



CHOICES

CHILDREN HAVE OPTIONS IN CARING ENVIROMENTS

THANKS TO YOU!

Trunk or Treat Fun for 100 Youth in Foster Care

A key thing that makes our programs and services top notch is the number of events and fun activities offered to foster families. **This is only possible with your generous support throughout the year.** Events like our trunk or treat create a fun place for our kids to be their authentic selves - no worries about being labeled as the kid in foster care.

This year we had close to 100 youth attend our trunk or treat. Your kindness allows siblings in different homes to see one another, kids to play together with their CHOICES friends, and foster families to connect.

A special thank you to our candy donors: **ARS, Day Air Credit Union and Wilmer Hale.** We had friends from **WSU Public Safety, Fairborn Police Department and UC's Moment of Magic** join us too. We ended the night eating **Beavercreek Pizza Dive** - thank you for your support too.

Our favorite part was seeing all the cute characters and families that decorated their trunk. It's another special way to help kids feel included. Thank you for helping us create fun memories for our kids with your donations and support!



We love trunk or treat for the safety of our busy kids. The kids love it for the candy and social interactions. It is fun for them to see their caseworkers outside our home too.

THE STATS

13,602 Safe Sleeps

7 New Homes

31 Individual Needs met

You are a key in creating success

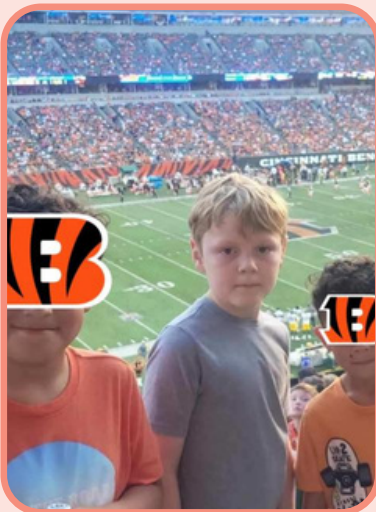
#BetterTogether

CHOICES & UMCH Family Services Merger Update



We have BIG NEWS! CHOICES has merged with another agency, UMCH Family Services. This will not change our services or donations, 100% of your donations will still support CHOICES and our kids/families. The merging will help us share administrative tasks and grow different programs based on the history of our strengths. UMCH Family Services primarily serves Columbus area, and we primarily serve Southwest Ohio. Together we will work to serve a larger area of our state. We invite you to scan the QR code to the left to see our short video explaining the benefit to our respective organizations and how this will help us do more to serve families in Ohio. Or you can visit the link at www.choicesohio.org/merger We invite you to reach out with any questions.

MEMORIES AND MILESTONES YOU HELPED CREATE



Who Dey! We had three families attend a Bengals pre-season game with your ticket donations. The kids loved it!



Teaching our teens to laugh and be silly by hosting game night. Learning that FUN doesn't have to be going out or cost a lot of money.



You have donated 59 new coats to kids in our home-based program and transitional aged teens this season!

Your support made these stories possible *thank you!*

Foster Parent of the Year 2023

Rebecca Williams

When asked to describe this year's foster parent of the year, several characteristics quickly come to mind – patient, caring, supportive, therapeutic, resilient and committed to name a few. Although the list of placements is shorter than most, it's indicative of the long-standing commitment and impact she has had and continues to have in her work with youth and families.

Rebecca joined the CHOICES family in 2018 with a motivation to identify barriers and help youth to overcome them and expressed a desire to connect youth to resources and provide them with a support to help them grow. Ms. Williams has absolutely done that and so much more. Ms. Williams has met every challenge and barrier with a sense of resiliency and advocacy that is second to none.



She is no stranger to sacrifices and gives her all in every situation. You will find her at almost every CHOICES event, every school meeting, and every activity. One of the most notable works Ms. Williams has provided is her unwavering commitment to youth who presented challenges that had stumped even the professionals on the team. Ms. Williams continued to seek guidance while continuing to be a steady safe place where healing could occur. While most of the predictions of this youth's future were unknown, there was certainty with her that she was going to do absolutely everything she could to ensure progress toward success for him.

Rebecca, you are unmatched in your efforts and we are incredibly thankful to have you on our team. Thank you for saying 'yes', for making a difference and for being a part of the CHOICES family.



Ms. Williams has been innovative in her approach to foster parenting and truly provides an environment and support system of kindness, patience, safety and security.

**WHAT
The Kids
ARE SAYING**

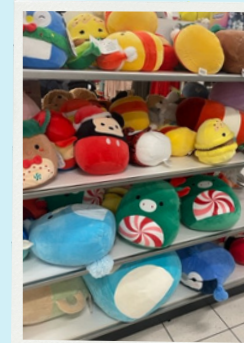
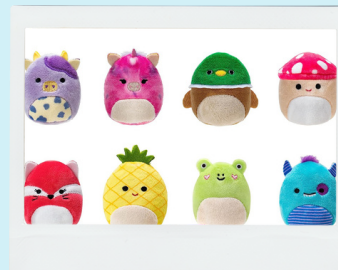
“My foster parents are loving and nice, they make sure I am always ok. They help me when I'm sick, they always respect my opinion and try to do what is best for me. - Youth, Age 12”

Your donation brings JOY to our kids and families during the holiday season



Holiday fun is about to begin at CHOICES! With your generosity we will host a party for foster families and independent living youth. Many of you are already supporting through giving tree, adopt a teen and adopt a family. We ask for your consideration in a monetary donation to help with the party expenses and last minute gifts for new youth. Simply return the form below or donate online!

JOIN OUR SQUISHMALLOW DRIVE - A fun way for you and your kids to participate in bringing joy to our kids this holiday season. Shop for your favorite squishies - all size and themes accepted. Drop off at our office by DECEMBER 6TH so that we have them in time for our party on December 8th. They will be used as a cuddly game prize!



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