

NOAS OCTOBER NEWS

the stories that matter

SUPPORTING LIVES

One Training At A Time

As a foster care agency dedicated to supporting vulnerable youth and families, NOAS is committed to raising awareness and promoting mental well-being.

In honor of **Suicide Prevention Month**, NOAS staff **Chrishyra Whitfield and Simone Gant** completed the **QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Gatekeeper Instructor Certification**. They're now ready to **train others to recognize and respond to individuals in crisis**, helping save lives across our community.

[**Learn more about Suicide Prevention**](#)



Want training on suicide prevention?

Contact Simone or Chrishyra.

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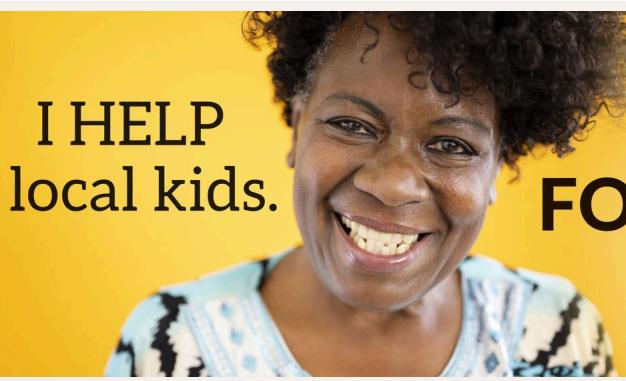
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FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED



I AM A FOSTER CAREGIVER.

YOU CAN HELP TOO
CALL 330-984-0873



Every two minutes, a child enters foster care—each one in need of safety, support, and love. Could you be the safe, stable, and nurturing home they need to begin healing?

NOAS is offering **in-person pre-service classes starting October 18**—and you can complete them in as little as **4 days**. If you've ever thought about fostering, now is the perfect time to learn more. For details, contact Simone Gant at sgant@noas.com.

REAL VOICES, REAL IMPACT:

Foster Youth and Young Adults on NOAS Staff

The feedback was gathered directly from the young adults and foster youth we serve, offering honest insight into their experiences with NOAS staff and the support they receive. Their words remind us why we do what we do. This month, we're spotlighting two team members who truly stood out in the eyes of those we serve.



Camellia Pugh
Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter

"She listens and engages with me. We trust each other."
~ *Quote from foster youth*



Susan Cleary-Charles
Bridges Liaison

"Every experience I have is positive. She has changed my life tremendously."
~ *Quote from young adult*

GET INVOLVED

Join NOAS in changing lives—attend our upcoming fundraisers and help provide hope, stability, and a brighter future for children in foster care. Your presence and generosity can make all the difference.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT HOLIDAY BINGO

Bingo gets a holiday twist! Enjoy a **dinner buffet and dessert**, **10 games for 10 designer purses** (3-up bingo with dauber included), **Louis Vuitton purse raffle**, **Purse Pop** for chance to win more purses and prizes, **50/50 raffle**, **basket raffle**, cash bar and more.

Not only is this the perfect night out with your friends, but every ticket supports **NOAS Foster Care Agency** in our mission to connect children in foster care with safe, loving, and permanent families. Your fun night helps us create brighter futures for Ohio's children.



Sponsorships and Tickets



ANGEL TREE IS HERE

Bring holiday cheer to a child in need! For over 30 years, our **Angel Tree program** has helped ensure every child served by NOAS receives a special gift during the holidays. Your generosity can make their season brighter.

Pick up an angel at our **Warren office (Mon–Thu, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.)** starting **October 20**. Return unwrapped or wrapped gifts by **November 17th**.

Questions? Call **Kathy at 330-307-3281**. Thank you for spreading joy!

THEY DID IT AND THEN SOME

A huge THANK YOU to The Lutz Girls—Heather, Holly, Kathie—and their amazing team for not only meeting their \$5,000 fundraising goal, but exceeding it and raising an incredible **\$6,200!**

They couldn't have done it alone, so a big thank you to the **community** who showed up, purchased tickets, and supported our mission. Your dedication, energy, and heart make a real difference for the kids and families served by NOAS. We're so proud and grateful for your amazing support!

Check out Lutz's and NOAS' thank you here

THANK YOU FOR A WINNING CELEBRATION

We are so grateful to our incredible sponsors, donors, volunteers, and staff for making this year's **NOAS Home Team Celebration** such a success. It was a fantastic day at Progressive Field on September 20, 2025—cheering on the Guardians, meeting Slider, and celebrating a big win for foster youth and families.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to our special guest, **Rita Soronen, President and CEO of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption**, for joining us. Your support of NOAS helps bring the youth we serve one step closer to the family connections they deserve.

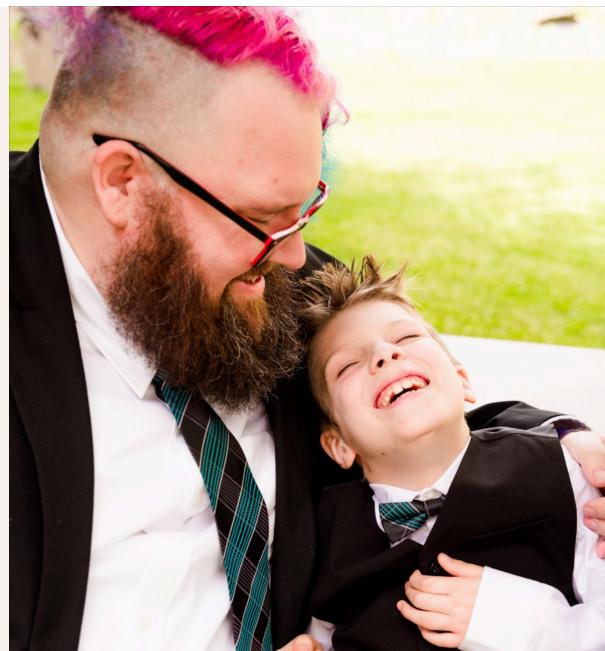


GIVE MONTHLY.

Change a Child's Life Everyday.

Your recurring gift to NOAS helps **recruit, train, and support foster families**, giving children the safe, loving, and stable homes they deserve. Every month you give, you're helping a child feel **cared for, supported, and connected**—and changing lives, one day at a time.

Sign Up Today and be part of something life-changing.



CELEBRATE NATIONAL POSITIVE ATTITUDE MONTH

October is all about optimism and positivity—and a positive mindset can make a huge difference in the lives of foster youth. A kind word, a smile, or a supportive gesture can help children feel safe, valued, and cared for. Let's spread positivity and make every day brighter!

EXPANDING OUR MISSION

Through Community Connections

On Sept. 28th, we joined the **Believers Church Connect Group Tailgate**, where we connected with community members excited to support NOAS. Several signed up to volunteer and help advance our mission of finding forever families for children in foster care.

We're also inviting others to **join our Team Kydz Volunteer Group** — a passionate network helping to raise awareness through events, outreach, and advocacy. **It's a powerful way to get involved and make a lasting impact.**

Learn more about Team Kydz by emailing Kathy at kevans@noas.com



MEET ZAVIER, AGE 16



Zavier is a friendly, polite, and energetic teenage boy. He is eager to travel and experience new adventures. Zavier loves to listen to and create new music. He enjoys exercising and exploring the outdoors. Zavier would love to be a part of a loving family with two parents.

[**Read more about Zavier**](#)

[*See More Children And Teens Who Are Waiting For A Family*](#)

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