

10 Ways to Support the **FOSTER CARE COMMUNITY**



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BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

Foster care is a way of providing care for children who cannot safely live with their own parents due to abuse or neglect in the home. Learn more here: <https://familyrtc.org/fosteringidaho/learn-about-fostering>

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VOLUNTEER AS A CASA ADVOCATE

Many folks can't foster because of life circumstances. But there is still a way to make an impactful difference in a foster child's life in just 5-8 hours a month by becoming a CASA Advocate! www.casaofswidaho.org/volunteer

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DONATE TIME OR RESOURCES TO THE WARDROBE

The Wardrobe is an incredible organization who serves youth in foster care, kinship care, and those who have aged out of care everywhere in the Treasure Valley area, ensuring they have quality clothes at no cost! <https://www.wardrobetreasurevalley.org>

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BECOME AN OFFICE MOM OR DAD

When children come into care, they may have to spend some time in the office while the caseworker finds a temporary home. You can help provide a nurturing environment during that scary transition. <https://familyrtc.org/fosteringidaho/ways-to-help>

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SUPPORT JEM FRIENDS

Jem Friends provides a supportive independent living program to help youth who have aged out of foster care to take steps toward independence. Find out more here: <https://jemfriends.org>

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HOST A FOSTER CARE AWARENESS DAY

Whether you are part of a business, community organization, or church, hosting a foster care awareness day provides valuable support and awareness and helps your community know how they can get involved!

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BECOME A FINANCIAL PARTNER

CASA, Jem Friends, The Wardrobe, and many more rely on generous donations of the community to provide these vital services. To learn more about becoming a financial partner with us go to www.casaofswidaho.org/donate

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BE A VOICE FOR POLICIES THAT CHAMPION CHILDREN

Idaho Voices for Children regularly advocates for policies for CASA programs, and the foster care system! Join your voice with theirs as they advocate for better support and resources for our children! www.idahovoices.org

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REPORT IF YOU SEE ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Here in Idaho, adults are all mandated reports. If you are concerned about potential abuse or neglect of a child or youth, you can call 2-1-1 or 855-552-KIDS (5437) to anonymously report!

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DID WE MENTION BECOMING A CASA ADVOCATE?

I know, I know. We've already mentioned this. But it's important! And right now, there are children waiting for you to be their voice during a chaotic and uncertain time in their lives. We're happy to meet casually and answer any questions you have! Just reach out to volunteer@3rddistrictguardian.org