



2021 MID-YEAR



IMPACT REPORT

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is my absolute pleasure to send you our mid-year impact report. We know how important it is for your donation to be used to make the greatest impact possible. It's important to us too. Which is why we create this impact report every six months – to showcase all the ways that you have served children, youth, and families experiencing foster care. We couldn't do this work without you.

The past 6 months have been filled with growth. Growth of our team, growth of our programs and growth of our volunteers. We have seen our community come together to serve more kids than ever before.

With growth, come struggles. Building a non-profit takes time and although we've had our setbacks, we still are able to press forward, overcome and continue to serve our most vulnerable population.

As I am writing this letter, I want you to know that I am overcome with optimism, gratitude, and hope as we begin to emerge from the challenges of COVID-19. It hasn't been an easy road—the foster community was deeply affected. But you showed up big, wrapped your arms around this community, and whispered, "I've got you." I hope you see in these pages just how much your support has accomplished.

Small team. Big dreams. Deeply determined.

The first six months of this year have been nothing short of a miracle. The impact, both collectively and individually, because of your support, is incredible. I can't wait for you to turn each page of this report and see your investment come to life.

Thank you for being a part of this work. We are in this together, and one day in the not so distant future, we will reach and serve every single child, youth, and family in the foster care system, and we will celebrate together.

If you would like to get more deeply engaged in the work we do, I want to personally invite you to reach out and set up a time to talk directly to me or someone on our team. Our doors are always open to you.

With my most sincere gratitude, and until every child is reached,

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MISSION STATEMENT

The DFW Angels mission is to walk alongside children, youth, and families in the foster care community by offering consistent support through intentional giving, relationship building, and mentorship.



OUR VISION

Creating sustainable change in the foster care community.

Our vision is to ensure that every child, youth, and family in the foster care community has healthy, affirming, and lasting relationships. We do this by educating and empowering the local community and by recruiting compassionate, committed, and diverse volunteers to offer support through intentional giving, relationship building, and mentorship.

THE STATE OF FOSTER CARE & WHAT WE'RE DOING ABOUT IT

50%

50% OF FOSTER HOMES CLOSE WITHIN THE FIRST YEAR.

Our programs increase the support and stability of fostering caregivers, decreasing the number of children moving from home to home.

3%

3% OF FORMER FOSTER YOUTH WILL MAKE IT TO COLLEGE.

We encourage our youth to "Dare to Dream" about all that they could become while providing the educational tools and mentoring they need to reach their goals.

50%

50% OF FORMER FOSTER YOUTH WILL BE EMPLOYED AT AGE 24.

We provide opportunities for youth in foster care to learn tools and gain skills that will help prepare them for a successful future.

THE STATE OF FOSTER CARE & WHAT WE'RE DOING ABOUT IT

60%

60% OF FORMER FOSTER YOUTH FALL BELOW THE POVERTY LINE DESPITE EARNING AN INCOME.

Our programs provide children and youth with the resources they need to develop a strong foundation that will help them secure a job and earn a living.

50%

JUST OVER 50% OF YOUTH IN CARE GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, MANY WITH AN EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA.

We provide educational tools and mentoring to help children and youth develop productive study and working habits.

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MORE THAN 1 IN 5 FORMER FOSTER YOUTH WILL BECOME HOMELESS AFTER AGE 18.

Our Dare to Dream program provides youth with the resources they need to learn life skills and secure a job as well as a place to live.



IMPACT

JANUARY – JUNE 2021



A photograph of three women embracing each other outdoors. The woman in the center has short reddish hair, wears glasses, a red top, and a necklace with a circular pendant. The woman on the left has dark hair pulled back, wears a white cardigan over a floral dress, and a necklace. The woman on the right has long dark hair, wears a white crop top and light blue jeans, and is laughing joyfully. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with trees and a stone wall.

"Our family is so grateful for the work that Angels does for the foster community. Over the years, Angels has been a huge support to us and our kiddos. As a foster family, it is sometimes hard to find support and make connections to people who really understand the beauty and challenges of our journey, but with Angels in our corner, we have never felt alone."

- Lindsay, foster/adoptive mom

LOVE BOX PROGRAM



Love Box

Our Love Box program provides wrap-around support for the whole family. Volunteers meet with families on a monthly basis to help provide support, consistency, and normalcy as well as friendship and encouragement to the families they serve.

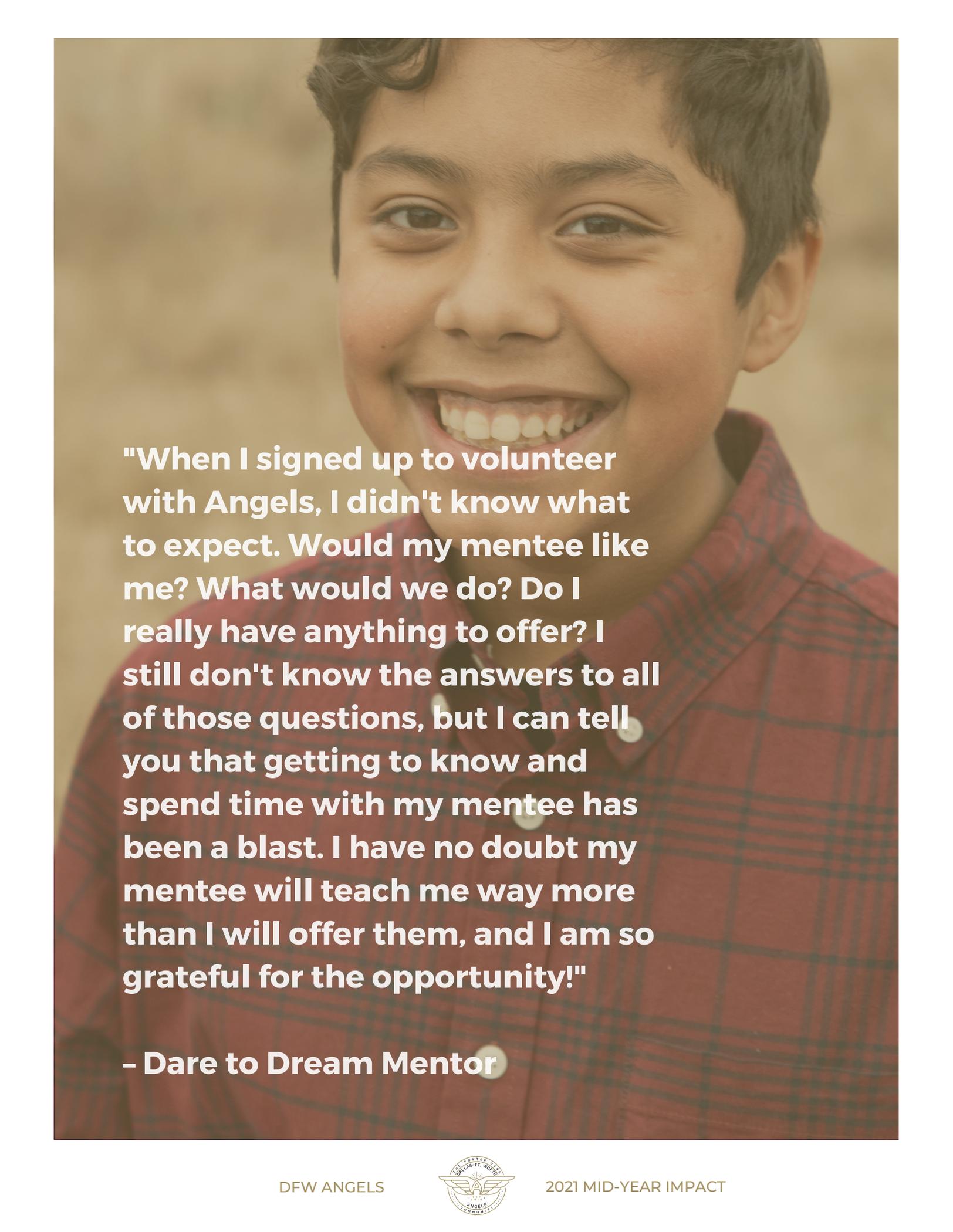
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CHILDREN SERVED

DARE TO DREAM PROGRAM

The heart of the Dare to Dream program is to walk alongside youth as they navigate through life's challenges. Mentors meet bi-weekly with youth and help meet both practical and emotional needs as well as provide guidance through developmental milestones. While this program is just launching, our goal is to tripple this number by the end of the year.

3

YOUTH SERVED MONTHLY



"When I signed up to volunteer with Angels, I didn't know what to expect. Would my mentee like me? What would we do? Do I really have anything to offer? I still don't know the answers to all of those questions, but I can tell you that getting to know and spend time with my mentee has been a blast. I have no doubt my mentee will teach me way more than I will offer them, and I am so grateful for the opportunity!"

- Dare to Dream Mentor

PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

Without our volunteers, the impact of our programs would simply not be possible. Each volunteer's role is unique and meaningful to the children, youth, and families we serve. We are so thankful for each and every volunteer who commits to supporting the foster care community alongside us.

FACT: Volunteering can look different at DFW Angels than other organizations. Our volunteers are a group of highly dedicated individuals or groups that commit to serving the family our youth they are matched with for at least a year. In our Dare to Dream program, the volunteer understands that their commitment to the youth can last for years. So volunteer vetting and matching is something we take very seriously here!!

57

VOLUNTEERS

660

VOLUNTEER HOURS



Scan to hear from
Ed and Martha!

When Ed and Martha first heard about the Love Box program, they were a bit nervous (who isn't?!) because it was something NEW. But once they met with their family for the first time "it was wonderful."

Ed shares, "It's the relationships that stand out and mainly motivate us, I think. It establishes something that you're always going to do each month, and it's consistent."

2021 IN-KIND DONATIONS

An in-kind donation is a non-cash gift made to a nonprofit organization, including goods, services, time, and expertise. This number includes the amount spent by volunteers on children, youth, and families, as well as the value of services donated for children, youth, and families (i.e. family photography, swim lessons, karate, etc.)

TOTAL IN-KIND DONATION VALUE:

\$28,173.07



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES **CELEBRATION DECORATIONS**
DELIVERED MEALS **TOYS** **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
CLEANING SUPPLIES **PRINTING** **BEAUTY PRODUCTS**
BAKED GOODS **ACTIVITIES** **PAPER PRODUCTS**
ARTWORK **GIFT CARDS** **PHOTOGRAPHY**
GROCERIES **COMPUTERS** **SESSIONS**
GOODIES **CLOTHING** **JEWELRY**
FURNITURE **LAPTOPS** **BOARD GAMES**
BEDS

HIGHLIGHTS & STORIES



Rae is a single mom and long-time supporter of DFW Angels who was referred to DFW Angels' programs and matched shortly after. When DFW Angels found a volunteer match for Rae and their case manager called to tell her, she began to cry. This Love Box match has been one of their favorites to watch because the Love Box group has stepped in 100% for this family. Together they have enjoyed fun pizza/movie nights, Top Golf, and cupcakes just for fun. In addition, Rae has been able to call on her Love Box numerous times to help with transportation to swim lessons, babysitting, and respite.

Getting to spoil the moms in our program was a highlight for us! These moms give so much to their families, it was nice to show them some love and pamper them a little. We delivered the cutest, specially curated boxes for each mom. Thank you for those that bought a box. Because of your generosity, we were able to support each and every one of our mommas!



Matching this sweet Love Box group was such a joy. This group is made up of a bible study group that wanted to come alongside a family to support them through their foster journey. What a fun first meet up! Thank you to all of our volunteers for signing up and showing up for these families. Community in raising children is so important and we are so glad you are a part of our!



Did you know that learning how to cook is one of our milestones in our Dare to Dream and Dare to Dream Jr. program? Teaching children something so simple as caring for themselves can be life changing to a child that has never been given that. When you sign up to be a volunteer, we'll walk with you every step of the way in helping the child and youth succeed.

Car selfies are the best! This sweet friend and volunteer went dress shopping. DFW Angels was honored to be a part of this amazing young woman's special day as she celebrated her 15th birthday with a Quinceanera. Our wonderful friends over at Terry Costa donated the most amazing dress (Did we mention there was a candy bar at the party? 😍)



Our Mother's Day boxes were such a big hit, we decided to do the same for the dads. What better way to do that than with fun socks, new cologne and a note letting all the dads know how much they mean to us.

"DAD is a very small word for such an amazing person."



We matched over 28 kids into our programs January to June! With over 40 kids on our waitlist, we have a ways to go these next 6 months to get them all matched. We are so excited to continue sourcing the best volunteers to match with our families, children and youth. If you've ever thought about signing up to volunteer in one of our programs, now is the time!!

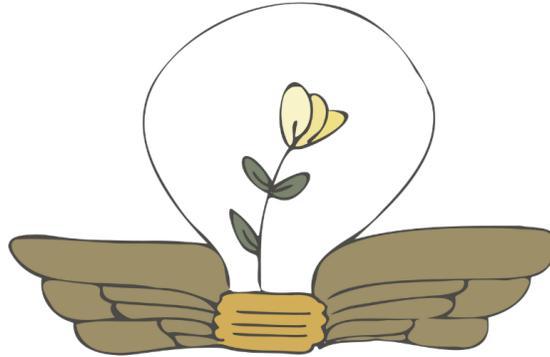
Our 3rd annual Golf Classic was our best one yet! We had over 144 golfers join us on the course for a day of golf, silly shennanigans and raising money for the children in foster care here in DFW. We are blown away each year at the generosity of this community of golfers and sponsors. Thank you again to everyone who came out to play, sponsored or donated.



Lights! Camera! Action!

Our wonderful and faithful community partners over at Leadership Worth Following have generously gifted DFW Angels with something amazing...a video team to shoot an impact video about our families, our programs and our hearts for foster care. We are in the final stages of shooting and cannot wait to share the finished product with the rest of you.

NEW THIS YEAR:



C.H.A.T.S

National Angels is now offering quarterly online C.H.A.T.S (Connection, Healing, Advocacy, Teaching, Support) Sessions for volunteers and mentors across the country to attend. C.H.A.T.S are a resource for volunteers and even prospective volunteers to learn more about child welfare, volunteering, and trauma. These training sessions equip volunteers and mentors in their role make a difference in the foster care community. These are a great opportunity for National networking with other people who are doing this meaningful work.

In the first quarter, volunteers and prospective volunteers heard from Washington state Family Court Commissioner Brandon Mack on the importance of honoring our children and their families. Brandon guided attendees through a holistic view of child welfare, what we've learned from generations of child welfare, how volunteers and mentors can best listen to the stories and identities of where our children come from, and how we can support healing for families.

In the second quarter, volunteers and prospective volunteers heard from Melissa Corkum and Lisa Qualls, founders of The Adoption Connection. Melissa and Lisa taught attendees about blocked care - what it is, how it develops in foster parents, and how volunteers and mentors can help parents overcome it, so they can be happier, hopeful parents.



INTERNS

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INTERNS IN
2021

275

HOURS WORKED

This year we trained and welcomed 4 interns into the DFW Angels family. Intern orientation is a one-day training for interns from all National Angels chapters which offers an opportunity to meet peers from around the country. Orientation covers Foster Care 101, the National Angels story and mission, a summary of our programs, and the internship role.

Our internships offer students real, hands-on experience at a local non-profit and one-on-one personal coaching and mentoring. This course is committed to the National Angels mission and to impact the students' life with purpose, service, and leadership. National Angels and its Regional Chapters expect students to become value-centered and ethical leaders who want to positively influence and impact their community.



PROGRAM FELLOWSHIP

The National Angels Program Fellowship offers advanced students an opportunity to apply their knowledge and skills in a real-world non-profit setting and to receive one-on-one coaching and mentorship. Our Program Fellow supports the National Angels Chief Program Officer and helps implement program fidelity through development, training, resource support, technology solutions, and providing overall assistance to our Regional Chapters across the country. Here at DFW Angels, we've worked closely with the current Fellow, Bria, to help us ensure we are operating at our best every day.

“Being the National Angels Program Fellow has been such an amazing learning opportunity. Getting to work alongside our CPO and the rest of the Angels network has taught me so much about what it means to serve a community that deserves endless love and support. This experience has given me invaluable insight into the nonprofit world and program development, and has allowed me to develop critical professional skills that will guide me through the rest of college and beyond. I am so grateful and proud that I get to be part of such a dedicated and passionate team.” – Bria



EXCITING NEWS
WE'VE CONTRACTED WITH
TXICFW TO BEGIN RESEARCH



The University of Texas at Austin
**Texas Institute for
Child & Family Wellbeing**
Steve Hicks School of Social Work

We are so excited to announce that we have officially begun research with the Texas Institute for Child & Family Wellbeing to explore the impact of our Love Box and Dare to Dream programs. After years of receiving anecdotal feedback attesting to the effectiveness of our programming, TXICFW will conduct a rigorous program evaluation to identify the core program components that can be replicated in other areas. The hope is that we could use these findings to expand trauma-informed services to the foster care community, build evidence of service effectiveness, and ensure that children, youth, and families are supported in achieving their goals.





ANGEL *Alliance*

We invite you to join us in building
a **NEW** system centered around
community, empowerment, and hope.

Not everyone is called to foster, and not everyone is called to adopt,
but **everyone can make a difference in a child's life.**



"National Angels is hands down my choice for philanthropic investment. I've been able to see firsthand the impact that it makes and I'm so proud to belong to this passionate community of investors."

- Michelle McKinney



This year, in conjunction with National Foster Care Month, we launched our brand new exclusive giving community called the Angel Alliance!

Our Angel Alliance is a passionate and committed group of monthly donors on a mission to change the way children, youth, and families experience foster care.

Together, we are building a new system focused on community, empowerment, and hope. As a partner and member of the Angel Alliance, you are investing in relational, community-based support that creates real social change and impact.

WHAT YOU INVEST

\$33

Can help impact 1 child through our programs.

\$66

Can help impact 2 children through our programs.

\$99

Can help impact 3 children through our programs.

WHAT YOU GET



Exclusive updates regarding impact, financials, and more.

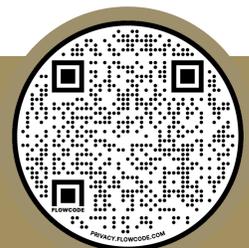


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for partnering with us as we work to change the way children, youth, and families experience the foster care system. We couldn't do this work without you!

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