



DAVE THOMAS
FOUNDATION
FOR ADOPTION®

Finding Forever Families for Children in Foster Care

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**A Guide to Giving
for the Individual**

WHAT IS THE RETURN ON YOUR
INVESTMENT IN THE DAVE THOMAS
FOUNDATION FOR ADOPTION?

THE GIFT OF A FAMILY FOR A CHILD.



"As members of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption board of trustees and personal supporters, we urge you to make a gift to the Foundation to address the critical needs of our most vulnerable children without families."

- Joe Turner and Jeff Coghlan,
Co-chairs, Major Gift Committee

THE NEED

Every day in America, children are abused, neglected and abandoned. Thousands enter the foster care system and are permanently removed from their home because their birth family is unable or unwilling to provide a safe environment.

Today, 114,000 children in the U.S. foster care system are available for adoption. Many of these children:

- Are age nine or older
- Will wait four years or more to be adopted
- Will move three or more times in foster care
- Are separated from siblings

More than 20,000 of them will turn 18 and exit the system without a family this year.

WE BELIEVE

The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption views the urgency of this issue through the eyes of a child. We are dedicated to these critical core beliefs:

- Every child deserves a safe, permanent, loving family.
- No child is unadoptable.
- No child should linger in foster care or leave the system without a family.

THE NATIONAL VOICE FOR FOSTER CARE ADOPTION

The Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 public charity dedicated to dramatically increasing the adoptions of the children in foster care waiting to be adopted. It is the only national foundation dedicated exclusively to foster care adoption.

DAVE'S LEGACY

Created 15 years ago by Wendy's® founder Dave Thomas, who was adopted as a child, the Foundation implements signature programs to find families for children, streamline the adoption process, and make adoption more affordable for families. As we work tirelessly to find permanent, loving homes for children in the foster care system, we are driven by Dave's simple value: Do what's best for the child.

"THESE CHILDREN ARE NOT
SOMEONE ELSE'S RESPONSIBILITY.
THEY ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITY."

- Dave Thomas



GET INVOLVED

You can invest in a child's future. Your gift to the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption will help us expand the Foundation's impact on the number of adoptions of children from foster care in North America.

WHAT WE DO

The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption is dedicated to moving children from foster care into permanent, loving adoptive families while working to raise community awareness about the issue.

Through direct service and awareness programs like Wendy's Wonderful Kids, Adoption-Friendly Workplace, National Adoption Month activities, national public service announcements and poster campaigns, *A Child is Waiting: A Beginner's Guide to Adoption* and National Adoption Day, the Foundation raises national awareness about the need for adoptive families for foster care children and finds adoptive homes for thousands of children in need.

As a grant-making organization, the Foundation provides resources to adoption organizations in the United States and Canada that directly move children from foster care to adoptive homes. During its 15-year history, the Foundation has impacted the adoptions of thousands of children from foster care.

For comprehensive information about Foundation programs, visit our website at www.DaveThomasFoundationforAdoption.org.





REASONS TO GIVE: THERE ARE 114,000

On any given day, 114,000 children wait in America's foster care system to be adopted. Each child is a reason to consider a gift to the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. Many donors also support the mission of the Foundation because of a personal connection to the cause of adoption or to honor Dave Thomas' passion for the cause.

WAYS TO GIVE

There are two basic ways to give – current gifts and planned gifts. Many donors choose more than one way to give to achieve their philanthropic goals. Combining gift options, considering tax benefits, or making a multi-year pledge often allows donors to make significant contributions. A trusted legal or financial advisor can help you develop a strategy for making charitable gifts that complement your current investment and estate plans.

DONATE CASH OR SECURITIES

The easiest way to support Dave's vision is through a cash gift. Cash contributions qualify as a charitable deduction in the year given. Donating appreciated assets such as stock or mutual funds to the Foundation offers certain tax benefits. Donations can be made by mail, online or by phone with a credit card.

DONATE PROPERTY

A gift of non-cash property, such as real estate, art or collectibles may reduce income or estate taxes.

MAKE A PLANNED GIFT

A planned or future gift integrates your generosity with your overall financial, tax, and estate planning goals to maximize benefits to you and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. Planned gifts typically come from a donor's assets rather than income and can be outright or deferred. Planned gifts include:

- **Bequests:** Make a legacy gift through your will by indicating a dollar amount, a specific property or a percentage of your estate to be donated to the Foundation.
- **Life Insurance Policies and Retirement Plans:** Consider naming the Foundation as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or qualified retirement plan. Assign ownership of a life insurance policy no longer needed to the Foundation to make a contribution while reducing your estate taxes.
- **Trusts and Annuities:** A charitable remainder or annuity trust can provide an income stream and tax benefits for you and your heirs. They are often used for converting highly appreciated assets or securities into income for life or a specific number of years without incurring capital gains tax when the asset is sold. A charitable lead trust is often used for income-producing assets, such as stock or real estate, or assets that are expected to appreciate in value.

ACCEPT OUR THANKS

The Foundation is not government funded and relies on donations from individuals and organizations. Your contribution truly makes a difference in the lives of the children we serve.

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VISION

Every child will have a permanent home and a loving family.

MISSION

Dramatically increase the number of adoptions
of waiting children in North America.



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