



Providing  
*Hope & Happiness*  
to Foster Children

**SUPPORTED BY A GRANT FROM THE COLLIER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION,  
FRIENDS OF FOSTER CHILDREN FOREVER'S ACADEMIC MENTOR PROGRAM  
CONTINUES TO EXCEL**

Friends of Foster Children Forever received a \$15,000 grant from the Collier Community Foundation to support its Academic Mentor program.

Through the Collier Community Foundation's grant, Friends of Foster Children Forever provides tutoring to foster children. The Collier Community Foundation's grant will assist Friends of Foster Children Forever by providing 429 hours of free tutoring services to children involved in the Academic Mentoring program. With help from programs such as the Academic Mentor Program and support from the Collier Community Foundation, 100% of Friends of Foster Children Forever seniors graduated from high school in 2022, surpassing the national average of 50%. The Collier Community Foundation's grant will allow for Friends of Foster Children Forever to be able to continue supporting both the children and the families that house foster children. Friends of Foster Children Forever brings consistency and stability to the children. This is done by connecting children to and financially supporting early childhood programs, mentoring/tutoring, extracurricular activities, and emergency supplies.

***About Friends of Foster Children Forever***

*Friends of Foster Children Forever focuses on the children they serve by providing targeted educational and enrichment opportunities that allow each child to fulfill their potential. The 501c3 organization works to fulfill the unmet needs of every child who enters or is at risk of entering the foster care system. Each year over 1,200 foster children are helped by Friends of Foster Children Forever. For additional information visit [www.FriendsofFosterChildren.net](http://www.FriendsofFosterChildren.net) or call 239-262-1808*