Donate!

- **Your Investment**
  Your donation to Methodist Children's Home Society ensures that the abused and neglected children we serve will have a safe haven from harm. We offer many ways for you to support our mission.

Get Involved!

- **Volunteer**
  Become an MCHS volunteer through our Bridge Builders volunteer program. Volunteer as a family, group or individually. Change the world by using your skills to impact the life of a child!
- **Take a Campus Tour**
  We welcome you to join us for a campus tour through the new Connections and Possibilities program! Learn more about how MCHS serves the community and how you can get connected. Walking tours are offered during the third week of every month and usually last for about an hour.
- **Become an MCHS Community Ambassador**
  Sign up to help us spread the word about our programs and services. Help the community understand the issues related to child abuse and the mission of MCHS.

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Foster Care

When you help a child, you change a life.

Provide Safe Havens

Facts and Figures

- ✓ More than 15,000 children are currently in Michigan's foster care system
- ✓ 30 MCHS foster homes cared for 133 children in 2010
- ✓ 44% of the children were age 5 or under
- ✓ 67 were boys and 66 were girls
- ✓ From 2000-2010, MCHS provided foster care for 689 children

WHAT IS FOSTER CARE? - Foster care provides safe havens for children who have been removed from their parents' care because of abuse and/or neglect. The placement is often quite sudden and may be for a short or an extended period of time. These children are boys and girls, from infants through age 17. They come from a variety of social and economic backgrounds, and each child's situation is unique. Many foster children have special needs related to their emotional, physical or mental health.

WHAT DO FOSTER PARENTS DO? - Foster parents provide compassionate care every day until these children are able to return to their biological families or are adopted. Foster children need stability and reassurance because they are often confused, frightened and traumatized. All children have the right to be safe and to experience the love and support of a family. We are grateful for all of the foster parents in our community.

WHO CAN BE A FOSTER PARENT? - In general, the qualifications for becoming a foster parent are:

- 21 years of age or older.
- Single or married.
- Have a stable source of income. There is no minimum income level required.
- Reside in a home or rental property that meets state licensing requirements.
- In good health. A physical is required for each family member.
- Each household member age 18 and over must submit to a criminal & protective service background check.
- Work cooperatively with representatives of the foster care agency.
- Attend the free training classes provided by the State of Michigan.

For more information on our foster care program, including becoming a foster parent, please contact the MCHS Placement Office at: (313) 531-6190