

# Help Us Share the Stories of People Who Make a Difference for Kids

Children who have been abused and neglected often must be removed from their families of origin. Who takes care of them? Here are some examples of special people who STEP UP to open their homes to these children. They are among our past honorees at the STEPPING UP FOR KIDS AWARDS:



Ramona has served as foster parent to dozens of children. Said one now-grown child, "When I met Ramona, I was a lost kid with baggage. ... She opened her heart and home to embrace me. She saw in me the potential others didn't."



Tiffany and Robert took in a preschool-age foster child with serious medical needs to care for along with their two biological children. They brought the boy to frequent medical appointments and stayed at his bedside during hospitalizations. "It's a privilege to help a young child learn that a troubled past doesn't mean a troubled future," they say.



Jennifer and Shane provide foster care boys ages 12-17 who have elevated needs such as verbal and physical aggression in response to childhood trauma. "We love our kids and they are the sunshine of our lives," Jennifer said.

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Friday, October 6, 2017

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