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FOR EVERY CHILD... A PLACE TO CALL HOME

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## Website

[www.foster-adopt.org](http://www.foster-adopt.org)

## Contact

Phone: 800.FOSTER.3  
Or 314.367.8373  
Fax: 314.241.0715

## Social Media

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## Providing Trendy, Good Quality Clothing

**ReFresh**, our fashion forward resale clothing boutique, provides clothing and accessories to youth in foster care at 90% off (adult sizes). Youth living with their adoptive/guardianship family receive 30% off. Verification is required to receive the discount – go to [www.foster-adopt.org](http://www.foster-adopt.org), and click on “Current Parents” and “ReFresh” for more details.

**Hours:** Monday-Saturday from 10am-6pm and Sunday from 12-5pm

**Location:** 1710 S. Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood 63144

**Resource** provides free gently-used clothing for younger children (ages 0-12) who are currently in foster care or now live with their adoptive/guardianship family. You must bring proof of your foster/adoptive status (for example, a current Children’s Division check stub).

**Hours:** Wednesdays from 9am-1pm and Saturdays from 10am-1pm.

**Location:** 1750 S. Brentwood Blvd, Suite 130 (lower level), Brentwood 63144

## Sign Up for Our E-Newsletters

We only send out a print newsletter 2-3 times each year, but we offer fantastic services, programs and free events year-round. To receive ongoing emails, please send your name and email address to [summerrenne@foster-adopt.org](mailto:summerrenne@foster-adopt.org).

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Missouri Edition



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FALL/WINTER 2017

## Little Wishes Holiday Program Deadline Is October 15

It’s time to register for the Little Wishes holiday program! Thanks to KSDK NewsChannel 5 and thousands of generous donors, children in foster care will receive special holiday gifts. Children are eligible if they live in St. Louis City or the MO counties of St. Louis, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lincoln, Franklin, or Warren and are currently in the foster care system, or were in foster care and now live in one of these counties with their adoptive or guardianship family.

**Submitting your wish requests online is preferred! Entering your wishes online helps avoid errors.** Please submit your wish requests online if you are able at:

[www.foster-adopt.org/wish](http://www.foster-adopt.org/wish)

Before you log on, make sure that you have your **Coalition Caregiver ID**, which can be found above your address on the outside of this newsletter. Make sure to provide a safe address for delivery, some shippers leave gifts at the front door if you are not home. The deadline for submission is October 15.

Entering holiday Little Wish requests online is quite easy, but IF you do not have access to the internet, you can: (1) fill out the enclosed form and send it back to us, or (2) we will take phone registration on one day only – Tuesday, October 10 from 9:00am-5:00pm at 314-367-8373. We ask that you only use phone registration if you are unable to enter your kids’ holiday wish requests on the Internet.

### A couple of things to know:

1. Gifts will be shipped to your home and cannot be shipped to a P.O. Box.
2. The name of your **current case manager or adoption/guardianship subsidy worker** must be provided and **WILL be verified**.

How many gifts can your child request? Each child who qualifies for the Little Wishes holiday program may choose one **(1) gift from the white sheets of the enclosed catalog**. Children ages eight (8) and older who are **CURRENTLY IN FOSTER CARE** may also choose one **(1) gift from the blue sheet**.

If the referral form is mailed in and filled out incorrectly or if inappropriate gifts are chosen, we will select age-appropriate gifts for the child.

How many gifts will your child receive? That depends upon how many donors grant the wishes. All efforts will be made to fulfill at least one (1) request per child. One last thing to know: children currently in foster care always receive priority. We will contact you by mail when your children’s gifts have been fulfilled. For more information, please call 314-367-8373 or email [littlewishes@foster-adopt.org](mailto:littlewishes@foster-adopt.org).

## Arcade Games, Go-Carts, And A Movie - Parents’ Day Out Event

We’ve scheduled another special Parents’ Day Out event for **Saturday, October 28** from 11:00am-3:30pm. The lucky children will be selected by lottery to enjoy a pizza buffet, arcade games, and go-carts at America’s Incredible Pizza Company in south county, as well as a PG movie at Ronnie’s Cine, and their parents get a day to themselves! Register your foster/adopted/guardianship children – 36 inches or taller and at least 5 years old – to be included in the lottery. You will be notified if your child’s name is chosen in the lottery. Email registration is preferred. To register for the lottery, email the following information to [shelley@foster-adopt.org](mailto:shelley@foster-adopt.org) - Parent’s name(s), phone number, email address, and first name, gender, and age of each child you would like to register.

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## Motion for Kids Holiday Party Registration

Saturday, December 2nd from 1pm-4pm

Registration phone calls NOT accepted until September 25.

First come, first served – limited spaces!

Registration will be taken for up to 3 days, starting September 25.

Each year, Motion for Kids invites a select number of current foster and adoptive families to attend their annual holiday party. The party will be held at Chaifetz Arena where there will be fun activities, snacks, and live entertainment. All families with foster or adoptive children are eligible to attend. All children up to age 17 (including biological) receive ONE gift (\$25 or less value) at the party.

### To register, you MUST:

- Be a foster/adoptive/relative/guardianship family with foster or adoptive children in the home.
- Call the Coalition office beginning Monday, September 25 through Wednesday, September 27. NO emails, faxes, or voice messages will be accepted. No calls will be accepted before Sept. 25 or after Sept. 27. THREE DAYS ONLY!
- Attend the party (picking up gifts later is not an option)
- Provide a specific and appropriate gift idea (valued up to \$25) for each child when you call.
  - You must be specific about sizes, titles, colors, brands, etc. Specific requests are not guaranteed.
  - Gift example 1: CD – Artist Name: Justin Bieber; Album Name: Purpose
  - Gift example 2: Boys blue short-sleeve tee shirt, size 10-12
  - Gift card or cash requests are NOT accepted.

## Free Senior Pictures for High School Seniors in Foster Care

A few photographers have offered to take senior pictures for high school senior students who are currently in foster care. The photographers will provide a free 60 minute photo shoot and free digital images (on CD or over the internet, depending on photographer preference). Foster parents and case managers of high school seniors in foster care can get contact information for these photographers by filling out the form on our website at [www.foster-adopt.org](http://www.foster-adopt.org) - click on "Current Parents" and "Support Services."

## Upcoming Trainings

Registration is required for all training opportunities.  
Register online at [www.foster-adopt.org/training](http://www.foster-adopt.org/training)

### Sibling Bond & Placement

7 hours of in-service training credit  
Saturday, November 4, 2017  
9 am to 5 pm

### Psychotropic Medication

1.5 hours of in-service training credit  
Saturday, November 18, 2017  
11 am to 12:30 pm

### Resource Parent Trauma Training

14 hours of in-service training credit  
Must attend all four sessions to receive credit  
9 am to 12 pm on the following dates:  
Tuesday, November 7, 2017  
Tuesday, November 14, 2017  
Tuesday, November 21, 2017  
Tuesday, November 28, 2017

## Stressed, Need Help? 24/7 Help

When a crisis erupts, get help 24/7 with our FREE crisis intervention services for families in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County. Trained staff are available 24/7 to help. Our program, Family Works, is available now for you!

For 24/7 immediate assistance, call  
**314.367.8373**  
**(800.FOSTER.3).**

## Meet Salena



Salena is fun, happy, and excited about life. Salena, through unfortunate circumstances, has lived through a lot, but is working hard to remain resilient, optimistic and positive about life! She has a love for her siblings and desires above all to continue some supervised form of contact with them.

Salena loves participating in Children's church and singing in the choir. Her favorite pasttime is learning

the latest dance moves and incorporating them into a skit or play. Her favorite foods are pizza and spaghetti.

Salena is a wise and creative 10-year-old that will require a structured family with a strong sense of what is going on at all times. She thrives with one-on-one attention where she is made to feel valued. For more information on Salena, please contact: Angela Chewe, Extreme Recruiter at (314) 367-8373 or [angelachewe@foster-adopt.org](mailto:angelachewe@foster-adopt.org).

## Meet Jacob



Jacob excels in anything related to the great outdoors, from fishing and hunting to helping rebuild a canoe or working with plants! Jacob's peers and adults who look to Jacob for guidance baiting fishing hooks or setting rabbit traps. Jacob considers himself respectful, responsible, and honest. He likes rap music and video games and noted that Assassin's Creed is his favorite game. Those who know Jacob remark about how caring and compassionate he can be. Jacob enjoys math, science, and history classes and is already considering a future in

carpentry or a related trade. Jacob acknowledged that math can be a challenge for him, but he's great at "eyeballing it!" He isn't afraid to march to the beat of his own drum; he laughs about his favorite outfit consisting of rain boots, shorts, and a vest. For more detailed information about Jacob, please contact Heather Roberts, Extreme Recruiter with the Foster & Adoptive Care Coalition at [heatherroberts@foster-adopt.org](mailto:heatherroberts@foster-adopt.org) or 314-367-8373.