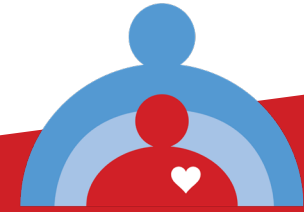


## VOLUNTEERS MATTER TO US AND THE KIDS

EVERY CHILD  
HAS A CHANCE  
– IT'S YOU™



# KIDS MATTER INC.

Because every child needs  
someone in their corner.®

- We **PARTNER** with corporate, civic and religious organization volunteers to support vulnerable children through donation drives and hosting special events for foster and kinship youth that promote education, career readiness and unification with siblings.
- We **PROVIDE** basic essentials for children entering protective care. Our *Fostering Hope Packages* - duffel bags filled with books, toys and personal hygiene items - comfort children as they move to a new placement, often very quickly and without the security of familiar things.
- We **PREPARE** youth making the transition out of the foster care system as young adults to manage the demands of independent living, continue into employment and post-secondary education, and connect with public services for help with things like healthcare or legal assistance.

KIDS MATTER INC. is leading important change at the local, state, and national levels that benefit foster and kinship care children and their caregivers.



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## EVERY CHILD MATTERS.

Especially kids whose parents are not able to care for them - kids who are being raised by grandparents, foster parents, aunts and uncles or other relatives.

## That's why we started **KIDS MATTER INC.**

Since 2001, KIDS MATTER INC. has opened doors of promise and opportunity for foster and kinship youth and their caregivers. We do this by putting the needs of children first.

KIDS MATTER INC. helps children thrive.

Today, one in ten children are being raised without either parent in the home. For every child in foster care with relatives, there are twenty children being raised by grandparents or other relatives outside of the foster care system.



### FOSTERING HEALING TEAM

Our Fostering Healing experts - therapists, legal advocates, social workers, and resource specialists - support abused and neglected children, including those in foster and kinship care. All of our services are free.

- Caregiver support and education regarding
  - child behavior and adjustment
  - assessment of need for medical, mental health, education and legal services
  - support groups and navigating complex systems
- Legal advocacy and representation
- Emergency support with school placements
- Assistance with Crime Victim Compensation
- Collaboration with other service providers
- Through the **Child Trauma Project** licensed clinicians provide
  - in-home and community-based trauma focused therapy for children
  - safety planning for vulnerable children
  - crisis and short-term counseling



### KIDS MATTER CASA COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

Our volunteers advocate for children who have been abused or neglected and help assure each child has a safe, permanent and nurturing home.

- We recruit, train and supervise community members from all walks of life who are court appointed to respond to serious cases of child abuse and neglect.
- CASA volunteers are independent community members, serving as the “eyes and ears of the court,” advocating solely in the best interests of the child.
- CASA volunteers form a bond with children and make recommendations to caseworkers and the court that aid in finding them permanent, healthy homes.

To learn more about volunteering, visit:

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