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JULY 2025

LOVE HEALS



Message from the Founder

There is no such thing as too much love, and you embody that truth every day. Thank you for helping Love Heals Youth fulfill its mission of serving foster youth with compassion, grace, and unconditional love. Your kindness creates ripples of hope that will last a lifetime.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Rebecca Smith-Nash
Licensed Professional Counselor & Supervisor



Volunteer Opportunities

Clothes Closet Spotlight

Volunteers are essential to our **Clothes Closet**, helping sort and organize donations for youth in foster care. Clothing goes beyond fabric—it restores dignity, builds confidence, and shows these kids **they matter**. Join us to make a powerful impact and help children feel valued and loved.

Contact- Emma Newkirk 309.215.5174

Current Impact

11,194 FREE Counseling Hours since January 2022
833 Clients Served since October 2022
16,653 Clothes Closet items given out since June 2023
517 Welcome Home Bags Delivered since 2022

For DAILY updates for our impact please visit our website.

Donor Spotlight

Since our earliest days, Precision Homes has supported our mission with unwavering generosity. Their support helps create emotional refuge for youth in foster care. Their heart to care for the orphan shines in every effort, strengthening our mission to serve youth with dignity and care. We are grateful beyond words for the lasting difference they make!



A Prayer for Love

Lord, surround every foster child with Your unfailing love. Let them feel cherished and valued, knowing they are precious in Your sight.

"We love because He first loved us." (1 John 4:19)



Meet Jenna LHY Counselor of the Month

This month's honoree stands out for her commitment to learning, client care, and team support. Whether she's traveling hours to attend events or diving into new counseling theories, she continually seeks growth. Her dedication, compassion, and professionalism shine through in everything she does.



Meet Jackie LHY Volunteer of the Month

Our Volunteer of the Month brings a genuine heart for serving the community, especially youth in foster care. Her commitment to our clothes closet and collaboration with local partners strengthens our impact and mission.

Upcoming Events

Concert for Love
Sunday
September 28, 2025

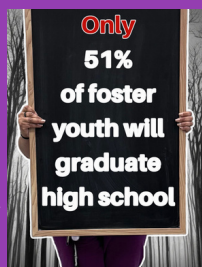


The Power of Love Gala
Friday
January 23, 2026



Let's Change the Statistics

As we look ahead to the upcoming school year, we're reminded of the educational barriers faced by youth in foster care. With strong community support, we can help change the statistics and create brighter futures for these young people.



The Long Road to Love & Healing...

One young client shared how she was adopted three times, only to be returned to the system each time. Each failed adoption deepened her wounds, leaving her unable to trust, love, or feel secure. Her belief that she'd finally found a home was shattered, leaving her to rebuild her sense of self over and over again.

Let's commit to being the steady presence these children need, helping transform pain into hope.