



# A HOME FOR **BRIGHTER** TOMORROWS

FACS Niagara Foundation campaign to create a treatment home for children with high needs in Niagara.

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## **IMAGINE...**

**Picture yourself at ten years old, hearing the news that you're being sent away from the familiar community you've always known.**

**The reason? There's no suitable place for you to stay in your home community where you can get the necessary support.**



## **NOW IMAGINE...**

Picture a reality in which the support you need can be offered in a welcoming home nestled in the heart of Niagara while allowing you to:

- ✓ Enjoy regular visits with your family
- ✓ Continue attending your current school
- ✓ Maintain connections with your friends
- ✓ Access the familiar services you've relied on for years
- ✓ Engage in extracurricular activities to help you become the best version of you

# OUR YOUTH NEED A HOME FOR **BRIGHTER** TOMORROWS

FACS Niagara cares for children who cannot live with traditional foster families because they live with complex mental health and behavioral challenges that require more services and support. There is currently no residential treatment home for children in foster care aged 9-14 in Niagara. As a result, these children can be placed in homes far from the region, away from their friends, family, schools, and support systems.

**Bringing these young people home to Niagara will require \$450,000 in community support.**

We will redevelop an existing building in Welland into a sanctuary for ten kids with high needs where they can heal and grow in their home community.

**Our kids deserve the chance to thrive close to those who care about them.**

Join us in creating A Home for Brighter Tomorrows.

# WHY THEY NEED YOU

**It is truly heartbreaking to see a young person move far away from everything they know to receive the support and services they need. It creates uncertainty and anxiety when they desperately need safety, security, and stability.**

Children in care with complex mental health and behavioural challenges benefit the most from staying in their home communities. Being around familiar faces and places gives them feelings of stability and belonging. They can keep going to the same school, spend time with their friends, and stay connected with support systems that know them well. Plus, being close to their family means easier visits that keep them linked to their roots. It allows them to maintain a sense of normalcy while they are going through extraordinary circumstances.

FACS tirelessly explores every avenue to maintain the connection between children in our care and those who care deeply about them. Despite our best efforts, the shortage of treatment programs and residential placements in our region poses a significant challenge.

These are our most vulnerable children. Their needs exceed what can be addressed in a traditional foster home setting, yet there is no place for them to stay in Niagara. As a result, some are living as far as Ottawa and Windsor.

As we navigate these obstacles, our commitment remains steadfast—to provide every child in our care with the love, stability, and opportunities they deserve.



# A PLACE TO HEAL, GROW, AND THRIVE

**Despite their challenges, these are the most resilient children you will ever meet. We know that with the right support, they can thrive.**

With the help of our community, we will renovate and furnish an existing building we own in Welland to turn it into a residential treatment home for nine children with one additional bed available to children in emergency situations.


Children will stay for varied lengths of time, depending on their needs. As a residential treatment home, our goal is to help our children stabilize in a nurturing environment for a period of time before helping them make a smooth transition back to their primary family, or into a smaller, family-based foster home.

Day-to-day life in the home will be run by our trusted partner Youth Resources Niagara, a non-profit organization with a long history of operating residential treatment homes with exceptional results.

Youth Resources Niagara employs trauma-informed staff who create nurturing and supportive environments for the young people in their homes. A full-time clinical director works directly with each child to create a personalized treatment and growth plan, while also providing weekly therapy sessions.

**“ When I first arrived, I’d be up on the roof all the time, swearing, being rude and punching holes in walls. I thought the staff would yell at me and move me to a different place. Thinking about that made me even angrier. But none of that happened. Turned out they were there to care about us, help us move on, and prepare us for the future. They gave me an allowance and let me play my video games. We had fun – going to movies, Fort George, hockey games and Christmas parties. Now I’m older, and I can handle my anger because they taught me how. They taught me how to trust again. And I’m no longer on the roof! ”**

DB is a young man who spent time at Wagner House, FACS’s home for teenage boys. He describes his progress from when he first arrived at the home, to when he left to live independently.



**We have the building, all we need is you, to help us make it a Home for Brighter Tomorrows.**

# WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO CREATE A HOME FOR **BRIGHTER** TOMORROWS?

Bringing our children home to Niagara will require \$450,000 in community support.

Helping kids get through the most difficult time of their lives and begin their healing journey is easier in the familiarity of their own community.

If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact us for more information about how you can play a role in this critically needed project

## Cost of renovating and fully furnishing a 10-bedroom home in Welland

Exterior renovations	\$ 285,000
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	\$ 65,000
Two six-person vans	\$ 80,000
Administration	\$ 20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 450,000</b>



# LIFE IN THE HOME



A full-time clinical director to provide therapy and individual case management.



Trauma-informed staff living at the home.



A basketball court and community garden.



A place to celebrate the holidays with people who care about them.



Room for nine children plus one bed for emergency placements.



Separate living quarters for girls and boys.



The chance to go on outings to the movies, sports games, historical sites and attend community festivals.



Children will have the option of staying enrolled at their school in Niagara, regardless of its location.



Wholesome meals and shared dining experiences with other residents.



A comfortable common area to play games, relax, and make friends.



# RECOGNIZING YOUR SUPPORT

We are pleased to recognize the wonderful support of our community in helping us create a Home for Brighter Tomorrows.

Giving Level	Amount	Naming Opportunity	Named in Media Release	Listing on External- Facing Donor Wall	Invite to Opening Reception
Legacy Building Partner	\$150,000+	Naming Rights to building	✓	✓	✓
Cornerstone Contributor	\$50,000	Outdoor Courtyard	✓	✓	✓
Homestead Hero	\$25,000	Community Garden	✓	✓	✓
Roof Raiser	\$10,000	Plaque on Bench or Picnic Table	✓	✓	✓
Childhood Champion	\$5,000			✓	✓
Little Hearts Helper	\$1,000				✓

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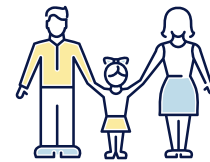
The wellbeing of children is our top priority.

FACS Niagara is the Children's Aid Society serving the 12 municipalities that make up the Niagara region. We provide child welfare services, fostering and adoption, childcare, and counselling to individuals, couples, and families through our Family Counselling Centre.



## Our Mission

We protect, support, and strengthen the wellbeing of children, youth, adults, and families.



## Our Vision

Working together to help our community thrive.

### Keeping Kids Safe

Our team responds to more than **6,500** calls per year about the wellbeing of children in our community.

### We're Here to Help

We conduct **95%** of our work with families within their own homes, so they can remain together.

### Supporting Foster Families

FACS Niagara partners with **130** foster families to help Niagara's children thrive when they are unable to remain at home.

### Helping Kids Thrive

FACS Niagara serves an average of more than **400** children each month in foster care settings.

### Growing Families

Our team completes approximately **25** adoptions each year.

### Guiding the Path to Wellness

Our Family Counselling Centre provides more than **5,000** counselling sessions each year. We also offer a fee subsidy program, ensuring that wellness is within everyone's reach.



For over 25 years, the FACS Niagara Foundation has worked with generous members of our community to raise funds that provide the children and youth we serve with positive childhood memories and the support they need to become resilient, successful adults. Donor support allows FACS Niagara to provide summer camp experiences for children, postsecondary grants for youth in care, life-skills training for young people preparing to live independently, and facility upgrades to ensure welcoming spaces for families and children.

# NOTES





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