

angel **ROUNDUP NEWSLETTER**



THE ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR ALL OF LAST MONTH'S TOP STORIES,
CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

happy april, angels!

WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER.



We are living in uncertain times, which can be stressful and scary for everyone. But we believe that, now more than ever, it is imperative that we show up for each other and lend a helping hand as much as we can.

Children in foster care are among the most vulnerable children in our population. The stress and fear that we are ALL feeling right now is all too similar to what children in foster care feel on a daily basis for years at a time. Our communities will get through this and eventually transition back to normal. But we need to ensure kids in foster care get a fighting chance at this same normalcy and peace that we are all pining for.

That's why we're here. And we need your help.



**HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE FOSTER CARE
COMMUNITY IN THE MIDST OF SOCIAL DISTANCING:**

Purchase electronic gift cards to places like
Walmart, Target, Amazon, or HEB.

Purchase and deliver groceries and household items
for families who can't make it to the grocery store.

Drop off meals on their doorstep.

Provide care packages to keep kiddos entertained.

Run errands/provide individual household support for
families who cannot be in public or travel outside of their
home (families who are caring for medically fragile
children or elderly foster caretakers).

Become a Love Box leader (we are still making
matches via Zoom) and offer ongoing support to
families in a time when they need it the most!

**Do you have questions or want to chat with
our team about how else you can help?**

CLICK HERE

Thank you to those who have already been showing up for our families and youth!



"Our daughter's mentor has been so amazing. She has maintained contact via text and they plan to FaceTime soon." - foster mom

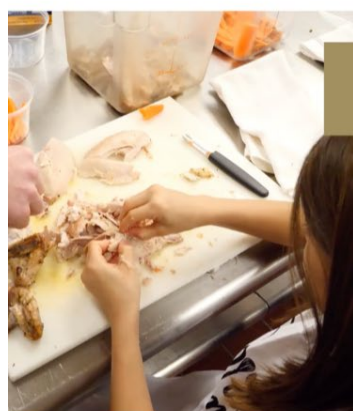
UPCOMING EVENTS

The health and safety of our community is our top priority, and we'll continue to monitor social distancing requirements. We will be working to secure new dates for our previously scheduled fundraisers as needed - please stay tuned!



THANK YOU again to everyone who donated and shared our mission during Amplify Austin last month! We are so grateful to have such an enthusiastic, supportive community who cares just as deeply about this mission as we do. You all are making a real, lasting difference for children and families here in Austin, and **we could not do this important work without you.**

IMPACT STORIES



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YOUTH COOKING CLASS

Our Dare to Dream Program matches youth in care with trustworthy mentors who help them develop healthy habits and important life skills, like cooking and meal prep. Last month, we cooked up something EXTRA special for our mentors and youth - a cooking class, taught by real Austin-area chefs at the Art Institute of Austin!

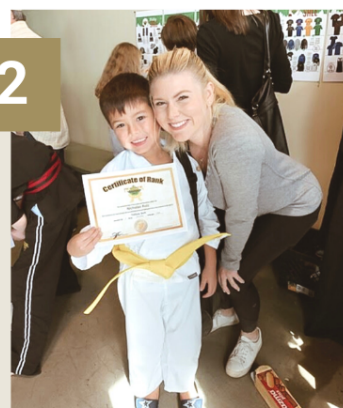
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NIKKI'S LOVE BOX STORY

Nikki began her fostering journey through a kinship placement, when her two grandsons (now 4 and 9) were unexpectedly placed in her care. She was admittedly a little skeptical about the Love Box program at first, but her Love Box group ultimately became a huge support system for her family as their foster care journey led to adoption.

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NIKA / INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Whether like Nika, who began the selfless journey of fostering as a single mother, or like the countless women who have rallied their circles, supported our events, and paved the way for change, we are so grateful for this incredible community that continues to give so others may experience love and life.

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"THE LOVE BOX PROGRAM MADE IT A WHOLE LOT EASIER. IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE WHO CARED ENOUGH AND LISTENED. IT'S WHAT I NEEDED SPECIFICALLY."

NIKKI | ADOPTIVE MOM, LOVE BOX RECIPIENT

ON THE BLOG



THE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

Unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together.

Volunteering and dedicating your time to the smallest of tasks can be extremely helpful and rewarding to the organization you are contributing to, as well as the people it serves. But the perks of volunteering go both ways - it can impact YOU just as much as the cause you are supporting!

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SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT



LEARN MORE ABOUT AMY

AMY | BIG LIFE HOME LOAN GROUP

Our friend Amy lives by the motto, "Think BIG. Live BIG. Love BIG. Give BIG." And we are SO grateful for her BIG heart!

Several weeks ago, Amy launched a Facebook fundraiser on her birthday for Austin Angels - and wound up blowing past her goal! She says, "At first, I started small at \$300 dollars, but my friends helped me reach it so fast! I kept upping the goal, and they kept reaching it. We ended up raising \$2,000+ in two weeks, and I am glad my friends believe in Austin Angels like I do. I believe wholeheartedly in what these women are doing, and I can't wait to see where they go!"

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have many youth and families all over Austin who are waiting to be matched in our programs (we are still matching volunteers via Zoom). If you know anyone who may be interested in learning more, please share this information with them!

Families waiting to be matched



Youth waiting to be matched

78633
female
age 11

78653
male
age 14

78704
male
age 15

78704
female
age 12

76544
female
age 16

*African American mentor

Thank you for your monthly commitment, which makes all of the above possible.
We're so grateful for your heart and continued generosity!

Until every child is reached,

Susan M. Ramirez



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