



CREATING COLLABORATIVE TRANSFORMATION IN COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE AND THE FAMILIES WHO SUPPORT THEM



FOSTER FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Foster Friendly® represents a **transformative approach**, uniting multiple sectors to create measurable, sustainable impact for the foster care community. Transform your area into a nurturing haven for children in foster care and the families who embrace them through a proven, holistic model.

Tennessee Kids Belong works to improve the experiences and outcomes for kids in foster care throughout our state and we want you to **join us in this critical work**. May is National Foster Care Awareness Month and we are challenging mayors across the state to become Foster Friendly®.

Imagine your city/county has:

- **ENOUGH FAMILIES** trained, approved and ready to meet the needs of kids entering foster care in your area
 - *Reducing trauma* by keeping kids in familiar places, in their schools and surrounded by friends and mentors
- **SAFE SPACES** comprised of a network of trauma-informed faith communities, wrapping around those who have opened their homes to foster and/or adopt
 - *Reducing burnout* of the nearly 50% of foster families who close their doors after less than a year
- **CORPORATE CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY** felt through a network of businesses dedicated to offering impactful discounts and services to support foster families
 - *Reducing isolation* felt by caregivers, the instant access to offers on our Foster Friendly® App connects families with local partners dedicated to their success

THE VISION

FAMILY RECRUITMENT

Prioritize the **recruitment of caring, equipped families** to serve the more than 8,000 kids in need of a temporary home in TN

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Our Foster Friendly® programs **educate and empower** faith communities, businesses and local partners to **wrap around** foster families' unique needs

MEASURABLE CHANGE

This work is an investment in the wellbeing of kids in care, **leading to brighter futures**, while fighting the harmful effects of aging out



THERE IS NO POWER FOR CHANGE GREATER THAN A COMMUNITY DISCOVERING WHAT IT CARES ABOUT." - MARGARET WHEATLEY