

## Sports & Enrichment Activities

Enrichment activities give the children the opportunity to make new friends, learn something new, develop new skills, or hone existing ones. Foster children can play sports they have never been able to play such as soccer, basketball, baseball, gymnastics, football, volleyball, and other fun activities.

## Heartstrings Music & Arts

The Heartstrings Music & Arts program provides music and dance lessons, band, art classes, theater, and other forms of creative arts through a variety of enrichment activities to improve upon their social and cognitive development and above all, bring joy into their lives.

## Summer Camps

Foster children can attend action-packed summer day camps for eight weeks where they can explore individual skills, learn new things, be active and make friends. There are also a variety of specialized camps the children can experience, including STEAM, robotics, tennis, water skiing, sailing and more. Attending summer camps also means they are in a safe and fun-filled environment.

With your support, since 1999, we have been able to help thousands of foster children in our community.

## HOW TO HELP

- ▶ Become an academic mentor
- ▶ Become a foster parent
- ▶ Donate (\$, Stock, IRAs).
- ▶ Donate your car
- ▶ Leave a legacy gift
- ▶ Sponsor an event
- ▶ Volunteer

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*Thank you!*

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For 25 years, Fostering Success (formerly Friends of Foster Children) has served foster children with educational and enrichment support that enables them to reach their full potential. We are a 501 c3 that receives no government funding. In recent years, Fostering Success has grown in size and scope and has become a leading organization providing for the needs of children and young adults who are or were in the foster care system. Annually we help over 750 children and fulfill 2,300 requests.

## EDUCATIONAL

### Ready For Kindergarten

Ready for Kindergarten helps our youngest foster children, ages 0 to 5, attend quality early learning centers and be prepared to enter Kindergarten. Through Ready for Kindergarten, we also submit referrals to identify potential development delays.

### Academic Mentoring

Academic Mentors provide one-to-one tutoring and guidance up to three times a week for the full year. Students are pre- and post-tested to track their progress and accurately assess specific needs. 100% of seniors in the Academic Mentoring program have graduated from high school.

### Scholarships

The scholarship fund assists those who are or were in foster care so they can attend a four-year or two-year college or a technical school anywhere in the country.

### Thriving After Care

Youth transitioning into adulthood can benefit from programs that improve their skills, knowledge, and self-sufficiency. Fostering Success provides classes and assistance for young adults transitioning out of foster care such as cooking, banking, interviewing for a job; housing; transportation; college or career readiness. The participants are also matched up with a mentor to help them overcome the challenges of becoming adults.

## PROJECT ENRICHMENT

### Afterschool Programs

After-school activities are important for foster children for numerous reasons. Elementary-aged children's school day ends at 2:50 pm and middle school ends at 4:10 pm. Most foster families have caregivers working away from home and the children would be left unattended if it wasn't for our after-school programs.

### Basic Needs

We provide goods such as cribs or toddler beds, car seats, diapers, clothing, and safety equipment for young children. For school-aged children, we provide beds, clothing, hygiene, and school supplies.

### Emergency Backpacks

The backpacks are used to provide 3 to 4 days of emergency personal supplies to foster children when they are removed in times of crisis. The new backpacks include a blanket, a small pillow, pajamas, underwear, an outfit for school, a toothbrush, toiletries, a book cuddly toy, and basic school supplies.

