

5 Critical Reasons Children in Foster Care Can't Wait

This is a critical moment for children in foster care. With public systems stretched thin, our national network of programs and volunteers have never been more important. Listed below are five critical reasons, more about the problem, and how your gift supports our solution.



1

Because children need more than a bed, they need a family.

THE PROBLEM

Too many children in foster care move from home to home, sometimes three or more times in a year. Each move disrupts their relationships, schooling, and sense of safety.

OUR SOLUTION

Our network recruits and trains volunteer advocates who work with courts and with agencies to identify family placements, expand kinship care, and ensure children have a permanent home where they can thrive.

2

Because healing takes therapy, not just time.

THE PROBLEM

Up to 80% of children in foster care have significant mental or emotional health needs, yet many go without consistent therapy due to staff shortages or other barriers to access.

OUR SOLUTION

CASA/GAL volunteers monitor services, ensure access to therapy, and advocate for stability—so children can heal and succeed in school and life.

3

Because instability leaves children vulnerable to human trafficking.

THE PROBLEM

Youth without stable adult connections are at high risk for trafficking and exploitation—nearly 60% of child trafficking victims have been in foster care.

OUR SOLUTION

CASA/GAL volunteers are the steady, watchful presence that notices red flags early, helps prevent exploitation, and ensures safety plans are followed.

4

Because every child deserves to grow up safely with the people who know them best.

THE PROBLEM

More than 65% of children in foster care are separated from at least one sibling at some point during care.

OUR SOLUTION

CASA/GAL volunteers advocate for sibling placement, family preservation, reunification, and culturally appropriate, family-centered solutions that keep children connected to those who know them best.

5

Because turning 18 shouldn't mean facing the world alone.

THE PROBLEM

More than 20,000 youth age-out of foster care each year without permanent families, many experience homelessness, unemployment, or incarceration within two years.

OUR SOLUTION

CASA/GAL volunteers help young people transition to independence—advocating for education, jobs, housing, and lifelong connections.