

READY FOR LIFE
FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY
2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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HOPE AND
TRANSFORMING
LIVES,
ONE CHILD
AT A TIME



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Ready for Life Foster Family Agency is located in Redding, CA. We are committed to helping provide safe, loving homes for foster children in Northern California.



Pictured above: All children above were fostered with Ready for Life Foster Family Agency and are now adopted.

“There are no unwanted children, just unfound families.”

-National Adoption Center

Better Choices, Inc./*Ready for Life*, a private non-profit Foster Family Agency, has been committed to helping provide safe, loving homes to hundreds of foster children in Northern California since 2003. It is evident that Rick and Nena Panza, founders of *Ready for Life*, have a profound desire to see the children of our communities succeed. *Ready for Life* was established to provide children with vocational, social, and life skills while providing a safe haven for personal growth and physical care.

Ready for Life Foster Family Agency is a faith-based organization, and as such, strives to support our families, children, and staff with daily prayer, guidance, and encouragement, as we endeavor to raise these precious children together.

As a private foster family agency, *Ready for Life* receives calls to place children from counties all over Northern California. This includes, but is not limited to Shasta, Tehama, Trinity, and Siskiyou County. We have families in Shasta, Tehama, and Trinity County.



Letter from CEO NENA PANZA

In 2019, we, as a town and as an agency, were all recovering from the Carr and Camp fires. My focus was on creating a culture of HOPE in my own life and the lives of others around me. At *Ready for Life*, we saw children come and go. Some were reunited with family while others were adopted in our resource families. I watched as our families created a community of 'giving hope' to each other as they serve in this ministry we call 'foster care'. In addition, they supported and encouraged those parents who were fighting to get their children back. This support continues as children reunite with their families and I am thankful every day for that selfless act that our resource families possess. I am truly hopeful and grateful for 2020 and all it brings.

Blessings,

Nena Panza
Chief Executive Officer

**"Hope is the thing
with feathers that
perches in the soul
and sings the tune
without the words
– And never stops
at all."**

-Emily Dickinson

Letter from Board President LONNIE JULIUS

In 2019, *Ready for Life* welcomed new board members in an attempt to diversify perspective and create a network of individuals with a common goal for the greater good of children and families within the foster care system. The level of expertise and insight provided by the board has renewed passions and allowed *Ready for Life* to expand their vision, take on new challenges and empower employees to invest in the creativity of developing new programs and training resources. The *Ready for Life* board is committed to excellence. On behalf of the board, we see our purpose as the under-girding of an already thriving agency.

It is with eager anticipation we step into 2020 and further develop well thought out goals and continue to nurture ideas that have begun to blossom. It is with great honor we serve the leaders of *Ready for Life*.

Lonnie Julius
Board President





Laura Marie Photography

HISTORY

Better Choices, Inc./*Ready for Life* is a private, non-profit agency, founded in October of 2000. The idea was conceived after the founder, Nena Panza, along with her husband, Rick, had been resource parents for approximately ten years in addition to being group home parents to teen boys. After the realization that traditional foster care seemed to have a few flaws, *Ready for Life* was made a reality. In an effort to proceed with our mission, *Ready for Life* went under the umbrella of a larger non-profit to start its foster family agency.

In July of 2003, *Ready for Life Foster Family Agency* decided to venture out on its own. With the help of many community members, our own Board members, and Tehama County (our support county), we began the journey. On September 11, 2003, Better Choices, Inc./*Ready for Life* was licensed by the State of California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing unit. In 2017, we contracted with Tehama County Child Protective Services and Probation departments to complete RFA assessments. We also were approved as an Resource Family Approval program in early 2017. Additionally, we received accreditation from Council on Accreditation in 2017.

GOALS

The primary goal is to meet the needs of children when out of home placement is necessary. We rely on our resource families to provide clear examples of a healthy, productive lifestyle. They teach children boundaries, choices, consequences, and social skills. In addition, *Ready for Life* requests that our families work intensively with our youth ages 15-21 years of age to give them the opportunity to be as fully prepared to live on their own as is possible.

VISION

To ensure every child has the opportunity for stable, life-long relationships and hope-filled expectations.

MISSION

Fostering hope and transforming lives, one child at a time



Foster Family Agency



PHILOSOPHY

Our logo is a symbol of transformation that a child in need can experience with the help and encouragement of the right resource family. The circle is broken, symbolizing the “breaking of a dysfunctional life cycle.” The butterfly shows the spiritual transformation from within that they can experience. When combined, these symbols create a logo that represents our philosophy

At *Ready for Life*, we believe treatment should be administered cooperatively between the Administrator, social workers, family workers, therapists, resource family, the foster child, and their county social worker. If possible, the child’s biological family should be incorporated into the treatment plan as well. In addition to our therapeutic social work, counseling services will be made available to foster children when deemed necessary.

Ready for Life resource families will be encouraged to participate in the child’s treatment. The social worker will be responsible for adequately informing both the foster child and resource parents of confidentiality issues. We expect that, at times, the foster child will become frustrated or upset because of issues discussed in counseling. Resource parents will be requested to document behaviors that are of concern after the child has met with their counselor. The resource parents will then be asked to provide this documentation if the social worker deems it is necessary.

In those cases where the biological family is involved in the child’s treatment or a reunification plan is in effect, resource parents will be required to both support and encourage this process. It is our philosophy at *Ready for Life* that whenever possible, it is in the child’s best interests to maintain contact with their biological families.

VALUES

- God’s Unconditional Love
- Hope
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Family Relationships
- Safety
- Community



Highlights

NEW RESOURCE FAMILIES

We approved eight new families in 2019! We are continuing to grow and expand, creating new homes for children in our local area and we specifically focused our recruitment on homes willing to place siblings and children eight years and older!

INCREASED FUNDS/DONATIONS/GRANTS

This was the biggest year yet for in-kind donations, monetary donations, and grant funding! We had our most successful Giving Tuesday, received multiple grants and are overflowing with amazing in-kind donations for events, to stock our supply closet and had an increase in one-time and monthly donors. This is a HUGE blessing and we are excited to make next year even better!

NEW EVENTS

We added our first all-day annual resource family workshop, Foster Community. This was a big highlight for staff and families alike and we are excited to continue to grow this annual event. We attended Think Pink at the Sundial Bridge for the first time as a resource family recruitment booth and will be back next year as well!

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

We increased and expanded training opportunities available to current, potential and past resource families to include an all-day workshop, a monthly support group and hosted eight additional training sessions at the Ready for Life office. We also expanded the resource library to include two full sets of TBRI DVDs, additional audiobooks and other training materials to be checked out by resource families. This is vital for ensuring families can get their hours in a way that works for them!

For more highlights, check out our website:

WWW.READYFORLIFE.NET

*"The love and support Ready for Life gives
our family keeps us going."*

- RFL Resource Family

Weaverville, CA

A Year in Review

We believe children are more than numbers, but every number represents a story. *Ready for Life* had 75 children in care in 2019.

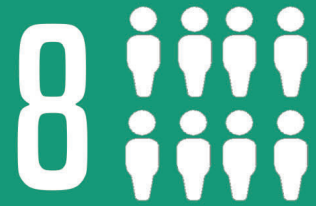
49% OF CHILDREN AT RFL IN 2019

WERE REUNIFIED WITH A PARENT

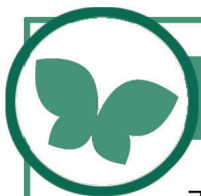


OR

FAMILY MEMBER



**NEW RFL FAMILIES
APPROVED FOR
FOSTER CARE!**



VISION

To ensure every child has the opportunity for stable, lasting, life-long relationships and hope-filled expectations.

14 CHILDREN
ADOPTED
INTO
FAMILIES



310 CALLS FOR CHILDREN NEEDING HOMES
42 CHILDREN PLACED AT READY FOR LIFE FFA

45%

OF THE PLACEMENT CALLS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN WE RECEIVE, WE CAN'T PLACE BECAUSE THEY ARE PART OF A SIBLING SET. THERE IS A HUGE NEED FOR FAMILIES WHO WANT TO OPEN THEIR HOMES TO TEENS & SCHOOL-AGED SIBLING SETS.

Success Stories: Adoption

Grace (Right) was adopted in April. She loves the color pink and playing with her baby dolls.

Gabe, Katie and Rebekah (Bottom) were adopted in October. Gabe enjoys playing with power tools, Katie loves taking care of her baby dolls, Rebekah wants to be doing whatever her older brothers and sisters are doing. They also love playing with their cousins.



"They may not have my eyes, they may not have my smile, but they have all my heart."



We are so excited to announce 14 adoptions this year!

Alice (Left) was adopted in August. She loves playing with her brothers and sister and her favorite food is bananas.

Kaylee (Bottom Left) was adopted in April. She loves unicorns, dance and playing dress up. She enjoys taking care of her family's pet chickens.

Roman & Rose (Bottom Right) were adopted in April. They love being outside and playing with their cousins. Exploring is their favorite and they love visiting the Children's Museum.

Success Stories: Adoption



Dalanar (Right) was adopted in November. He loves anime, cats and Family Game Night. He is planning a trip to the country he has always wanted to visit, Japan.

Eli & Corben (Right) were adopted in July. They enjoy playing with LEGO, baseball, playing outside and doing crafts with their grandparents.

Addy (Bottom Left) was adopted in December. She loves reading, dressing up and her animals, especially her pet chickens.

STILL WAITING...

We have two amazing kids (Bottom Right) that have found their forever family, but are still awaiting their court date. Big brother loves baseball and basketball. Little sister like to play dress up. One day she hopes to be a princess (if you ask her, she already is).



The Robles Family

Amy, Will and their children Savannah 13, Ryker 11, Noah 7



We get the opportunity to meet some of the most amazing families and children through Ready for Life. We partner with families who step up and say yes to being involved in the life of a child, no matter how messy. When these families say yes, they sometimes have very little idea the extent of what they are saying yes to.

We interviewed a family of five who currently foster a teen girl. And after five years of fostering, they continue to say yes and are making a positive difference in the lives of those children. We are so grateful to the Robles family and the MANY families like them who continue to say yes to hard things and create a stable and safe environment for children to thrive. They thankfully allowed us to gain a greater understanding of their most recent experiences as a resource family. Here's a snapshot of what the kids had to say.

What's it like having a new person in your home?

- Exciting and scary.
- I like it.

What's the hardest part?

- When they act really tough, or try to act like the boss.
- Getting to know them, it's really awkward at first.
- There is not really anything hard.

What's the best part?

- Another girl in the home
- There is another person to play with

What is something you have learned from being a brother/sister to her?

- People have had it harder than me and my brothers.

What is something you have taught her?

- That she can't keep getting in trouble because people care about her.
- I never taught her anything.
- How to go on a scooter!

Now that you have a big sister, what are some things you like to do as a family?

- Watch movies, gym, getting nails done and going to lunch
- Going on the boat
- Eating dinner together

If you could give one tip to another kid whose family was going to foster, what would it be?

- Give them space when they need it and in the beginning!!
- Let it all happen.
- Keep going!

Interview with a Foster Family

How long have you been fostering and how many foster children and teens have you had in your home?

We have been fostering for 5 years. We have had between 12-15 foster children in our home. The shortest being 2-day placement and the longest being our current placement, at a little over a year.

What was the most challenging thing about fostering in the beginning?

In the beginning the most challenging thing was when you realize that a specific child doesn't work with your family dynamics. There is a lot of guilt associated with that.

What have been some of the hardest things about fostering?

We think the hardest thing about fostering our current youth was when she was struggling to balance the relationship with her biological sibling and our family. It was hard for her to let go and be comfortable while trying to take care of her sister.

What was the weirdest thing to adjust to with having a new child in your home?

With teenagers, It has been really awkward interacting with our foster youth's friends and boyfriends. They are from families we don't know. Something that can be weird or awkward is telling a teenager they need to have better hygiene.

How did you decide to trust the foster child in your home? What was that process like?

Time and experience are the only things we can use to trust someone new in our home. We start off being more strict and as trust is earned the rules become more relaxed.

What's something that has been a positive?

There have been so many positives during our foster care experience. Seeing kids reunify with family and sending kids off to independence has been positive. The relationships we have established, when a

teenager calls you mom/dad, and when a child stays in contact.

Who are the key people in your life that support you?

We have a large family and friend group that support us. We also have friends and co-workers that have supported us.

What do you need most from your community/support network?

Respite care. When friends or family have our foster child over for the evening it is very helpful!!

What's something your current foster child has taught you?

Patience. LOL. Also, new music, food, styles. Our current foster child also is great with directions and helps me a lot when we are in Redding.

What are you most proud of your foster child for?

We are so proud of her! When she was first placed with us she hadn't been to school in a year, now she is a straight A student. She has an amazing work ethic, is hilarious, and is part of our family.

How as a family have you supported/invested into the foster child? What skills are you helping the foster child develop?

She is definitely apart of our family now, immediate and extended family. We think being consistent, showing her a healthy family and healthy relationships has been the best thing we could offer her.

What advice would you give to other families thinking about fostering teens and/or sibling groups?

Be consistent and patient! A teenager is not going to bond with you right away, they need to trust you which takes time, but when they do, it's worth it. Teenagers are also a lot of fun! No car seats, fun to do things with and can be hilarious/fun travel companions. They keep you young.

Interview with a Foster Youth

We had the opportunity to sit down with a foster youth to gain a better understanding of her experience as a teen in foster care and the challenges and wins that come with that. She candidly described her experience in foster care, what she has overcome and what she has learned. We are very proud of her.

How old are you and how long have you been in foster care?

16 years old and in foster care for 1 year.

What have been some of the hardest things about it?

Not being with my mom. Not seeing who I want to see. That's it.

That's it?

Following someone else's rules when I never had rules. Trying to be in a new family and keep going on with life.

What about in the beginning?

Being comfortable at their home. Feeling safe. Not crying all the time because I can't go home with my mom. Getting consequences that I thought were dumb, but they were right. I learned all the stuff I should have learned a long time ago.

Telling them what I don't like, like I don't want to be rude and be like, "Oh I don't like this food," and if she cooks it then I don't want to say that I don't like it. It's hard to try new things.

What was the hardest or weirdest thing to adjust to?

Pooping there. I'm serious.

It was weird to go to school and come home to a family and have their routine that I didn't know. I thought they were going to expect me to clean my room every day and that I wouldn't be allowed to go anywhere or do anything. I thought they would be like, "You can't do this. You can't do that. You have to do a whole bunch of chores." They're not like that. They pretty much let me do what I want to do. I don't even have to clean my room. I just clean it when I want, but I'm a clean freak... I thought they weren't going to let me do anything.

Did you have to earn their trust or did they give it to you right away?

They trusted me right away. When I was at home, they left me at home with their kids. I was so confused, I was like WHAT? You don't think I'll hurt them?

"No, why, do we have a reason." I was so confused. I was like, "Have you seen my record?" I was surprised. They gave me a chance and then I broke their trust when I didn't come home at the right time, but then I got their trust back. They trust me more than ever with their kids. They're my siblings.

They didn't judge my sister and I at all. Even the kids didn't. They didn't ask us, "Where is your mom or why are you guys here? Why are you calling my parents your parents." I thought the kids would get jealous and be like, "That's not your parents." They're not even like that. Their parents treat us equal.

Sometimes I get irritated and just want to move, but really, I really don't want to. I can't. I can't move. It's so hard. They are a part of me.

Where would you be if you weren't in care?

Dead. Or pregnant.

What was the hardest or weirdest thing to adjust to?

Pooping there. I'm serious.

What's something that has been a positive?

Actually having parents. I told my mom I will always love you. You will always be my mom. I won't trade you in for my foster mom. I made her understand that. Amy and Will are my parents. You are my mom, but they are my parents. They taught me, like a newborn and I'm not even a newborn. I think it's good to have them..I guess. I'm just kidding. I mean I don't want them to think I'm being too nice and take that for granted. I'm just kidding). It's nice to have both parents. It's good to have my parents.

Who are the key people in your life that support you?

Foster mom and dad. My boyfriend. My grandma. That's it.

My foster mom and dad, they'll support me through everything. They encourage me to try to find a job and to try to do good in school, but it's okay if I don't have a job. They push me on to the right path, but they don't judge. They're different. They're not controlling. They don't force me to do stuff.

What do you need most from your foster family?

What I got out of foster care, I thought I was never going to get. I got a lot from this family.

What's something your foster family has taught you?

To follow rules and if I didn't I get a consequence That I shouldn't be hanging out with older people, they want me to hang out with people my own age To do good in life instead of all the negative

What is something you've taught them?

How to be the best lipsyncers EVER (like you know in being a drama queen) & to put soy sauce on everything.

What do you now know about yourself that you didn't before?

Following rules. I needed that because I was out of control.

I've always liked having money, but I've learned that you don't have to sell drugs to get money. You can get a real job and work for people and make real money instead of like, criminal money.

What are you most proud of?

Not running away. Not running. Not moving homes.

Is there anything else that you're proud of, that you've accomplished?

Getting a boyfriend that's my age. Getting clean. Getting good grades. I have a job!

What advice would you give to another kid in care?

If they keep saying they don't like their foster family, I would tell them to give them a second chance. Don't say you just don't want to live with them, you have to have a good reason why. And if it's because you don't like the rules, then it's not a good answer.

What would you tell another kid who has found themselves in care?

I would tell him it's okay. You'll get a lot of things out of foster care. You'll learn different things. And not saying your mom is a bad person, but you'll learn more things than your mom could teach you. You can still see your mom, no one is telling you not to see your mom. You can still see her, you would have a better life in care instead of with your mom and going in and out of foster care. Keep getting hurt. You can stay and make it way better than it was and realize that your mom will get better. But you need to get better first.

You just gotta keep going. You can cry and all, everyone does that. You just gotta keep going with life instead of thinking about your mom or the bad stuff that happened or focus on the fact that you're not going to go home. If you keep thinking that then it's not going to change for you and you're just going to stay in the same boat and not move on.





READY FOR LIFE FAMILY FUN LUAU

Ready for Life hosted its third Annual Family Fun Event in October. This year everyone showed up in their Hawaiian shirts and leis to eat treats, play games, win prizes and connect! All current and potential resource families were invited and we also extended the invitation to any friends of the families who were interested in learning more about fostering. There were beautiful cakes to win in the cake walk, various games for all ages, raffle prizes, cotton candy, popcorn, and more. Over 100 people attended, including two new families! It was incredible to see all of our families come together and have fun! Thank you to Crosspointe Community Church for hosting this event.

Events

Every year we hold events to connect families together. Life is no fun to do alone! In 2019 we hosted the following events.

MAY

Connecting with the community at our Not Forgotten Foster Care Awareness Event

JUNE

Building community with other foster families at Foster Community

OCTOBER

Eating dinner & playing games at the Family Fun Luau

NOVEMBER

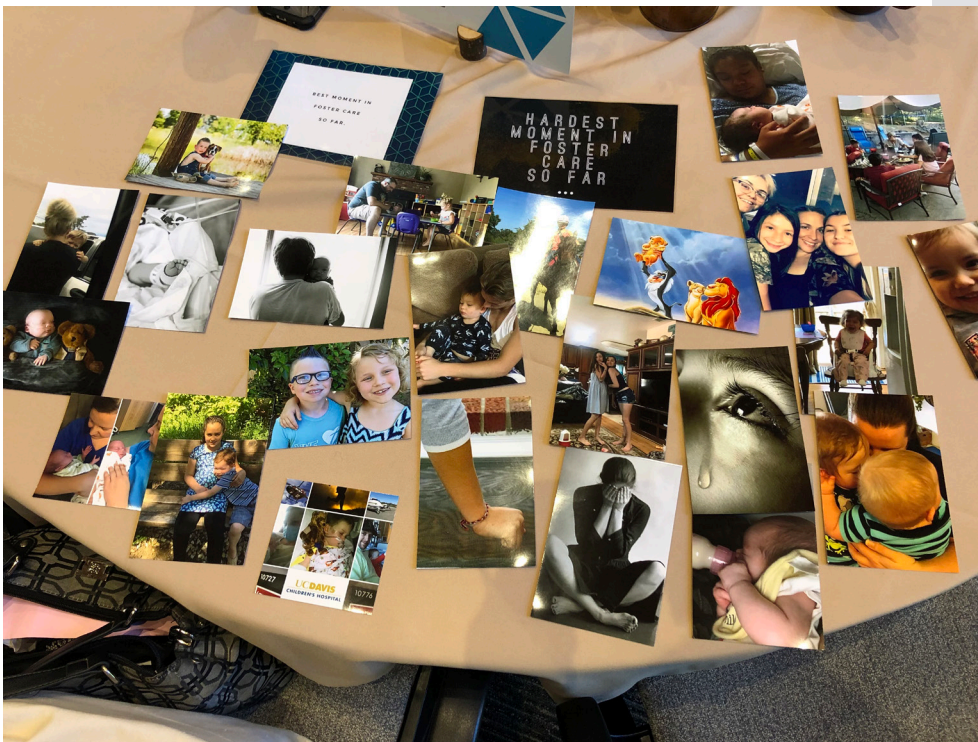
Partnering with generous people for Giving Tuesday

Foster Community

Foster Community was created for current adoptive resource (foster) families from our agency. The event was designed to provide training hours, build community, and appreciate families. It gave them the space to process their foster and adoptive journey with each other. The day encouraged families who have had 30 placements or 0 to come and learn together because we know everyone's story is different, but that is what makes a beautiful and vibrant community.



Top Left: Families spent time at stations answering questions about their own foster and adoptive journey. *Top Right:* Families wrote the names of every child they've had placed in their home while being foster parents. Even if they only have ever had one child, this visual represented being a part of the bigger, *Ready for Life* Family.



We were blessed to have the beautiful McConnell Foundation Lema Ranch facility for our event and our grant funding allows us to bless families with giveaways, catered breakfast and lunch, event swag and beautiful décor. Each family in attendance received a copy of *The Little Book of Foster Care Wisdom: 365 Days of Inspiration and Encouragement for Foster Care Families* and a copy of *Once I Was Very Very Scared* to use with the children placed in their homes. We are excited to share this was a well-attended and highly praised event and we are planning to continue this annual event in June 2020!

Bottom Left: Families shared their hardest and best moments as resource families.



We want to specifically thank the following volunteer groups for partnering with us this year:

Redding Christian Schools (middle & bottom right)

Shasta College Baseball Team (left)

Heart Matters | Pathway Church (bottom left)

Volunteers

We can't thank our volunteers enough! They make things happen and we are so lucky to partner with them. Whether it is organizing donations, assisting with childcare during foster family training opportunities, or helping out at events, there are so many ways to contribute!

Volunteers, in addition to assisting with our closet of donations, also helped with filing and other administrative duties, cleaning, weeding and babysitting. It's been a joy to meet people who are passionate about serving their community.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer or internship opportunities, please contact us at 530-222-1826 or info@readyforlife.net.





Volunteer Spotlight: Nicole

Volunteering has been an integral part of my education in the field of social work and an act of service that is vital to the efficiency and effectiveness of many social service agencies. Over the years, I have volunteered with many different agencies in Shasta County, but found myself seeking to supplement my textbook knowledge of Child Welfare with hands-on experience. Upon seeking input from our local social work community, I learned of *Ready For Life Foster Family Agency's* stellar reputation and decided to spend my free time with them. The agency's passion in caring for and empowering foster youth is infectious; my passion for working with foster youth was nurtured in my time spent there.

My experience volunteering at *Ready for Life* has been above and beyond all of my other volunteering experiences because the staff genuinely cared about my desire to broaden my knowledge of the field. I was not just given tedious tasks to complete by myself, like organizing donations, but was given tasks where I was encouraged to ask questions about how the agency and child welfare system functioned. I feel that my time spent volunteering with *Ready For Life* has been one of the most meaningful hands-on experiences because the knowledge I gained helped to prepare me for the work I am doing now with foster youth in the educational system. I am forever grateful to their staff for being a part of my education and career journey, and look forward to seeing the agency continue to grow and flourish.

-Nicole Rupp

We want to thank the many individuals and groups who help make everything we do at *Ready for Life* possible (not pictured here) [Simpson University Students](#) | [S.W.E.L. \(Serving Women Equipping Leaders\)](#) a [Shasta County Women's Ministry](#)

Fundraising



JERSEY MIKE'S

Thank you Jersey Mike's for partnering with us again in 2019. The \$3 Sub Card fundraiser contributed over a total of to *Ready for Life!* We appreciate your efforts to give back to the community and look forward to more tasty subs in the future!

\$3 SUB CARDS

Resource families, friends, and members of the community participated by bringing \$3 Sub Cards to Jersey Mike's during the week of the fundraiser. We are so grateful for the many people that joined in the cause of raising awareness and finances for foster care! Thank you Jersey Mike's for feeding us all!

With your help, we raised **\$2,897!**



Giving Tuesday

In 2019, for the third time, we partnered with Shasta Regional Community Foundation for North State Giving Tuesday. Giving Tuesday is a Global Giving Movement that follows Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday in November. It promotes “giving where you live” by encouraging people to donate funds online, pledge to volunteer time, or use the power of their voice to advocate for local community causes. Giving Tuesday happens in over 150 countries around the world.

Thank you to the many foster families that shared the reason they choose to foster and encouraged others to give.



GIVING TO FOSTER HOPE

READY FOR LIFE FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY
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SUPPORTING FOSTER FAMILIES & CHILDREN

- GIFTS
- APPROVING FAMILIES
- TRAINING
- RESPIRE & CHILD CARE
- FAMILY EVENTS

In partnership with Giving Tuesday we raised **\$5,383!**

Grants Received



Our very first foster family all day training and community building event, Foster Community on June 15, 2019 was attended by 17 families.

Thank you! We couldn't have done it without a grant from Redding Rancheria! Thank you to The McConnell Foundation for lending us the space.



Shasta Regional
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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REDDING, CALIFORNIA



Donors

We want to acknowledge and thank those who have supported *Ready for Life* throughout the year. Your contributions at our JERSEY MIKE'S FUNDRAISERS, support of GIVING TUESDAY, and MONTHLY SUPPORT have helped us sustain our mission to foster hope in our community. Your donations of gently used clothing, car seats, cribs, strollers, toddler beds, toys, school supplies, etc. have met the needs of foster children throughout the year.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

T and S DVBE INC - Peery Family Chiropractic - Jersey Mike's - PG & E - Holiday Market - The Harvest Company
Trader Joe's - Safeway - Picaboo - Premiere Meats - Franz Bakery Outlet - Coca Cola - Lake Shasta Caverns
Cookies & Yogurt - Wildlife Safari - Sacramento Zoo - Black Bear Diner - Turtle Bay- Pier 39 - In-n-Out -
World Telecom & Surveillance, Inc. - Redding Colt 45s - APEX The Pizza Factory, Shasta Lake

GIVING TREE

Thank you to the patients of Peery Family Chiropractic and the customers of The Pizza Factory, Shasta Lake for sponsoring Christmas for all of our foster children. Your donations provided many children in our community the joy of Christmas this holiday season!

SWEATSHIRTS

Thank you to Boundary Waters Screenprinting for printing our t-shirts and sweatshirts. This fundraiser has brought in some extra funds and helped us to spread awareness of the need for foster homes. There are still t-shirts and sweatshirts available, call to reserve yours today!

CARTER'S PAJAMA PROGRAM

Thank you to Carter's Pajama Program for donating 30 sets of pajamas and books. We are able to equip children who come into care with pajamas and a book to read before bed!

XANDER BUNNIES

Thank you to everyone who purchased Xander Bunnies through Lavender Life Company's "**Buy a Bunny. We Gift a Bunny**" Program. Because of you, we are able to bless children who come into care with a Xander Bunny so they can walk into their foster home with their arms full instead of empty. Lavender Life Company's mission is "We want each kid of any age to feel "hugged" and not alone. That is why for every Xander Bunny purchased we give one to a kiddo in Foster Care." If you are interested purchasing a Xander Bunny, please use the discount code **RLFFA** at checkout. This ensures the "gifted" bunny from Lavender Life Company goes to a child at *Ready for Life*.



"We love how soft our Xander Bunny is! It came with personalized packaging and a sweet note. It's perfect for my daughter's Easter basket. My favorite thing about it, is that it can be warmed up in the microwave."

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