

# The Story Page

Stories of Hope and Healing

## Supporting Foster Kids and Parents

All children need a safe and caring home to grow and thrive. At Catholic Community Services, our mission is to provide that safe, loving and nurturing family. CCS is an innovative foster care provider that helps parents license their home for many kinds of foster care. Community Based Foster Care recruits and licenses people who open their homes to temporary placements of foster kids of all ages. Pediatric Interim Care provides specialized foster care for drug-exposed or medically fragile infants. The International Foster Care program provides homes and support for youth who have fled their country of origin.

A CCS foster family had this story to share:

We have had around 30 kids in our home. It has been a fun, tiring, challenging, and rewarding journey. We look back at each child with great fondness.

*We once had a child who really pulled on our heart strings. She was a fifteen year old girl who grew up with her parents who suffered from substance abuse. She was responsible for taking care of her much younger sibling who had special needs. She felt alone and isolated, which lead her to make the difficult decision to report her parents to CPS. This is when she came to us.*

*Foster care gave her and her parents a chance to heal. Now she is a straight A student and dreams of college and what her future holds. Her plan is to do running start and graduate with an associate's degree. We are so proud of her and so glad we were given the chance to be a part of her life and help to change her story.*

*While she was placed with us we were in good communication with her parents as they started their road to recovery. We let them know that we wanted to support them and their reunification. We established a good and lasting relationship that lead to them asking us to be an emergency contact for their daughter when she returned home. We are so thankful that we get to be a part of her life forever and cannot wait to see what is in store for her future. This is why we love what we do. This is why we foster, to give and to gain.*

CCS provides foster families, like this one, with individual support through experienced staff and social workers. Even when in-home visit became impossible due to COVID-19, CCS staff continued to train parents and host support groups online, a joint commitment answering a necessary need.



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- Local Foster Parent



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