

A HAPPY LIFE STARTS WITH A HAPPY CHILDHOOD.



[FIRST], A child in your community needs a family who cares.

In just three years, my husband Joe and I have called six children our own.

A few years ago, Joe and I wanted to start a family. It was a dream of ours to have biological children, but we came to realize natural conception wasn't the only way to grow our family. While we looked into adoption, a coworker shared her family's experience with foster care, and we turned to the staff at Auberle.

Though the Auberle Foster Care staff were up front about the challenges we would face, and we entered our foster care experience with an open mind, questions remained:

What would it be like to raise a child we didn't bear? Would we be able to heal after losing children we grew to love? Would the children think of us as their parents?

Just three months after we started training through Auberle Foster Care, we became certified foster parents – which was much quicker than we had anticipated. Our first two foster experiences were a whirlwind. We had our first infant boy for just 24 hours before he was placed back with a family member, and we cared for a six-month old girl for three months until she went to live with her grandmother. Both times, we fell in love with each child almost immediately, even in the short time we were together.

Then we met Ryder and Tyler.

Ryder was 18 months old when he came to live with us. His mother also lived in Pittsburgh, **but she was in and out of rehab and had no support system around** – which meant she wasn't able to give him the attention or care he needed. **Three weeks later, we met Tyler, a baby born addicted to methadone due to drug- and alcohol-dependent parents.**

A child in Southwestern Pennsylvania needs a family who cares.

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It took us just over two years to finalize the adoption of Ryder, and we're currently in the process of adopting Tyler with support from Auberle Foster Care workers. During these processes, we also took on two more: Faith for three months before she was placed with her brother in her forever home, and Archer, whom we're currently raising for an unknown amount of time.

Every child we've been able to give a home to – whether temporarily or as a permanent fixture in our family – has immediately felt like part of our family. The moment they're in your arms, they're yours, even if it's just for a little while.

We're able to have a family and be a family to kids in need because of donors like you.

When you give to the children and teens helped by Auberle, **you're giving kids like Ryder, Tyler and Archer the chance at a happy, normal life.** Your gift gives children like ours a loving, supportive family and a place to call home.

Your gift gives at-risk children and youth in Southwestern Pennsylvania a family who cares.

Becoming foster parents has opened Joe's and my eyes and hearts to what's going on outside of our home, and has given us countless opportunities to help kids in need. Through your support of Auberle, we can give children love, support, a home and the kind of life they deserve.

People always ask us how we continue to foster, even after heartbreak, and our response is always the same: The love that we give and receive back from these innocent children is more than enough reason to continue fostering.

Giving now means the next child whose parents aren't able to give them the care they need will get connected with a loving family and have a true shot at a happy life.

Most sincerely,



Anna Kostrick
Foster Parent, Auberle Foundation

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