



## Six Ways to Change a Life

Make a  
Difference...  
One Child  
at a Time.

### **Be an Adoptive Parent**

Provide a permanent, loving home to a foster child through adoption. You do not have to be wealthy or married; single people, unmarried couples, and partners can all adopt. For more information, contact the Foster Care Adoption Hotline at (888) 811-1121 or visit <http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us>.

### **Be a Foster Parent**

Offer a warm and safe home environment to abused and neglected children. Specialized training, support and financial assistance are available. For more information on how to become a foster parent, call the Foster Parent Recruitment Hotline at (888) 811-1121 or visit <http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us>.

### **Be a Mentor**

Every child living in foster care needs to have support from someone who encourages him to envision a better life. Being a mentor is a unique opportunity to show a young person that he or she has someone to rely upon, even through challenging times. For more information, call the Department of Children and Family Services at (213) 351-0106.

### **Be a CASA**

Help a child by becoming a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). CASAs are volunteers from the community who visit their assigned foster child and advocate for the best interests of the child both inside and outside the courtroom. Call the Child Advocate's Office for information on how to volunteer (323) 526-6306.

### **Be a Donor**

While the foster care system does its best to provide the necessities of life, youth often lack birthday gifts, musical instruments, sports uniforms, or other items many children take for granted. By donating funds, an unwrapped gift, or a gift certificate, you can help fill these voids. For more information, contact the Children's Law Center at (323) 980-1700.

### **Be an Employer**

Invest in hiring young people from the foster care system and training them for successful careers. Employers provide foster youth with a critical start toward a lifetime of self-sufficiency. To provide a job or an internship for youth in foster care, visit [www.unitedfriends.org](http://www.unitedfriends.org) or contact United Friends of the Children at (213) 580-1823.



Foster Care Awareness Campaign