from a variety of social and economic backgrounds, and from every race, religion and nationality. Each child's situation is unique. Many of the children have special needs related to their emotional, physical or mental health.



## Who can be a Foster Parent?

In general, the qualifications for becoming a Foster Parent are:

- 21 years of age or older.
- Single or married.
- Have a stable source of income. There is no minimum income level required.
- Reside in a home or rental property that meets state licensing requirements.
- In good health. A physical is required for each family member.
- Each household member age 18 and over must submit to a Criminal & Protective Service background check .
- Work cooperatively with representatives of the foster care agency.
- Attend the free training classes provided by the State of Michigan.

## Who are Our Foster Parents?

Methodist Children's Home Society is seeking families who are willing to take children with special needs. While our foster homes provide care for infants, youth and teenagers, our greatest need is for homes to care for older children ages 6 to 17.



## How do I get started?

Call the Placement Office at (313) 531-6190. We will answer any questions you may have and you will then receive an invitation to the next Foster Care Informational meeting and to meet with our staff.

### Steps to becoming a Foster Parent:

- Place an Inquiry Call
- Attend an Informational Meeting
- Attend a Foster Parent Orientation/ Training Session
- Complete a Written Application
- Provide additional Documentation as Necessary
- Participate in a Family/Home Assessment Approval

## **HISTORICAL OVERVIEW**

Methodist Children's Home Society is a private, non-profit, non-sectarian child-care agency, which has a long history of caring for children. The agency's primary focus is to care for children who have been subjected to physical, psychological and sexual abuse or severe neglect.

Established in 1917, the home was founded in Highland Park by a group of Methodist women to care for neglected and orphaned children. The home expanded and later moved to a farm in what is now downtown Farmington. In 1929, the home moved to its present location in Redford Township. Our current campus became known as "Children's Village."

Methodist Children's Home Society provides an environment of love and understanding that assists children in becoming healthy and productive.

With histories including rejection, neglect or abuse, many of our children require intensive treatment to cope with their deep fears, low self-esteem, anger and depression. Methodist Children's Home Society responds to the needs of these special young people by providing residential, foster care, adoption, and educational enrichment services to children from throughout the State of Michigan.

***Mission Statement:***

*To meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the children in our care, develop personal, family and community relationships which will contribute to healthy opportunities for the children to reach their fullest potential, and to advocate on behalf of all children.*

Thank You  
for Caring!

