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**Maine Needs More Voices for Foster Care & Adoption**

Across Maine, hundreds of children are growing up without the stability of a permanent family. While many caring foster and adoptive parents have stepped forward, there is still a critical need for more community members to help raise awareness about foster care and adoption – and that’s where volunteers come in.

Volunteers play a powerful role in shaping how our communities understand foster care and adoption. By sharing accurate information, personal stories, and available resources, volunteers help dispel myths, reduce stigma, and encourage more families to consider opening their hearts and homes. Often, a single conversation at a community event, school, workplace, or faith gathering can spark someone’s interest in learning more.

In Maine, the need is especially urgent. Children enter foster care for many reasons, and while the system works to keep families together whenever possible, some children cannot safely return home.

These children need nurturing, committed adults who can provide stability, whether through foster care, kinship care, or adoption. Awareness volunteers help ensure that potential caregivers know there is a real, ongoing need and that support is available every step of the way.

You don’t have to be a foster or adoptive parent to make a difference. Volunteers can help by staffing information tables, sharing posts on social media, assisting with outreach campaigns, or simply helping connect people to trusted resources. Every effort helps build a more informed and compassionate community.

Maine’s children deserve to grow up feeling safe, supported, and valued. By helping to raise awareness about foster care and adoption, you can be part of the solution – helping to ensure that more children find the families and futures they deserve.

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## Ways Maine Residents Can Support Children in Foster Care

Share the Message: Help raise awareness by sharing foster care and adoption information with friends, family, faith groups, and on social media.

Support Foster Families: Offer practical help like meals, school supplies, childcare, transportation, or a listening ear to local foster and adoptive families.

Volunteer Locally: Get involved with Maine organizations that support children in foster care through mentoring, events, or advocacy efforts.

Become a Foster Parent: Consider opening your home, short-term or long-term, to a child who needs stability, care, and encouragement.

Advocate for Children: Learn about foster care needs in Maine and speak up in your community, workplace, or local government meetings.

Donate Needed Items or Funds: Contribute clothing, backpacks, hygiene kits, or financial support to organizations serving foster children across Maine.

Support, Encourage, and Stay Informed: Keep foster children and families in your thoughts, check in regularly, and continue learning how you can help.

Be Visible: Brochures, flyers, wearables - all help keep the message in people's minds.

Recruiters: Spreading awareness at schools, daycares, churches, colleges, universities, and trade schools.

## Foster Care is Where Volunteerism Becomes Deeply Human

In Maine, more than 2,500 children are waiting for something every child deserves: a safe place to belong. At A Family for Me, we believe volunteerism begins the moment someone chooses to care, whether that means opening their home, sharing our message, or starting a conversation that leads a family to step forward. Foster care is not a distant issue; it is happening in our towns, our schools, and our neighborhoods, and the need is urgent.

You do not have to be a foster parent to change a foster child's life, but simply care enough to act. When more Mainers use their voices, their time, and their compassion, children who have known uncertainty can begin to experience stability and hope. Every family recruited, every story shared, every child supported brings us one step closer to a Maine where no child waits alone.



We would like to wish a happy retirement to our TFC Recruitment Supervisor, Rana (pictured between Crista and Jaynelle). We are sad to see her go, but we are excited for her to start her next journey (and enjoy that grandbaby!). Thank you, Rana, for years of dedication to helping Maine's foster youth, and for all you do to inspire and encourage others. Never forget the difference you have made!

### Curious about foster care?

A Family for **ME** Foster Care  
Q & A

Join us via **zoom** the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
Monday of every month at 6pm to  
learn more about foster care!



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