WHAT IS FOSTER CARE?
Foster care provides a safe, loving, and supportive home for children who are unable to live with their parents.

“I’ve been a foster parent for over 30 years and have opened my home to dozens of children. Partnering with The Foundling is one of the best decisions I’ve ever made.”
- Lizzie Burrows, Staten Island, NY

WHO ARE THE CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE?
Children in foster care come from all ethnic groups and range from birth to 21 years old. This includes:
• Children with disabilities
• Pregnant teens
• Sets of siblings
• Teenagers
• Teen parents and their children
• Youth from the LGBTQ community

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Become a Foster Parent with The New York Foundling
Open your home to a child in need of love, support and stability
WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A FOSTER PARENT?
Foster parents support the child until reunification occurs by sharing the responsibilities of parenting with the birth families. This includes:

• Ensuring the child’s social, emotional, physical and educational needs are met
• Providing a safe, nurturing, loving and supportive home
• Serving as a positive role model
• Working with The Foundling to reunite the child with their family and when that’s not possible, ease the transition into adoption or kinga guardianship

WHO CAN BECOME A FOSTER PARENT?
• A legal resident of the United States
• A person age 21 or older
• Has an annual income to support household needs

HOW CAN I BECOME A FOSTER PARENT?
• Attend an orientation session
• Complete the foster parent application; a child abuse clearance form and fingerprinting; and provide current medical reports and supplemental documents
• Complete a Foster Parent Training Workshop
• Participate in a comprehensive home study process

WHAT RESOURCES AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS ARE AVAILABLE?
• 24-hour emergency services
• Counseling services and case management
• Events, social gatherings, and support groups
• Financial subsidy for the child
• Guidance and support
• Health insurance for the child placed in your home
• Training programs for foster parents

The New York Foundling is the only foster care agency operating in all five boroughs of New York City
Medical and mental health services are available in each borough

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