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Mission Statement

Project KARE brings hope, recognition, and support to children in foster and kinship care, ensuring they feel valued and celebrated while recognizing the families who care for them.

Values

Project KARE is dedicated to ensuring that every child feels valued, celebrated, and supported—regardless of their family's circumstances. We believe no child should be denied the joys of childhood or the milestones of life. Through programs that recognize children on birthdays, holidays, back-to-school, and graduations, we strive to bring hope and encouragement to those served by Stark County Children Services. In addition, we honor and support foster parents and kinship caregivers who open their homes and hearts to the county's most vulnerable children. While we work closely with Stark County JFS, Project KARE operates as an independent charitable organization, committed to making a lasting difference in the lives of children and families served by Stark County Children Services.

"Care Enough to Make a Difference!"

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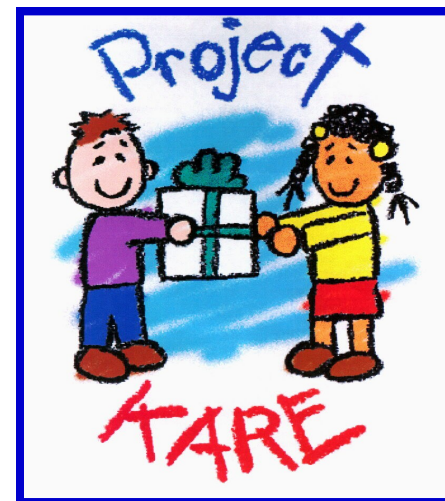
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PROJECT KARE PROGRAMS

RISING UP...MOVING ON

Children in the custody of Stark County Job & Family Services (JFS), Children Services Division who are receiving their high school diploma, GED certificate, or college degree are recognized at a program held every June. Individuals, families, or organizations may sponsor a child by making a donation. Donations cover the cost of lunch for the graduate and their guests, as well as a cash gift.

BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT

With the assistance of individuals and organizations, Project KARE coordinates the collection of school supplies to be distributed to children in need, every August. Each year before school resumes, a back-to-school event is held for all foster and kinship families. Back-to-school supplies are provided to help children prepare for the start of the school year.

BIRTHDAY BUDDIES

The Birthday Buddies program relies on the support of the community to provide special life experiences, frequently taken for granted, for children in care of Stark County Children Services. All children in custody on their birthday receive special recognition and a gift.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PROJECT



ADOPT-A-CHILD

Individuals, families or organizations may provide gifts for children ages birth to 11. Donors are provided with the first name, sizes and gift suggestions for a needy child. Project KARE volunteers then arrange to pick up the gifts in time for delivery before Christmas.

ADOPT-A-TEEN

Individuals, families or organizations may purchase a gift card or make a donation to assist with the purchase of gift cards for needy children ages 12 and older.

STOCKING STUFFERS

Project KARE partners with local organizations for the Stocking Stuffers Project. Stockings filled with fun items such as toys and candy, as well as school supplies and personal items for children of all ages, are collected and distributed.

TOY DRIVES

Individuals, families or organizations may host toy drives to collect new toys and games for children of all ages.

“I’ve never seen such an act of kindness—I don’t know how to express my gratitude. You are an angel ~ Christmas miracles do happen.”

~ comment from family who received assistance from Project KARE

FOSTER PARENT RECOGNITION EVENTS

FOSTER PARENT BANQUET

Each May a recognition banquet is held for foster and adoptive parents, licensed and approved by Stark County JFS. They are recognized for their years of service, dedication, and commitment to caring for abused and neglected children in Stark County. Other special events to show appreciation to Stark JFS foster parents are also held in May.

FALL FROLIC

An event giving foster, adoptive and kinship families an opportunity to interact and share experiences is held every fall. Families have the opportunity to enjoy lunch and refreshments and many fall-themed games and activities.



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