



*Bringing Families Together
For A Bright Future.*



Camelot Community Care Update

As we begin to open our country back up and stay at home orders are being lifted, Camelot continues to ensure the health and safety of the children and families we support and continue

to deliver services in all of our programs while staying abreast of the ever changing landscape of how we conduct business day in and day out. Our programs continue to be fully operational and continue to utilize telemedicine as well as "virtual" check-ins and meetings with our children and families. We also continue to monitor and pivot accordingly to all recommendations by the CDC and our local health authorities as we begin to move forward with reopening the state.

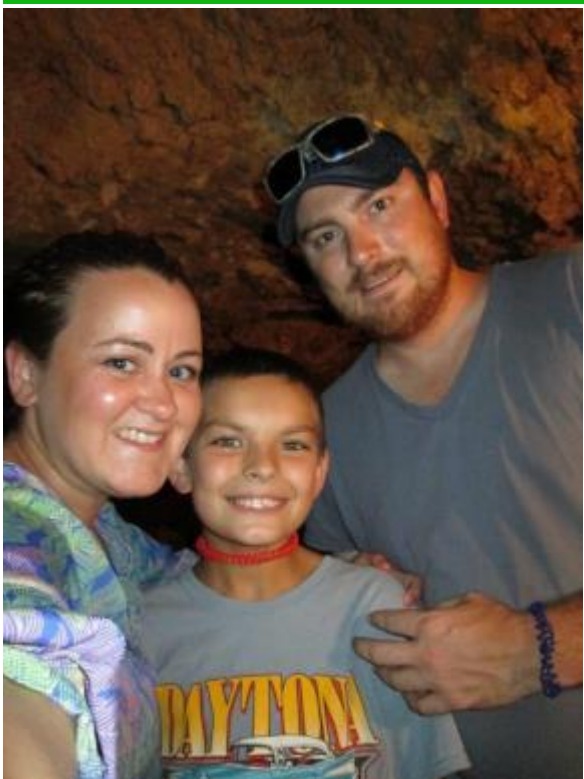
Every day, our staff are going above and beyond to ensure the health and safety of those who are in our care. Camelot is steadfast in our continued service to the communities we serve and we are proud to share that during the time period between March 15 and April 30, 2020, we have been able to successfully support 16 adoptions as well as enroll 24 new families in Foster Parent classes. We could not be more proud of our staff who are going above and beyond during these times to ensure

Camelot Community Care has created a "Wish List" of needed items that have been identified by the individuals that we serve. We would welcome donations of any/all of the item(s) listed in the Amazon Smile Link listed below or gift cards that would allow them to facilitate their needs through on-line shopping services. If your company and/or you personally would like to donate, please take a moment to visit our Amazon Smile Wish List.

CAMELOT AMAZON SMILE WISH LIST

We are endlessly inspired by your kindness and commitment to make a difference during these unprecedented times. Foster youth are some of the most vulnerable

people in our society and our efforts are nothing without the help of individuals like you! THANK YOU!



How You Can Help: Meet the Hube Family

As the world continues to feel the effects of COVID-19, the effects of the virus is being felt in extreme ways by vulnerable children and families.

Meet Chelsea and Josh Hube, a foster family in Southeast Florida with four children (ranging in age from four to 15) at home. With one biological child and a sibling set of three foster children, they are working to adjust to their new normal. Many of Camelot's Foster Parents have stepped up to not only help the current children in their home, they are continuing to take placements, many of whom have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in some way. Because of

the COVID-19 pandemic, Chelsea a nurse at one of the key hospitals accepting COVID patients and her husband Josh, a diesel mechanic, balancing a hectic schedule along with distance learning for the children has been a new challenge to overcome. Like many of us, the concern is not only for their foster children's physical health and safety but for everyone's mental health too. The stay-at-home order is forcing children to be stuck inside and be separated from their communities and every day routines. For Foster Children, that means they are unable to see their families and past traumas come to the surface. According to the Foster and Adoptive Council, that's especially hard for kids who've already experienced a great amount of change and trauma in their lives.

The Hube family has had to juggle an increased number of obstacles and they, like a number of other Foster Families, are in need of a little support during these uncertain times.

Would you like to learn how you can assist the Hube Family or another foster family during these unprecedented times? Please [**CLICK HERE**](#) to fill out the

interest form below and someone from the Development Team at Camelot will get back with you.

Please take a moment to VOTE today!

Camelot is pleased to share that one of our foster parents, Joanne Colon Thaler has been chosen as one of three finalists for the honor of "Best Foster Parent in the United States" as presented by Transfiguring Adoption. Transfiguring Adoption - The Hannah Eimers Award is presented annually to help encourage and spotlight a foster parent(s) who is dedicated to walking children through traumatic times and helping them to better succeed in life. Votes will be accepted May 4 - 24, 2020 and you can vote daily during that time. Please take a moment and bookmark the voting site located [HERE](#) and vote for Joanne daily! She is so very deserving of this award. THANK YOU!



MAY IS FOSTER CARE MONTH

National Foster Care Month is observed annually in May and provides an opportunity for people all across the nation to focus attention

on the year-round needs of children and youth in foster care.

Foster Care Month raises awareness about foster care and encourages many more citizens to get involved in the lives of these youth – whether as their foster parents, volunteers, mentors, employers or in other ways.

Foster Care Month goals are to: 1. Raise awareness about the magnitude of the issue and the urgent and sustaining needs of children and older youth in foster care and their families; 2. issue a national and local call-to-action that motivates, inspires and facilitates more people to come forward and help change a lifetime for a young person in foster care; and, 3. develop a positive framework for maintaining visibility and interest in foster care issues to support the year-round efforts of child welfare agencies like Camelot Community Care.

Foster Care Month also provides an opportunity for acknowledging the thousands of dedicated foster families and other caring individuals who are

already supporting these children and young adults daily. Are you interested in learning more about how you too can change a lifetime for a foster youth? Take a moment to fill out the form located [HERE](#) and a Camelot Team Member will get back to you regarding next steps! Thank you for joining us in celebrating National Foster Care Month! #fostercaremonth #camelotcommunitycare #fostercare #changealifetime



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