



It Starts with Family—and Lasts for Generations

When foster families are surrounded by consistent, relational support from volunteers, caregivers become more attuned, children begin to stabilize and heal, placement disruptions drop, and young people graduate, work, and avoid homelessness at dramatically higher rates. Within a single generation, early evidence shows the cycle stops.

Our Program Today

- A 20-year track record of retaining foster families, preventing disruptions, and improving outcomes for youth aging out
- Science-based and relationship-focused
- 100% of supported kids graduate/get a GED*
- A community-based approach endorsed by the child welfare system
- In a single generation, no children of our former foster youth are system-involved

Our Vision for Tomorrow

- A national network of affiliates who are using this model to transform foster care in America
- A community-first approach, where organizations operate independently but with a shared culture and model
- A learning network for innovation and system-level impact
- National outcomes that match those achieved by Fostering Hope in Colorado Springs

Locally proven, nationally ready

Co-founded by a pediatrician and a psychologist, and designed by foster parents and former foster youth, Fostering Hope's theory of change posited that if volunteers could forge long-term relationships with foster families—both parents and children, outcomes would improve. Today, this approach is not only validated with results—it is replicable with the right partners and ready for cities that want to see better outcomes.*



*Outcomes based on a combination of internal data and partial third-party analysis.

An Innovative Approach to Social Impact

What the model is

Social worker-guided, volunteer-provided emotional and practical support for the whole foster family. Up to 10 “aunts, uncles, and grandparents” offer affirmation and practical tasks for one family – often for years. The relationship is foundational, and the goal is transformational healing based on the science undergirding stability, enrichment, and connection.

What the model is not

A professional service or traditional wraparound support. While many wonderful organizations offer respite care, meal services, and other forms of support, this model targets the root cause of placement failures and foster parent burnouts, and focuses on a healing home environment that restores worth and trust for children and helps prepare them for life post-foster care.



The Need

Donors who can help us meet our goal of \$850,000 in 3 years to build affiliate-ready training that promotes outcomes (playbooks, training, coaching, QA).

Community partners interested in affiliation. Affiliates receive training, ongoing coaching, and fidelity oversight while maintaining local leadership, fundraising, and operations.

Learn More

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