



## ETHAN'S STORY

My mom sold stuff on the streets, got into fights and there were drugs. Everyone in my house yelled and hit each other all the time, so that is what I expected. When I came into foster care I was angry and scared. I was pretty mean to my foster dad Mr. Grant at first, but he was different than the others. I didn't get away with being bad, but when he gave me a consequence he was kind and patient. I feel safe with Mr. Grant. He goes out of his way to show that he cares and he makes sure I am taken care of. **I am very different today, and I want to thank Mr. Grant and my Camelot therapist.** I want to be the best person I can be. I want to be successful. I want to graduate from college. I never thought I could do that before. My advice to people – never judge a book by its cover, kids can turn out to be successful.

“ I have been fostering since 2012 because I wanted to make a difference in the lives of children. When I first met Ethan, he was an angry child. Camelot has an excellent support group and they have worked with me. When I call they are there. Ethan has made such progress, seeing him happy and succeeding means everything to me. For me helping a child realize they deserve a family, one that loves them and won't hurt them, is the greatest part of being a foster parent. My advice to future foster parents – The role of a Treatment Foster Parent is unique, it's special. It takes patience and continuous learning. **You get attached and that can't be helped, but you understand the goal and that is to get these kids to a place of safety and healing.** ”

— Grant, Foster Parent

## ABOUT CAMELOT

Camelot Community Care's mission is to develop and provide services which enable children and families to realize their full potential.

Each day, Camelot provides services to over 5,000 children and families who have experienced the trauma of abuse and neglect and/or may be in need of behavioral health services.

Our services aim to protect children, preserve families, and achieve permanency and stability for the children in our care.



## WAYS TO HELP

Not ready to become a Treatment Foster Parent? There are so many other ways you can help. Visit [camelotcommunitycare.org](http://camelotcommunitycare.org) today to donate. Or, follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/camelotcc](https://facebook.com/camelotcc) and share our stories with your friends!

No clients shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local law. Clients needing accommodations for a disability and/or clients with special communications needs should contact the Camelot office or make their request for accommodation at the time of admission into a Camelot program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BECOMING A  
TREATMENT FOSTER PARENT, CONTACT OUR OFFICE



*Bringing Families Together  
For A Bright Future.*

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Meeting the highest standards of professional performance, Camelot is accredited by the Council on Accreditation.



# YOU CAN CHANGE A LIFETIME.



TREATMENT FOSTER PARENTS – EVERYDAY HEROES





“ My Camelot therapist gives me really good advice and pushes me to do the right thing. She helped me a lot with my anxiety and depression. I don't know where I would be without her and my foster mom. ”  
– Foster Youth

### ABOUT OUR CHILDREN IN TREATMENT FOSTER CARE

The children served in our Treatment Foster Care Program enter the foster care system through no fault of their own; they have often suffered physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect that has caused traumatic effects. As a result of their history of trauma, our Treatment Foster Care children display challenging behaviors that require therapeutic interventions.

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR BECOMING A TREATMENT FOSTER PARENT

To be a Treatment Foster Parent, you must:

- Be 21 years of age
- Have a valid driver's license
- Own or rent a home or apartment
- Have additional room for children placed in your home
- Pass local, state, and federal background checks
- Complete 30 hours of pre-service training
- Complete additional 30 hours off specialized treatment training
- Have liability insurance for automobile and home
- Have no more than four children currently living your home
- Show proof of monthly income
- Work with Camelot team to address behaviors of the child
- Participate in monthly psychiatric appointments if applicable
- At least one stay-at-home parent (preferred)
- Be willing to accommodate sibling placements

### WHO ARE TREATMENT FOSTER PARENTS?

Treatment Foster Parents are special people. They possess the gift of love and shape the lives of our most precious resource; the children. They are a part of a child's special journey of healing from traumatic effects of abuse, neglect & abandonment and when the time is right, they help the child transition and find permanency.

Treatment Foster Parents are a distinct group of people; everyday heroes who:

- Display compassion, concern, and love to help mold a child's future
- Gain a sense of satisfaction from helping children & families, thrive and grow
- Give back to their community
- Collaborate with a team to help children find permanency

“ I am very impressed with all the support that's given to both foster parents and children. I feel that there are no stones left unturned when it comes to the safety and concern for the children. ”

– Foster Parent



### SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDED TO TREATMENT FOSTER PARENTS

- Monthly professional training
- 24/7 ongoing support
- In-home counselor meeting with the child at minimum, once a week
- Monthly reimbursement / Monthly stipend
- Ongoing support meetings/mentorship with other foster parents

WITH SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPACT THE LIFE OF A CHILD, WHY AREN'T YOU A TREATMENT FOSTER PARENT?