

# Hope for the Holidays

Holiday cheer is in the air.  
Share yours with youth from foster care!

**How would you celebrate and where would you go for the holidays if you grew up in foster care and were not adopted? Help us provide gifts for our often-forgotten young people this Christmas.**

The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) works with more than 600 youth from foster care, ages 18-23, to ensure they have the support they need to become self-reliant, productive adults. Many of these youth go without traditional holiday celebrations and gifts from loved ones. It is DCF's goal to remind youth from foster care that they are not alone. And they have a whole community of supporters.

## Here's how you can help:

**Sponsor a wish list.** We are requesting wrapped gifts for our youth who are less connected or have children of their own.

**Provide a \$100 Walmart gift card.** For our remaining youth, we are requesting gift cards. Youth are then able to purchase items that are specific to their needs.

Wrapped gifts and gift cards will be accepted until Dec.10. Gifts, along with a personal note to each youth, can be dropped off at any DCF service center. Gift cards can be mailed to:

Tracy Crockett  
Kansas Department for Children and Families  
555 S Kansas Ave., 1st Floor  
Topeka, KS 66603

**For more information or to become a sponsor, please call Tracy at 785-296-6846, or email her at [dcf.H4H@ks.gov](mailto:dcf.H4H@ks.gov).**

*You can make a difference!*

