

**PROSPECTUS  
2017-2021**

**CREATING STABLE AND CARING ENVIRONMENTS THAT PROVIDE  
STABILITY, ENCOURAGEMENT, EMPOWERMENT, AND SUPPORT TO  
FOSTER YOUTH AGING OUT**



**83 KIDS FOUNDATION**

***“If we can help a youth, we don’t have to spend years repairing an  
adult.”***

# THE PROBLEM

400,000

Approximate number of children in the foster care system nationwide

58%

Percentage of foster youth that will graduate from high school

5%

Percentage of foster youth that will graduate from college

35%

The average homeless rate of foster youth once age-out is reached

30%

The average amount of foster youth lost to incarceration

1,500

Average amount of foster youth aging-out in Texas every year

# THE SOLUTION

## OUR VISION

83KIDS seeks to restore balance to our society by eliminating the loss of foster care youth to homelessness and incarceration.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of 83KIDS is to show current and potential foster parents how to establish loving and caring environments, generate awareness of the challenges facing foster children, and expand the generosity of charitable organizations nationwide by providing the following:

- **Life Skills Teaching**
  - Resume building
  - Interviewing skills
  - Etiquette
  - Cooking
  - Budgeting and Money Management (i.e. filing taxes, paying bills, paying interest etc.)
  - Daily living
  - Communication skills
  - Relationship building
  - Anger management
  
- **Domino Effect**
  - The domino effect is a chain reaction that occurs when a small change causes a similar change nearby, which then will cause another similar change, and so on in linear sequence. We will prepare our youth and enable them to empower their peers. We will not only be empowering youth, but giving youth the tools to empower others.
  
- **Leadership Training**
  - While residing in the home, each youth will be challenged to exercise leadership abilities. We will engage them in leadership activities to help develop their leadership abilities and increase confidence.

- **Mentorship**
  - Each resident will be connected with a mentor based on interest and compatibility. All volunteer mentors will be trained and equipped to challenge the youths in their morals, and values, in addition to providing encouragement and guidance.
  
- **Scholarships**
  - 83KIDS will seek partnership and financial support to provide all residents aging out that will be pursuing higher education with a scholarship.
  - We will also educate our residents on other scholarship opportunities available.
  
- **Summer Missions Projects**
  - We will dedicate time and effort in international projects. We firmly believe in serving not just the youth in our country, but allowing our youth to serve through short-term missions.
  - We seek opportunities to connect and establish relationships with similar projects around the world.
  
- **Age-Out Case Management**
  - Upon aging out of custody all residents will be assisted with obtaining housing, employment, higher education and any other services the youth may need at the time of transition.
  
- **Outreach**
  - The home will provide and encourage all residents to participate in spiritual activities, community outreaches, church services etc.
  
- **Counseling**
  - We will contract with community agencies to provide counseling for all residents.
  
- **Education**
  - In order to provide stability, we will encourage residents to stay at the school they attend upon admission into the home.
  - Those who may have disciplinary or other issues will be placed in an alternative school or a program such as Serenity School, which allows youth a variety of ways to obtain their diploma, in addition to providing tutoring services and test preparation.

# ENDING THE CYCLE OF LOSS

**83KIDS will be used for the purpose of empowering and equipping foster youth that are aging out to become the leaders of their generation through prevention and awareness programs.**

## **MAINTAIN PARTNERSHIPS**

83KIDS is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. We will partner with select organizations and collaborate with frontline case workers to create urgency to establish preventative measure within communities, law enforcement agencies, and state and national government as a catalyst for reform

Current and potential partners:

- Department of Family and Protective services
- Child Protective Services
- Child Care Licensing
- Extended Foster Care Program
- Texas Baptist Home for Children
- Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Preparation for Adult Living Program

83KIDS will collaborate to actively raise funds to financially support frontline case workers. We intend to further contribute to expansion efforts to allow for a greater number of aging-out foster youth to find a safe haven and a place for healing.

## **CREATE SOCIAL MEDIA**

83KIDS will provide ongoing prevention education and social awareness through relevant and current media sources to investors, supporters, and the following groups:

- Families
- Schools
- Churches
- Advocates
- Political groups for legislative reform

## **RAISE SUPPORT**

83KIDS will actively raise funds to financially support our case workers to alleviate the stress associated with raising adequate support through their own often limited efforts.

**83KIDS will be used to REVIVE parents and case workers through retreats designed to provide financial, emotional, educational, and spiritual support.**

**REFRESH INDIVIDUALS**

We will host weekend retreats with the intent to restore and refresh individuals, marriages, and families by creating a profound and lasting impact to individuals and families.

**83KIDS will provide safe and secure homes for youth that are aging out but haven't learned to necessary skills to live on their own.**

**PROVIDE HOMES**

We will provide safe, secure, and nurturing environments for aging out foster youth between the ages of 18 and 21. We will pair residents with loving and nurturing Home Managers whose primary roles will be to provide stability and establish relational trust and confidence while providing development opportunities. Residents will receive nutritionally balanced meals, private sleeping quarters, multi-faceted developmental and recovery programs.

# POTENTIAL HOMES





