



Caregiver Spotlight: Shad and Kristen Fox

Shad and Kristen Fox have been foster parents for less than a year and have already had 10 children placed in their home. Currently fostering one child, Shad and Kristen also have two daughters, ages five and eight years old. They have huge hearts, not just for the kids in their home, but for the birth families as well. So far, they have worked to reunify six children—including two in respite care—with their birth families

“Seeing a family restored is incredibly satisfying,” said Kristen. “It’s never easy and takes a lot of effort, but it’s a good kind of work that we feel is really making a difference.”



Being a caregiver to foster and adoptive children requires nurturing and always keeping the child’s best interests at heart. The Foxes worked with caseworkers to transition one of their foster kids to an adoptive family because they quickly recognized a forever home would provide the best future for that child. Additionally, they recognize the importance of maintaining familial relationships for foster children in longer-term placements. They work closely with birth families to arrange visits and safe transition plans because they understand reunification of families requires easing anxiety for all who are involved.

“Making a difference and stepping up for a family in need is something we really believe in,” Kristen added. “We know our family can bless children while they are in our care.”

Their commitment to partnering with birth families and DFS ensures the best outcomes for the children in their care. Kristen and Shad are not afraid to do what is right for the children, even if it requires making tough, emotional decisions. They are true shining stars who adapt to the challenges and delicate nature of foster parenting with grace and compassion.¶¶