



31 Days of Foster Care Wishes

Informational Document

In honor of May as National Foster Care Awareness Month, the Regional Resource Teams and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are highlighting exceptional foster families by fulfilling 31 wishes of 31 foster families during the 31 days in May.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The family must have an active license to provide foster care in Michigan.
- The family may be unlicensed if the family is a relative provider.
- The family must currently reside in Michigan.
- The foster care license must be in good standing.

Nominations:

Please be sure to include in your nomination narrative specific examples of how the nominated family demonstrates any of the following qualities:

- Commitment
- Creativity
- Perseverance
- Resourcefulness
- Patience
- Advocacy skills
- Collaboration
- Flexibility
- Supports Reunification

Examples of Wishes Include:

- Family zoo membership
- E-Reader to provide access to literature
- Digital camera to create life books
- Backpacks and school supplies
- Craft and art supplies
- Movie tickets
- Passes to an amusement park or museum
- Gift certificate for a family dinner
- Outdoor toys
- Family board games

Selection and Recognition:

A panel of judges will review nominations, sans identifying information for the family, and select 31 families to be recognized. One family's foster care story and photo will be featured each day during the month of May on the Foster Care Navigator (FCN) website and FCN and MDHHS social media outlets. The 31 families selected will be granted a wish to benefit their family, and these wishes will be presented by the Region Resource Teams throughout the state.

Rules:

- 1) Wishes may range in cost, but **should not exceed \$300**.
- 2) Wishes should benefit and/or enrich the entire family/household.
- 3) Fulfillment of specific wish requests is not guaranteed for selected families.
- 4) Only families who are currently licensed, in good standing with Michigan’s foster care and licensing requirements, and who currently live in Michigan are eligible for this recognition program.
- 5) Self-entries will not be accepted.

Nomination Submission

Electronic nominations are PREFERRED. Submit your nomination form online using the following link OR by scanning the QR code below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/31daysoffostercarewishes>



Nomination forms may also be **faxed** to:
(734) 794-2964

Subject: 31 Days of Foster Care Wishes

Nomination forms may be **mailed** to:
Judson Center
ATTN: 31 Days of Foster Care Wishes
3840 Packard Rd. Ste. 170
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

**Nominations must be received by Monday, March 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
No late nominations will be accepted.**

Award Notification & Picture Submission

Families selected to be highlighted will be notified via email by their Regional Resource Team. The family will be asked to submit a family photo that will be shared on the FCN and MDHHS websites, social media, and/or print materials. The family will be provided instructions on submission of this photo in the notification of their recognition.

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