



A sense of
BELONGING
changes everything

FAMILY TRADITIONS

In addition to being at a very high risk of becoming homeless, youth growing up in foster care, often have missed out on the experience of warmth, hope & sense of belonging that family traditions bring to life.

At Ready for Life (RFL), a 501C3 dedicated to helping foster youth make a successful transition to adulthood, we have designed unique, interactive, learning experiences to provide these benefits to the youth we serve. In a family-like way, we stuff stockings, hold big parties to celebrate special times of year and milestones with each other; and because our youth don't have much family to spend the Holidays with, we go all out to create exposure to traditions they may want to carry on with their own children in years to come.

The tough truth is that youth enter the dependency system through no fault of their own & yet the trauma & trials they face are theirs to overcome. That's where we come in (YOU included!)

Basically anything you'd do for your own kids is what we are up to any given day, & we could not do any of it without people like you! You help make a fundamental change to the outcomes of these young peoples lives, THANK YOU!

❓ QUESTIONS

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HOW you can **HELP...**



VOLUNTEER

The whole point is to be with these young people to help them realize they are loved and what a sense of belonging feels like. We show them some traditions they may want to carry on in their lives with their own children.. We need lots of help to put these celebrations together. Wrapping gifts, organizing parties, and just being there to let the youth know you care.



IN KIND DONATIONS

Thanksgiving is done dish to pass for 200 people, bring a turkey, ham or any of the fixin's...Christmas we do one wish list item if you'd like to provide a gift, and fill a stocking We also need: tooth brushes, tooth paste, hygiene items and \$20 Walmart or Publix gift cards for 150 young adult...nd wrapping paper and large bags. We celebrate birthdays once a month with a cake and pizza party. We always need chips, soda's, pizza and birthday cakes and candy.



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\$25 per youth x 150 is a good average, and other items area available please contact Michelle.