

Hello,

First, I just want to say thank you so much to this amazing organization, the Seawolf Privateers. I cannot say thank you enough for everything that this organization does to support Foster families.

I was called to be a foster mom years ago and felt totally unequipped, but I knew that God would provide everything that I needed and He has. Three years ago I officially became a foster mom.

I am single and knew that I would go into this choosing to be a single foster mom, which was scary.

The first child I took in was 2 years old, a month later I took in his 14-year-old biological sister. Later, I took in a 4-year-old and then a 10-year-old. Eventually all of these children reunified with their families, this is not always the case, but they were able to go back.

I now have a 5-year-old in my care.

What seemed impossible to do became possible by incredible organizations such as the Seawolf Privateers.

When I took in my first child I felt so lost trying to navigate everything and honestly sometimes still do. I immediately felt loved and supported when I connected with the Seawolf Privateers. From food, clothes, bonfires & s'mores, backpacks, toys, events, so much love, and more the Seawolf Privateers became family to not only me but to each one of the children that has come into my home.

Everyone that is a part of this organization is amazing, however, I have to give a special thank you to Cayti and Tim. Their heart is 100% in it for the children. They really get to know them, recognize them, and call them by name. They take the time to welcome and talk to them. We've had so much fun sitting at parades and waving to them as they go by in the big pirate ship. The children always get so excited to see their pirate and mermaid friends! It makes my heart so happy remembering those moments. One time, Cayti and Tim even helped move all of the two children's items (a truck load full) that were in my home to their mother's home once they were reunified. Their love and commitment to these children and the Foster families that care for them is so beautiful.

Please just know that what you do makes a difference. When these children come into our homes they are scared. They are in an unfamiliar place and sometimes, most times, they come from terrible traumatic living conditions. Even though our homes are safe and loving, we are strangers. It may not seem like a lot to provide shoes or clothes or a meal, but let me tell you from personal experience that love and support means everything when you're trying to focus all of your attention on making a child feel safe in your home, setting them up with school, etc. When the Seawolf Privateers come in to help with even the smallest task it means everything! So thank you, thank you, thank you again with all of my heart. Your support is priceless and so appreciated.