



The HeartShare Difference

Every child deserves a loving and supportive home. HeartShare makes that happen through our foster care and adoption programs. Our most important partners in caring for these children are our Foster and Adoptive Parents.



ADOPTION

Adoption is the most precious gift you can give to a child who cannot go home. Our Homefinders and Caseplanners will be with you from your first call through adoption day. You can bring hope, happiness and a permanent home to a child or sibling group.

HeartShare is always in need of Foster Parents, especially for large sibling groups and teenagers.

Have a heart, give a helping hand. Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent with HeartShare!

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Foster Care and Adoption

Providing Stable Homes for Children



 **HeartShare**
HUMAN SERVICES OF NEW YORK
Making a World of Difference in Our Community

HeartShare helps care for hundreds of children in foster and adoptive homes throughout New York City.

Eligibility/Criteria: Most people are eligible to become foster parents, including you.

- You must be at least 21 years of age or older
- You can be married, single or partnered
- You must have your own income
- You must have a home large enough for a child that is free from health and safety hazards
- All adults in the household must submit to a background check
- You must successfully complete all trainings
- You must submit all required documents

Cost to you: Our services, as well as any court or legal fees are provided at no cost to you. Furthermore, for taking on this incredible job, you will receive a monthly stipend to assist in daily care of your foster child. The child's medical expenses are covered by Medicaid.

Contact Us: If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or a pre-adoptive foster parent, please contact us at 718-422-4337 or email info@heartshare.org.

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Foster Care

Children enter the foster care system for many reasons. The one thing these children have in common is that their parents are unable to care for them. Most children return home to their natural parents, but in some cases, that is not possible. Then, adoption by the foster care parents or another family is the goal.

Whether you are building a new family or adding to an existing one, our team of experienced Homefinders and Caseplanners will give you all the support, encouragement and guidance you need as you welcome a child into your home. We will assist you through the transition period, as well as remain a resource for years to come.

FOSTER PARENTING

As a foster parent, you will provide a temporary home to a child who cannot remain with his or her parents. You must be willing and able to provide daily care to your foster child. As part of our team, you would be working to ensure the well being of the child. The challenges of foster parenting are great, however, the rewards are even greater.

TEENAGERS

Teenagers can, at times, be difficult to parent. However, they often yield the greatest reward. The joy of seeing a teenager succeed is priceless and can mean even more when the child is in foster care because without their natural families, they are at a disadvantage. Your input and guidance in their lives can help today's youth build a stronger tomorrow. In life everyone is given chances—you can be that chance. Frederick Douglass has been quoted as saying, "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Many of the children in our care have special needs. Some children have been born drug-addicted or suffer from low birth weight, have delayed mental and physical development or are HIV+. We are in need of foster parents willing to care for teen mothers and their babies, large sibling groups, and teenagers.

