

Emergency & Normalcy Needs Program



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The Emergency & Normalcy Needs program vital support to children in foster care by addressing immediate needs and promoting a sense of stability and normalcy in their lives. Through this program, we offer essential resources such as school supplies, clothing, and bedding, ensuring that foster children have the necessary tools to thrive, even in challenging circumstances. Additionally, we provide opportunities for typical childhood activities, such as extracurricular activities and outings, to mitigate disruptions and uncertainties associated with foster care. The Emergency & Normalcy Needs program plays a crucial role in supporting the holistic well-being of children in foster care.

At Voices, we recognize the urgent needs of children in foster care, especially during times of crisis or transition. Our Emergency & Normalcy Needs Program is designed to address these needs promptly and comprehensively. By offering a range of essential resources and services, we ensure children in foster care have access to the support they need to navigate challenging situations and maintain a sense of stability and well-being.



Immediate Support

- Financial Assistance
- Linkage to Resources
- Clothing
- Baby Items
- Bedding
- School Supplies
- Other Essential Daily Living Items



Restoring Normalcy

- School Events
- Recreational Activities
- Educational Outings
- Summer Camps



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Children supported through the Emergency & Normalcy Needs Program during FY 2024–2025

Through our personalized approach, we strive to empower children and their caregivers, promoting resilience, self-esteem, and a sense of belonging. By addressing both emergency needs and fostering opportunities for normalcy, the program aims to create a supportive environment where every child in foster care can thrive and reach their full potential.

Dream BIG Days



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Dream BIG Days is a transformative program designed to provide enriching experiences and core memory - making opportunities for children in foster care. Through a series of specially curated events and activities, Dream BIG Days aims to broaden horizons, ignite curiosity, and foster personal growth among participants. These immersive experiences offer children the chance to explore new interests, discover hidden talents, and create lasting memories that transcend the challenges of their circumstances.



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Children participated in a Dream BIG Day during FY 2024-2025



Enriching Experiences

Dream BIG Days offer a diverse range of enriching experiences. Each Dream BIG Day is carefully crafted to engage and inspire participants through:

- Educational Outings
- Cultural Events
- Recreational Activities
- Sporting Events



Core Memory - Making

Dream BIG Days aim to create lasting memories that empower children and instill a sense of joy, wonder, and possibility through:

- Shared Experiences
- Meaningful Interactions
- Special Events



Personal Growth

Dream BIG Days encourage personal growth and self-discovery. Participants emerge from each Dream BIG Day with increased confidence and resilience by:

- Overcoming Challenges
- Mastering New Skills
- Forging New Friendships

Hope Haven



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Hope Haven provides essential items and support to children and families in need. As a centralized warehouse, it offers toys, clothing, baby supplies, bikes, hygiene products, and teen essentials. This ensures caregivers and case managers can meet the varied needs of the children they serve.

By allowing caregivers to handpick items, Hope Haven promotes empowerment and dignity, ensuring each child receives necessary items suited to their needs. This personalized approach reduces stress and challenges for caregivers, helping them better support the children in their care.



Essential Items Available Anytime

Caregivers and case managers can access a wide range of essential items, including:

- Toys
- Clothing
- Baby Supplies
- Bikes
- Hygiene Products
- Teen Essentials



Quarterly Pop-Up Shops

Hope Haven hosts quarterly pop-up shops where caregivers and case managers can:

- Browse and Select Items
- Foster Empowerment and Dignity



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Children served through Hope Haven during FY 2024–2025

Through the services offered at Hope Haven, we aim to support the well-being and development of children in need. By providing a convenient and welcoming environment for essential items and hosting engaging pop-up shops, we ensure that every child has the resources they need to thrive.

School Break Food & Wellness Program



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The School Break Food & Wellness Program provides essential resources and care to children in foster care during out of school time. By ensuring access to nutritious meals, wellness activities, and support services, the program promotes healthy physical and emotional development.

The program eases the burden on caregivers by providing children with necessary nutrients and support outside school hours. It encourages participation in sports and wellness activities, enhancing physical, mental, and social skills.



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Children and families supported through the School Break Food & Wellness Program during FY 2024–2025



Nutrition

Nutritious meals are provided during school breaks to address food insecurity. A well-balanced diet supports physical health, cognitive function, and academic performance.



Health

Health support and advocacy ensure children receive necessary resources, promoting overall well-being and reducing stress.



Wellness

A variety of wellness activities empower children to engage in physical fitness, sports, and wellness practices, fostering lifelong habits of self-care and supporting emotional and social development. A significant part of this pillar is the Luke Hoyer Athletic Fund, created in memory of Luke Hoyer, who was tragically killed in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting. Luke's love for sports and generous spirit live on through this program, which helps children participate in sports by covering all costs associated with the activity.

The School Break Food & Wellness Program promotes the health, wellness, and nutrition of children in foster care, offering nourishment, medical support, and holistic well-being opportunities. We aim to empower children for a brighter future, one life at a time.

Luke Hoyer Athletic Fund



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The Luke Hoyer Athletic Fund is a special initiative in The School Break Food & Wellness Program, created in loving memory of Luke Thomas Hoyer, who tragically lost his life in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting on February 14, 2018. Luke was an avid sports enthusiast, particularly passionate about basketball and football. This initiative ensures his joyful spirit and love for sports continue to impact the lives of children in need.

Many children in foster care lack the financial resources to engage in sports or related activities. This initiative helps bridge that gap by covering all associated costs.



Empowering Children in Foster Care Through Sports or Related Activities

The Luke Hoyer Athletic Fund supports children in foster care by covering expenses for:

- Participation Fees
- Sports Equipment
- Practice Gear
- Uniforms
- Travel Expenses
- Any other costs associated with the sport



Impact

The Luke Hoyer Athletic Fund provides children in foster care with the resources to:

- Build Confidence
- Develop Skills
- Promote Health
- Create Lasting Memories
- Strengthens Families

Fostering Hope



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Fostering Hope is a comprehensive program designed to support children aging out of foster care, providing them with stability, belonging, and optimism. By addressing the unique challenges faced by foster youth, the program offers emotional support, educational assistance, and access to essential services, creating a nurturing environment where they can thrive.

Fostering Hope supports youth ages 15–22 as they transition from the foster care system to independent living. Unlike traditional mentoring programs, Fostering Hope offers individualized services tailored to each participant's needs and goals, facilitated by a dedicated adult advocate.



Individualized Case Management

Each youth is paired with a dedicated case manager who offers personalized guidance and advocacy in:

- Employment
- Education
- Housing
- Social Activities
- Safety



Resource Coordination

Fostering Hope ensures access to essential services through connections to:

- Employment Opportunities
- Educational Resources
- Housing Assistance
- Financial Literacy Workshops
- Recreational Activities



Empowerment and Support

The program equips youth with the skills and confidence needed for independent living, offering ongoing guidance and advocacy to:

- Overcome Obstacles
- Set Achievable Goals
- Cultivate Stability and Well-Being



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Teens were supported in the Fostering Hope Program during FY 2024–2025