

Hope for the Holidays 2020

Holiday cheer is in the air. Share yours with young adults who have aged out of 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 gift cards and greeting cards for our often-forgotten young people this Christmas.

The Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) works with approximately 750 youth from foster care, ages 18-26, to ensure they have the support they need to become self-reliant, productive adults.

Many of these young people go without traditional holiday celebrations and gifts from loved ones. It is DCF's goal to remind them that they are not alone and have a whole community of supporters.

Here's how you can help:

Provide a **\$25, \$50, or \$100 gift card** for youth to purchase items specific to their needs and wants. Recommended gift card types include Walmart, Target, Amazon, Kroger/Dillons, Aldi, Casey's, QuikTrip, Uber, Lyft, Visa, and MasterCard. We also welcome greeting cards with handwritten messages of hope that we can send to youth.

Please mail gift cards and greeting cards to:

Michelle Reichart
Hope for the Holidays
555 S. Kansas Avenue, 4th Floor (IL)
Topeka, KS 66603

For more information or to let us know that items have been placed in the mail, please call Michelle at **785-213-9602** or send an email to Michelle.Reichart@ks.gov.

Gift cards and greeting cards will be accepted through **December 11**.

