



My name is Matt Peiffer and I come from foster care.

I was placed in foster care twice, once when I was 2 years old and then again at the age of 16. I know first-hand the issues that youth like myself struggle with every day. One of the problems is transportation. I was fortunate enough to save up to buy a moped at 16 years old. After that broke down, I was unable to afford a new one, so for 4 years, I rode a bike to work. Sometimes putting over 60 miles a day on that bike to get to work, and I was working three jobs. One of those jobs was at Walmart. When I was 19 years old, I became a manager there. But even though I was able to afford to buy a car, I still didn't have my driver's license. I didn't obtain my driver's license until I was almost 20 years old and I was only able to obtain my permit because I made some friends in the community who helped me. They heard my story and wanted to help...But I was lucky. Not all children in the foster care system are able to find people in the community to help them. That's where A VOICE FOR KIDS INC (a 501(c) 3) comes in. Using my story, networking skills, and a Board of Directors, we will help build a volunteer base in communities in Northeast Indiana, that are willing to donate at least 10 hours of their time each month to help a young foster youth in their community be equipped for a successful future.

While helping our kids get their practice hours, get their drivers licenses, they will also work to help our kids build social capital, and many of the soft skills necessary for a chance to lead a successful life. Volunteers will need to pass a criminal background check, own their own car, and have valid insurance, while we work to get training vehicles for our kids. A VOICE FOR KIDS INC will require youth to have already completed an 8-hour driving course, with a licensed instructor, that is currently provided to them as a foster child in Indiana. We will require all volunteers to use a dash cam, provided by us, that records driver and road. And we will store that footage for 2 years. GPS trackers will be available for volunteers who request them, for use when training our kids.

This is where you come in. A VOICE FOR KIDS INC needs your support to help kids who are where I was. Whether it be time to volunteer or connect me to others who may be passionate about this cause or financial support, your support is needed and appreciated.

Using my relationship building skills, and my personal knowledge of working, and living within the foster care system, I will help our volunteers' mentor our kids.

Growing up in the foster care system comes with its own challenges. A Voice for Kids is here to help make sure that access to a driver's license isn't one of them.

Respectfully,

Matt Peiffer

President/Founder

A VOICE FOR KIDS INC

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