What Happens To Kids That Age-Out of Foster Care With No Support? Unfortunately, kids aging out of foster care with no support face a multitude of challenges and are at an increased risk of negative outcomes compared to their peers. Here are some of the concerning realities: So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 2 Timothy 2:22-26

Let me take you on a journey through our town, where the warmth of community shines brightly through a special place called "Homes From Heaven." It's more than just a name; it's a beacon of hope for those in need.

Ways Homes From Heaven is Helping Kids Aging Out of Foster Care

- Mentorship: Provide guidance, support, and friendship to a young person transitioning out of foster care. We offer mentor training and support programs.
 - Safe Housing: We teach train and guide young adults as they transition to independent living.
- We Sponsor scholarships and educational programs to help young adults pursue their education and career goals.
- Offer employment opportunities: We have real employers offering real careers with training, great wages, health benefits, and educational support.



The Aspiring Artist with a Broken Wing

Maria (20) sat on a park bench, her worn portfolio filled with vibrant sketches gathering dust in her lap. Art was her escape, her way of expressing the emotions the foster system had left swirling within her. Yet, here she was, released on her 20th birthday with nowhere to go but a cramped homeless shelter. Her dreams of art school seemed like a cruel joke. Sleep was a luxury in the crowded shelter, making it hard to focus on finding a job, let alone one that allowed for creativity. The city felt cold and unforgiving, a stark contrast to the warmth she poured into her art. Maria couldn't help but wonder if anyone would ever see the potential hidden beneath the layers of hardship.

The Tech-Savvy with Limited Options

DeShawn (18) stood outside the crowded group home, his phone clutched tightly in his hand. It was his lifeline, a window to a world of possibilities beyond the walls he'd known for most of his life. He was a coding whiz, self-taught through countless late nights spent tinkering online. But here, in the real world, his skills seemed useless. College applications felt overwhelming, and the thought of student loans terrified him. He yearned to build a future, to create apps that could change lives, but the system offered little support for a foster kid with dreams bigger than minimum wage jobs. With no family to turn to, DeShawn's future stretched uncertainly ahead, the bright light of his phone screen a stark contrast to the looming shadows of doubt.

Maria and DeShawn's story is a stark reminder of the struggles facing young adults aging out of foster care. With the right support, we can rewrite stories like Maria and DeShawn's, giving these young people the chance to build stable and fulfilling lives.

Here's where Homes From Heaven steps in, offering a lifeline of support. Through mentorship, safe housing, scholarships, and employment opportunities, Homes From Heaven wraps these young adults in a blanket of care and encouragement. Mentors like Lisa offer guidance and friendship, helping them navigate the choppy waters of adulthood. With Homes From Heaven by their side, these young souls find the strength to overcome obstacles and build brighter futures for themselves.

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How do I qualify for Charitable Tax Credits?

It is no longer a requirement to itemize your charitable contributions to a qualifying charitable organization.

Furniture Bank, Inc., Phoenix AZ qualifies as a charitable organization - QCO Code 20138 Homes From Heaven is a part of Furniture Bank, and all Tax Credit Donations made to Furniture Bank are being donated to Homes From Heaven.

What is the difference between a tax credit and a tax deduction?

A tax credit is significantly more beneficial than a tax deduction. A tax credit reduces your taxes, dollar-for-dollar. A tax deduction reduces the taxable income upon which your tax liability is calculated.

Can I make a Charitable Tax Credit Donation, if I make a School Tax Credit as

Yes, they are separate credits, and you are allowed to take advantage of both. In fact, you can donate to other separate qualifying Arizona charitable organizations. (QCO Codes) Your Tax Professional will advise you based on your situation.

Does the tax credit also apply to my federal income tax returns?

If you itemize your federal return, you will be able to claim a federal tax deduction in addition to your Arizona Charitable Tax Credit.

How do I get my tax credit?

As soon as it is made available by the state, Furniture Bank, Inc. will send you an Arizona Personal Tax Form 321 showing the amount of your Tax Credit equal to the amount of your gift up to the limits allowed (\$470 for an individual; \$938 for a couple filing jointly). Take this form with you to your tax preparer when you are ready to file your taxes. If you complete your own Arizona Personal Tax return, include the amount of your credit on the appropriate line. That amount will be subtracted from the amount of your tax liability to either increase your refund or reduce the amount due. Attach form 321 to your return.

What are the Downsides of contributing to the tax credit program?

There are none. The State of Arizona is the only state to adopt a tax CREDIT program so that taxpayers can direct charitable contributions to the charities they hold near and dear. It is a wonderful opportunity for citizens to support qualified non-profits while getting a tax credit on their state taxes as well as a deduction on their federal tax returns.



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