

AS I SEE IT!

Last month I talked about volunteering in your community, this month I would like to talk about another form. This is a job that is one of the most challenging and hardest things you have ever done but it is also one of the most rewarding. I am talking about being a Foster Parent.

Children often come into foster care with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They may be removed from their homes in the middle of extremely traumatic circumstances, leaving them no time to prepare or grab anything that brings comfort or makes them feel normal. They sometimes wait hours in state foster care offices while caseworkers search for available foster homes and at times the caseworker will stay with them in motel rooms because of a lack of foster homes.

When a family takes in a foster child they experience the joy of watching that child grow in many ways. From the physical skills learned by an infant to the emotional maturity gained by a teen, foster families can help children grow strong and healthy. This can last a lifetime and beyond, changing life not only for the child in their care but also for future generations.

If there is room in your home and heart for a child in need, please call 541-776-6120.

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Every child
DESERVES
 a family.