



# CHOICES

CHILDREN HAVE OPTIONS IN CARING ENVIROMENTS

## THANKS TO YOU!

## Christmas Outreach Recap & Special Moments

You helped create so many magical moments during the holiday season. Every giving gesture showed a CHOICES youth that someone cares. Thank you for taking the extra time to pick out specific wishes for our kids. This is what truly makes the giving season special.

With your support, we hosted a foster care party with nearly 300 attendees. There were games, TONS of squishmallows, visits with Santa, raffle prizes and goat cuddles for our teens. All of this made possible because of your kindness. Three days later, we hosted a party for independent living teens, they enjoyed a meal, winning gift cards during bingo and each youth walked home with a MEGA door prize. Thank you for creating smiles and fun memories!

We are sending a very heartfelt thank you to all holiday donors from individuals to businesses. Here is a recap of the impact you made:

- 61 Winter Coats
- Christmas lists fulfilled for over 100 foster youth
- 19 foster families shopped in our Santa Toy Shoppe
- 60 Adopt a Teen Wishlists fulfilled
- 19 Adopt a Family Matches
- 40 grocery gift cards for Thanksgiving & Christmas Meals



*The kids loved every minute of the Christmas party!*

*Awesome party! The kids were so happy - which led to a happy Momma too!*

## THE STATS October - December

**13,618** Safe Sleeps

**2** New Homes

**44** Individual Needs met

## Experiencing the Arts

### Teens and Foster Youth Attend Cirque Du Soleil Corteo



Year-round your donations help us provide special activities for the kids in our program. From time to time we are also delighted to receive direct donations from organizations. Thank you to Cirque du Soleil for providing 45 tickets to their performance of Corteo. This was a part of their Global Citizen outreach. A number of our foster families were able to attend, we also treated two transitional age youth to a night out. They were in awe of the performance and loved the acrobatics. Their caseworker said their smiles of JOY were so big. Your donations helped to treat them to dinner, and of course they picked Raising Cane's! Events provide first time experiences, build relationships and create special memories. Thank you for helping our kids!

## MEMORIES AND MILESTONES YOU HELPED CREATE



Your donations help create special holiday memories! We visited Cincinnati Zoo Lights with our transitional age teens (and their kids) in December.



We continued to celebrate many adoptions! Kingston and Mel have been waiting a long time for this day - Congrats!!



Winner, Winner! Donations help us surprise our teens with mega prizes at their Christmas party. Thank you!

Your support made these stories possible *thank you!*

# Rookie Foster Parents of the Year 2023

Kevin & Jennifer Kremer

Kevin and Jennifer came into this journey of foster parenting with hearts ready and arms wide open. The Kremers began their fostering journey wanting to provide a stable, loving home. They have fostered two sibling groups. They supported the first siblings all the way until reunification, a truly bittersweet moment. Their commitment is all encompassing, from sports and extra education help, to supportive services, to their favorite meals, these kiddos will feel right at home as soon as they walk through the door. You can catch the Kremers and their crew at almost every CHOICES event, all the community activities, every school performance, weekend sporting event for the kids, or a professional sporting event to make memories. The Kremers have truly embodied the CHOICES values through their commitment, advocacy, and passion. Their dedication to ensuring healing and success for their youth's futures has been monumental.



**Enthusiastic, Eager, Engaged and Energetic** are just a few characteristics of this year's Rookie Foster Parent of the Year.

## Kremer Family Fun Facts

- Years Fostering: **2 Years**
- Number of Youth Fostered: **12**
- Favorite Family Activity: **Sporting Events**
- Favorite CHOICES Sponsored Activity: **Trunk or Treat**
- One thing you tell others about Fostering: **Every kid that comes in your house is different, but the one thing they need in common is love.**

**WHAT  
The Kids  
ARE SAYING**

“My IL specialist is amazing, she helps me in every way. I'm grateful for her and the IL program. I'm thankful and happy I got to be a part of this.”

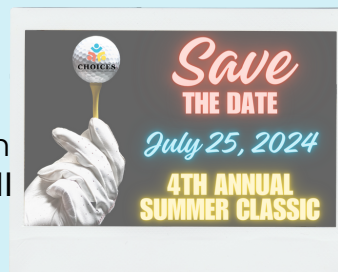


## Monthly Call to Action

March.....Welcome Initiative  
 April.....Cleaning Supplies  
 May.....Graduation Gift Cards

Each month we will showcase a different way to help our youth and families. This is great for individuals, service projects and businesses. Consider CHOICES for a special fundraiser or casual for a cause day at work. More information can be found at [www.choicesohio.org/monthlyfundraisers](http://www.choicesohio.org/monthlyfundraisers)

Join us for our Annual Golf Outing on July 25, 2024 at Heatherwoode Golf Club in Springboro. This event supports our mission and programs - your participation will help meet needs and provide opportunity to youth in Southwest Ohio. Sponsorship and Team Registration will open on March 1. Visit [choicesohio.org/golf](http://choicesohio.org/golf) Tell your friends and be ready for a FUN time!



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## DONATE ONLINE

Donate easily by filling out the form below or online at [choicesohio.org](http://choicesohio.org) and click "DONATE".

Questions? Contact Ashley Pester at [apester@choicesohio.org](mailto:apester@choicesohio.org) or (937) 264-0084 ext. 122.

## Would you like to make a donation?

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I want to make a donation of:

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