

Foster Village Peoria

# 2022 Impact Report



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## from the Executive Director

Wow! What an amazing 2022 for Foster Village Peoria. We launched, what started as small operation, (founded and ran by Danielle Carr, Emily Doubet, and myself, Cheriz Kunkel) that quickly grew to serve over 200+ families in a short five months!

Since our launch on June 28, 2022 we have heard the “thank yous” and praise from foster parents, kinship parents, and biological families. Our programs have grown quickly to fulfill the gaps in resources in the foster community, thanks to ongoing support.

Thank you to our 2022 Board of Directors, leadership volunteers, our volunteers teams and committees, our donation drive partners, sponsors, and community partners!

**Thank you!**

*Cheriz Kunkel*

Cheriz Kunkel | Executive Director



*Cleaning supplies requested by a reunified biological parent*

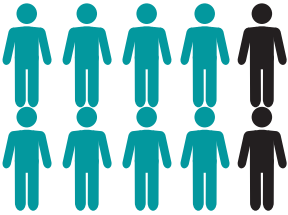
# The Need



**50%**  
of licensed foster homes stop fostering after their first placement



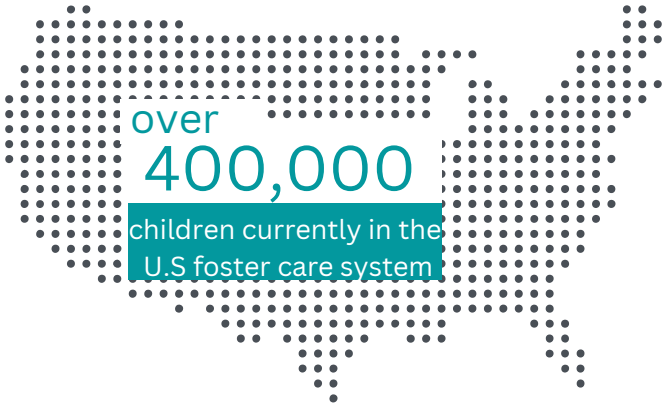
at least **80%**  
of foster youth suffer from mental health issues, such as PTSD and depression



**80%**  
of human trafficking victims have intersected with the foster care system



**40%**  
of our homeless population are former or current foster youth.



**22,000**

youth in the foster care system in Illinois.

**1,500**

youth in the foster care system in the Tri-County Area (Peoria, Woodford, Tazewell Counties).

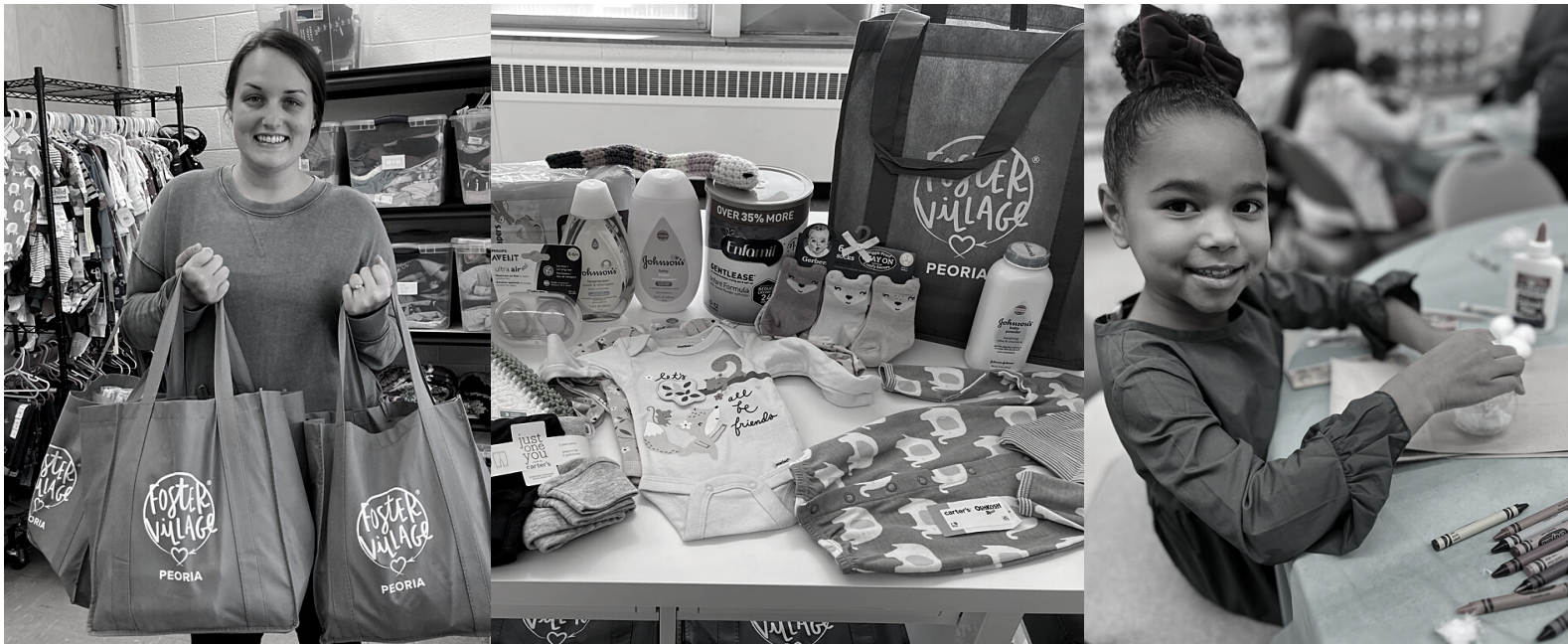
at least **56**

foster youth in our Tri-County region currently don't have a foster home. They live in group homes, homeless shelters, and other locations.



# About Us

Foster Village Peoria is a 501c3 non-profit started by three local foster mamas earlier this year. They saw a huge gap in support and resources for the foster community and decided to fill that need. Foster Village Peoria is an affiliate chapter of Foster Village Inc.



**Since our launch June 28, 2022  
we have directly served 200+ families**



## Our Mission

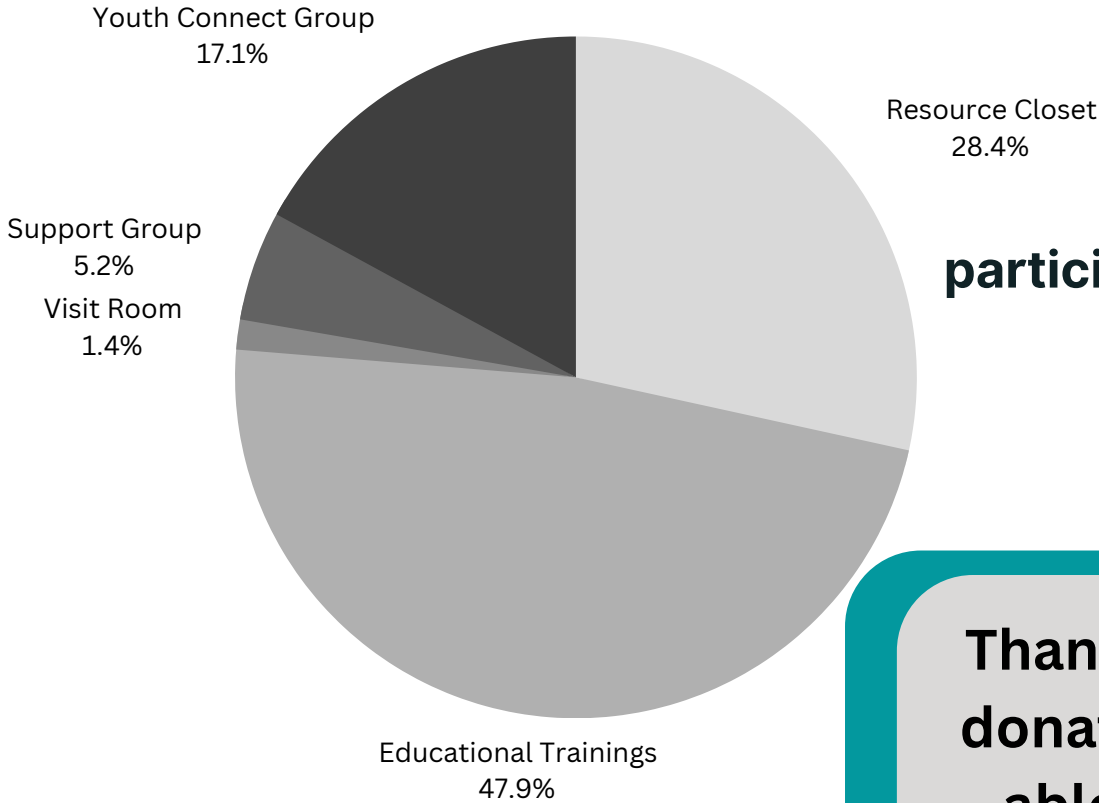
Foster Village Peoria bridges the gap in the foster care system, by meeting needs, providing educational and emotional support, and advocating for the foster care community.



## Our Programs:

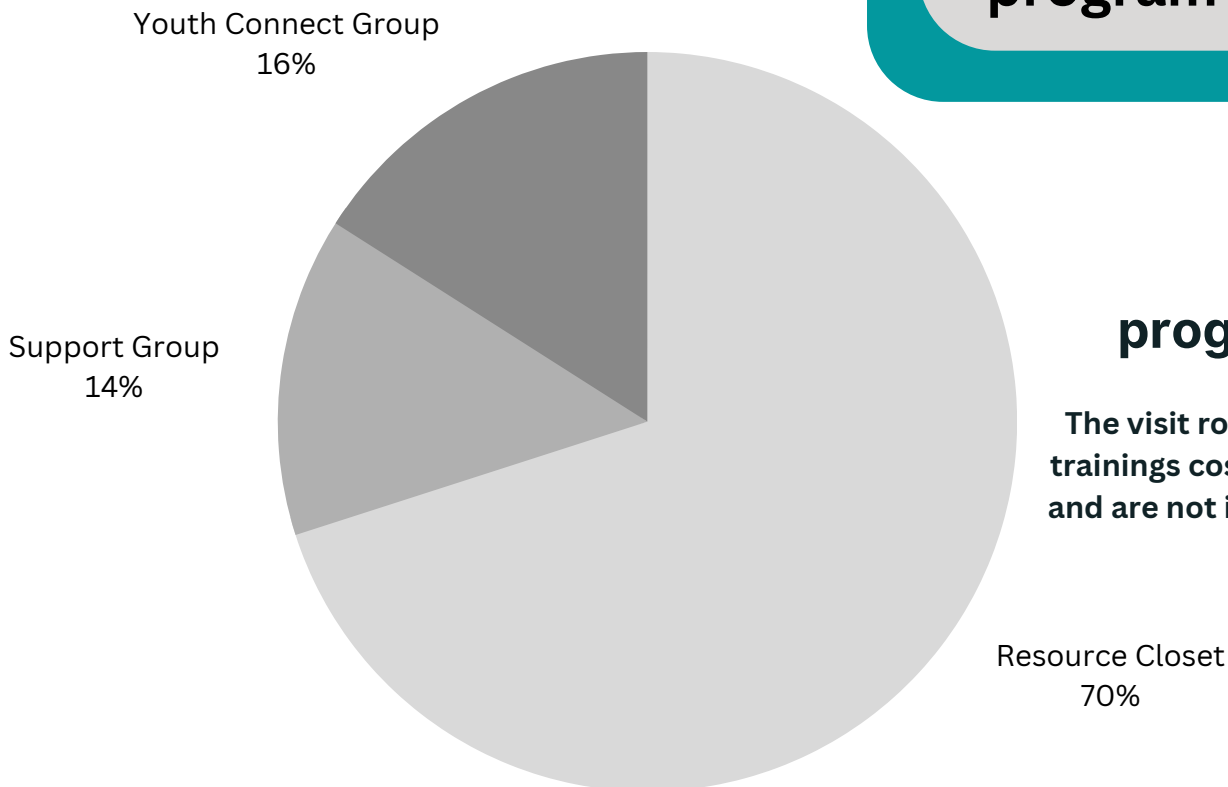
- 1 Resource Closet
- 2 Youth Connect Events
- 3 Support Groups
- 4 Educational Trainings
- 5 Visit Room

# 2022 Programs: participants vs. cost



**participants: 211 served**

**Thank you to many donations, we were able to keep our program costs low!**



## program costs

The visit room and educational trainings cost zero dollars to run, and are not included in the chart.

# Program Outcomes in 2022



**Resource Closet:** We provided forty-two welcome bags and sixteen special requests in 2022. All requests were approved and delivered in the twenty-four hour time frame.

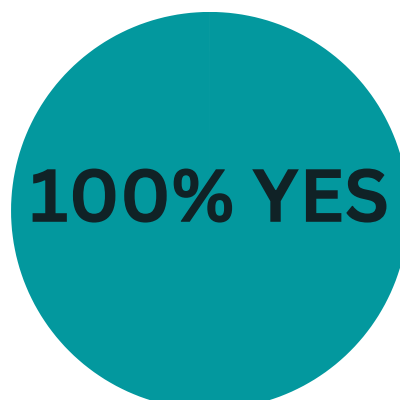
Of the fifty-eight requests, we had seventeen families fill out feedback surveys. Feedback surveys weren't always sent. This will be done by the resource closet admin in the future for consistency.

**I would likely use this service again?**



Yes  
100%

**This service was a sustaining factor in your foster journey?**



Yes  
100%



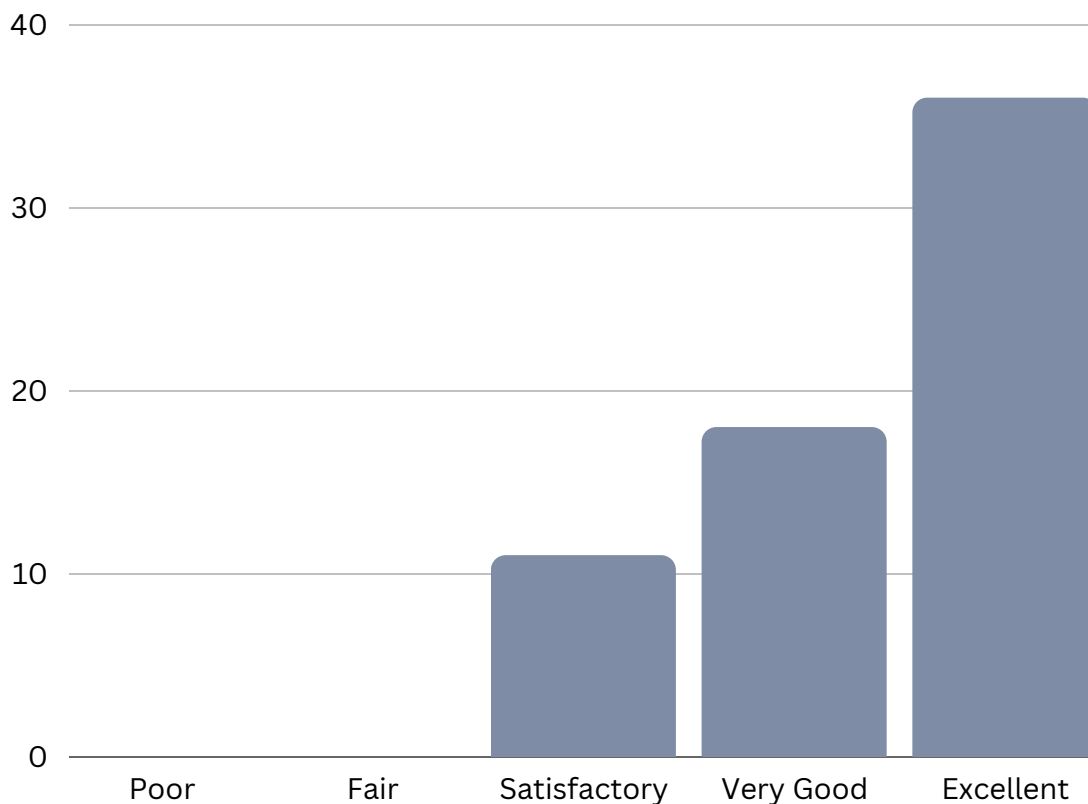
# Program Outcomes in 2022



**Educational Trainings:** We hosted five educational trainings for the foster community with 101 participants total. This program is done on zoom and costs us zero dollars to run. While the trainings are geared toward foster parents, anyone interested in the topic may attend. Foster parents can receive a certification of completion for continuing education hours.

Of the 101 participants, we had sixty-four individuals fill out feedback surveys. The feedback was very positive. All participants said they satisfied or above with the trainings.

## How satisfactory was the training you received?



# Program Outcomes in 2022



**Youth Connect Events:** We hosted three youth connect events for kids in foster care. We had eighteen youth attend. Cost total in 2022 was \$669 for this program, but we received a grant to cover this programs costs through July 2023. We did not follow up with feedback surveys, but many of the foster families came to multiple events.

**Foster Care Support Group:** We hosted one foster parent support group per month. These were in-person groups with an average of four to nine caregivers attending. We contract with a third-party company to provide childcare during the group, with five to nine kids attending.

**Visit Room:** We are just starting to utilize this room and focusing on bringing in more volunteers to assist with it. However, we hosted three biological visits for parents at our facility.



# 2022 Funding & Costs

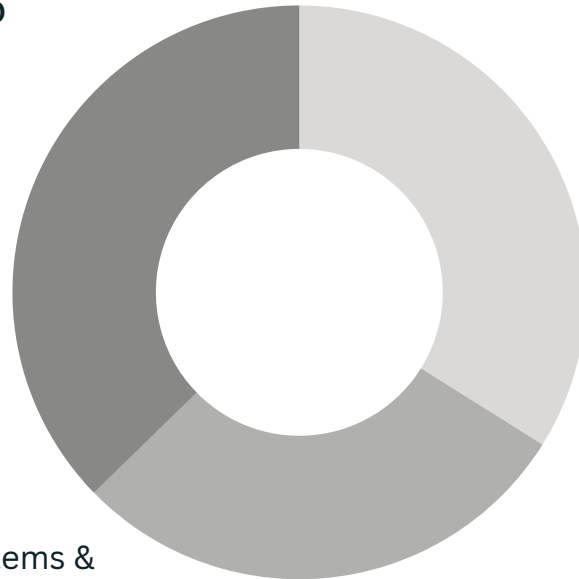
## 2022 (6 month) expenses: \$14,270.67

Start Up & Supplies: \$5,321.92

Programs: \$4,110

Operating Costs: \$4,838.75

Start up costs & Supplies  
37.3%



Operating Costs  
33.9%

Programs  
28.8%

Note: this is just costs, not budget. Many items & costs for programs were donated in 2022.

## 2022 income sources

**Total: \$29,672.94**

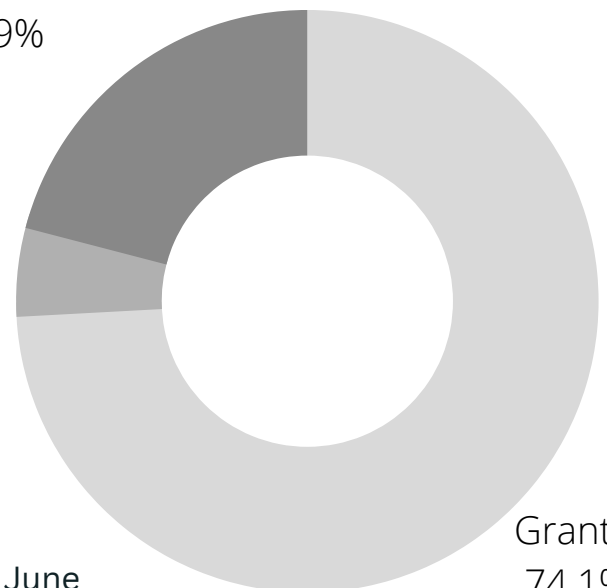
Grants: \$22,000

Donations: \$6,215.64

Fundraisers: \$1,457.32

Fundraisers  
4.9%

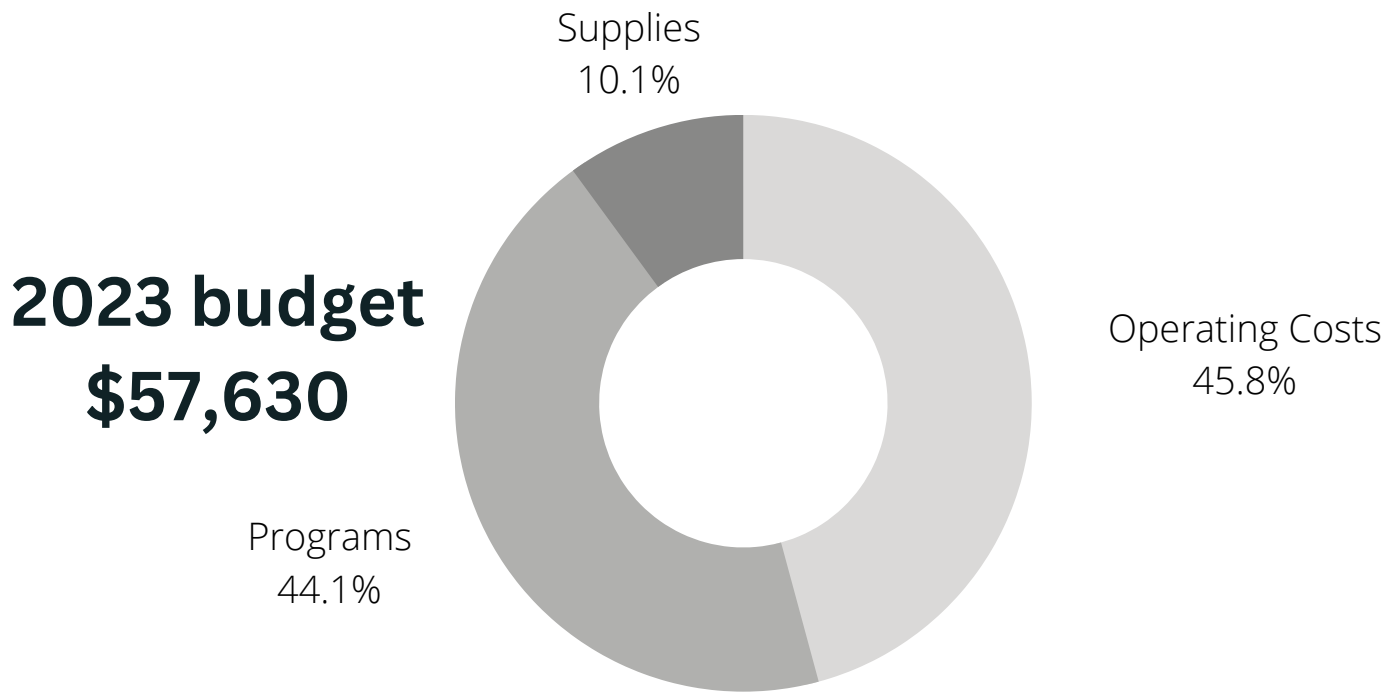
Donations  
20.9%



Grants  
74.1%

Note: Many of the grants received run through June 2023 and are marked for certain program expenses.

# 2023 Budget



**Thank you for your  
support as we grow!**

Our 2023 budget is set based on rapid growth seen in 2022. We are so thankful for all the grant funding, monetary donations, gift card donations, and in-kind donations for the Resource Closet. These donations helped keep our programs running with very little cost!

Thank you for your generosity.

# 2022 Board of Directors

Left to Right: Danielle Carr (Vice President), Katie Olinger (Treasurer), Emily Doubet (Secretary), Cheriz Kunkel (President), Katy Endress, Cyndie Brown, Pr. Ethan Carnes



## Leadership Volunteers

Executive Director: Cheriz Kunkel  
Educational Trainings: Danielle Carr  
Inventory & Stocking: Emily Doubet  
Fundraising Chair: Katy Endress  
Visit Room Admin: Bobbie Colgan  
Support Group Leaders: Bryan & Allison Johnson  
Support Group Admin: Dana Dubriwny  
Admin: Christine Johnson  
Grant Support: Beck Bottino  
Finances & Grant Tracking: Katie Olinger

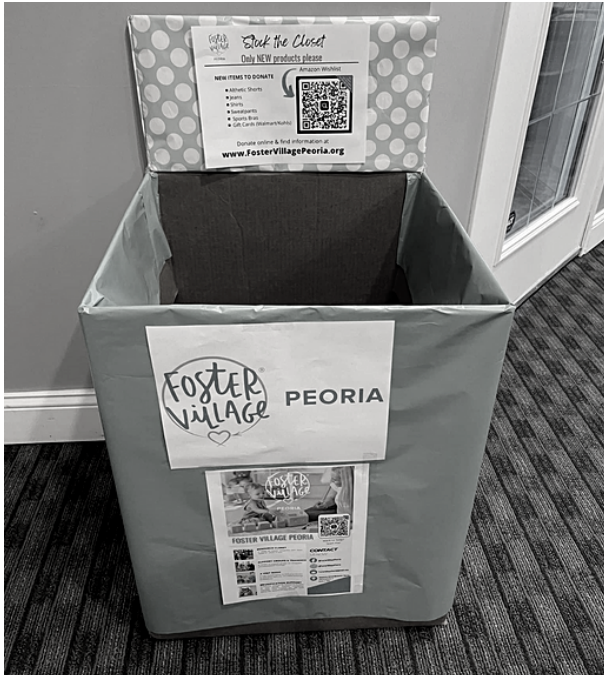
# Our Volunteers



Thank you to **EVERY** volunteer that packed or delivered a resource closet request, that volunteered during a visit, volunteered at a youth event, joined a committee, cleaned our space, painted or assembled furniture, or donated their time or talent in any way!



# Our Partners



Thank you to **EVERY** donation drive partner in 2022!

- Keller Williams Premier Realty
- Grace and Peace Lutheran Church
- Flat Branch Home Loans
- University United Methodist
- Steadfast Counseling
- St. Michael and All Angels
- Imago Dei Church
- Cedarhill Baptist Church
- Summit Point Church,
- The Mom Collective

Thank you to **EVERY** 2022 **SPONSOR!**

**\$2,500 & up:** Keller Williams Premier Realty, Norwex, University United Method Church, Grace and Peace Lutheran Church, Community Foundation Grants of Illinois, The Giving Branch with Lori Hines and Flat Branch Home Loans, Robert and Karen Larson

**\$1,000 - \$2,499:** PAAR Golf Outing, Bob Lord, Pat Forquer, Hy-Vee (Orange Prairie), Wal-Mart, Angie Powers

**\$500 - \$999:** Larry & Juanita Eftfield, Caterpillar

**\$250-\$499:** Culvers of Peoria, Don & Bobbie Yoder, Imago Dei Church, Kyle & Katy Endress, Jim and Trina Hartman



# How to Help

1

**Check with your employer to see if they match donations**

IRS Tax ID #88-1903054

2

**Donate online or by mail**



[www.FosterVillagePeoria.org/give](http://www.FosterVillagePeoria.org/give)

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**Donate new items or become a donation drive partner!**



[www.FosterVillagePeoria.org/donating-items](http://www.FosterVillagePeoria.org/donating-items)

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**Volunteer with us!**



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