

OPEN YOUR HOME TO A TEEN

SHARE YOUR WISDOM

Teenagers are at a crossroads. The path they take will depend on many things and be influenced by many people. A guiding hand from a caring mentor can help them choose the right path...one filled with opportunity and promise. We're looking for parents who are willing to share their experiences and knowledge with teens to help guide them as they make their way towards adulthood.

SHOW YOUR LOVE

Foster care teens have the same needs as all of us - support, guidance, love...and a place to call home. The little things we take for granted...birthday celebrations, family dinners, conversation...are some of the things foster teens cherish the most. The feeling of belonging can be the greatest influence in a child's life. Its effect can last a lifetime...for both the child and the parent. Inviting a foster teen to become part of your family is one of the most fulfilling commitments you can ever make.

WHO CAN BE A FOSTER? PARENT?

Foster parents are married, single, separated or divorced. Some are working parents and some are homemakers. They reside throughout New York City. Foster parents should be committed to the child, their family and to our mission. If you are 21 years old or older, have a stable income and enough room in your heart and home, please call the SCO Homefinding Office near you (listed on the back.)

We're Looking for Special People to:

- Provide a stable, nurturing home for teens
- Provide mentoring
- Encourage independent living skills
- Support educational and vocational goals for teens
- Become involved with Families for Teens monthly training and workshops

YOU'LL FIND SUPPORT ENCOURAGEMENT & RESOURCES

As an SCO foster parent, you'll receive dedicated support from our staff including:

- * Orientation and training
- * Monthly financial support
- * Family counseling
- * Medical, dental and mental health services
- * Tutoring
- * Frequent in-home contact from SCO staff
- * Special celebrations
- * "Mentoring" from experienced foster parents
- * Adoption assistance
- * 24-hour access to SCO staff



GETTING STARTED AS A
**FOSTER
PARENT**

A dedicated homefinder will be assigned to help you through every step of the process:

- Attend an orientation to introduce you to our foster care services.
- Participate in trainings that will prepare you for your new teen.
- Create a profile to determine the teen who will fit best in your home.
- Coordinate the placement and welcoming of the teen into your home.
- Provide ongoing support and training to assist you with your new family.
- Foster parents often adopt the children in their care. *(Yes, many teens still want to be adopted.)* If this becomes an option, we will assist you with the adoption process.

**CONTACT
US**

To learn about becoming a foster parent, please contact an office near you and ask for the homefinding department.

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Brooklyn, NY 11217
718.935.9466

1420 Bushwick Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11207
718.452.0581

QUEENS

89-30 161st Street
Jamaica, NY 11432
718.526.7533

CENTRAL OFFICES

1 Alexander Place
Glen Cove, NY 11542
516.676.5332 or 718.895.8670

Our homefinders are able to assist you in English or Spanish.
Nuestros especialistas de hogares pueden asistirle en inglés o en español.

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