Our children in Wilkes County need foster & adoptive families

Children in Wilkes County, especially teenagers, need adoptive and foster families to provide them with loving and safe homes. These are children in foster care who have been removed from their birth families due to abuse and neglect. Most of these children will return home and need temporary families to provide stability and guidance until that time. Children who cannot return home safely need adoptive families to provide a lifetime of love so they can reach their fullest potential.

All of these children come from Wilkes County and most are school-age. Some children have brothers and sisters who need to stay together. All children need to stay within their school community so they can keep friends, teachers and supportive adults in their lives. There are not enough foster and adoptive families in Wilkes County to keep brothers and sisters together and children within their own communities. Nan Holder, foster and adoptive parent in Wilkes County encourages, "If you feel the call to foster or adopt, take that step. You'll be rewarded over and over."

"Become the bridge over troubled water in a child's life."

"There are so many children in Wilkes County who need us at this time," states Brian and Jamie, who have fostered and adopted children from Wilkes County. "If you saw a child in deep water and you didn't know that child, I believe you would jump into the water and rescue that child. Being a foster parent is like that. We are the bridge over the troubled waters in a child's life. If we, as a community, don't take the opportunity to jump into the water and rescue these children, they are going to drown."

–Jamie and Brian foster/adoptive parents in Wilkes County

Make a difference in a child's life

Summer, age 18

"How excited I was to be adopted when I was 8 years old and to know someone was always going to be there for me. A lot of kids in foster care, especially teenagers, don't reach their potential because they don't have a caring family. It's so important to adopt and foster older children. Everyone needs a family. Everyone needs love."

– Summer is now in her second year of college

"When I was fifteen and came into foster care, I wasn't looking for the perfect foster family. I just wanted a family who could be there for me to support me and love me. I wasn't looking for someone to solve my problems; I was just looking for someone to listen. My foster parents had the desire to do all of these things and most important—they had the desire to love me. Find a child that you can love." - Alyssa, age 19

You can become a foster or adoptive parent if:

- You are at least 21 years old
- You are single, married or divorced
- You are any race or ethnic origin
- You own or rent a home
- You have stable income

Dynamic group training is available to help you learn more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent before deciding if it's the right choice for you and your family.

If you are interested in making a difference in the life of a child, contact any of these agencies for more information:

Barium Springs
(336)-667-3333

Ebenezer Christian Children's Home
(336) 667-5683

Wilkes County Department of Social Services
(336) 651-7490

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