



Childhaven Foundation

August 2019 Newsletter



Join the Childhaven Foundation in celebrating the many children and families that have been positively impacted by Childhaven's services over the last 50 years! Come to the **Farmington Civic Center on September 7, 2019, from 6-8 PM** for a memorable evening which will include:

- Premiere of a mini documentary about Childhaven's history and impact on our community by Zia Media Group
- Special presentation by Lindsay Johnson, inspirational speaker, who was impacted by Childhaven
- Food by Chef Marc Weigel with "Come to the Feast"
- Cash bar by Clancy's Irish Cantina
- Auction of Wells Fargo Bank Balloon Fiesta Ride
- Live music and More!

Tickets are available for \$50 and can be purchased online at childhavennm.org/foundation or by calling 505-592-0625. Proceeds from the fundraising event will help ensure Childhaven can continue serving abused, neglected, and traumatized children for many years to come!



Foster parenting is one of the most rewarding things a loving person or couple can do. When people consider being a foster parent, they often are faced with the unknown of what to expect and what is required. If you consider being a foster parent, here is some information about Childhaven’s Treatment Foster Care Program.

What is Treatment Foster Care?

Treatment Foster Care (TFC) is for children aged 2-17 who have either special needs or emotional/behavioral disturbances from their traumatic experiences. Children who are in Treatment Foster Care need loving people to invest in their life and provide a safe and structured home. Treatment Foster Parents are provided a high level of training, coaching, and mentoring prior to having a child placed in their home. All Childhaven Foster Parents undergo a home study and are licensed by Childhaven. Since being a Treatment Foster Parent is hard work, Childhaven’s Treatment Foster Parents are compensated well for their knowledge, patience, and expertise with the children.

How does one become a Treatment Foster Parent?

Childhaven’s Treatment Foster Care Program trains in the Nurtured Heart approach to parenting to set foster parents up for success in their important role. Our program requires 40 hours of training to become a Treatment Foster Parent or Respite Care Provider. The training focuses on creating a successful environment for children in foster care, as well as, for those who care for them. In order to begin the training process, an application must be submitted which includes a self-assessment packet, background checks, interviews, and a home inspection. Our staff works through each step of the process with every foster parent applicant, and a mentor foster parent is available to also provide help and support.

If you would like to take the exciting step of becoming a Treatment Foster Care Parent, please contact our Foster Care Liaison, Galadriel Currin, at 505-592-0605.



Back to School Wish List

The children in the Childhaven shelter are heading back to school! If you would like to help them prepare for the school year, here are some items they need:

- Gift cards (Walmart, Target, etc.)
- Mechanical pencils
- Subject dividers
- Reams of copy paper
- Backpacks
- Duffle bags
- Kleenex tissues
- Construction paper
- 1/2" and 1" binders
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks
- Three prong pocket folders
- Sharpies (black)
- Dry erase markers
- Graphing paper

New school items can be dropped off at the Childhaven shelter at 807 W. Apache, Farmington, NM 87401. Items such as used clothing and backpacks can be dropped off at the Childhaven donation bin which is located on the north side of the shelter. Please visit childhavennm.org/donate-items for more information.