

Recognizing National Foster Care Awareness and Supervised Visitation Month



Throughout the month of May, Pendleton Place will recognize *National Foster Care Month* and *Supervised Visitation Awareness Month*. Over 2,000 children in the Upstate are in foster care due to abuse or neglect. All of our four programs work closely with children in foster care and foster parents. These programs include:

- The [Assessment Center](#) focuses on conducting assessments for at-risk families who have experienced the removal of a child by DSS. The program improves communication between DSS, foster families and birth parents with the ultimate goal to reduce repeat maltreatment.
- [Connections Count](#) often works with young adults who have aged out of foster care and are in need of extra support to become self-sufficient and independent.
- [Family Bridges](#) offers safe custody exchange and supervised visitation for families in a comfortable homelike setting. Often times, families are referred by DSS and those in the foster care system.
- [Smith House](#) is a residential home for up to ten teenage girls who live in the foster care system and are referred by DSS.

During the Month of May, we recognize that we can ALL play a part in enhancing the lives of children and youth in foster care. It is important that we recognize, identify, and support potential and current foster care families. The Children's Bureau has provided [resources](#) to connect child welfare professionals, foster parents, and kinship caregivers to help families create a safe and caring home.

Supervised Visitation ensures that a child is able to maintain contact with a parent in a safe environment while issues are resolved. We need to raise awareness in all communities that children and families in these high-risk situations need well-trained and supported professional supervised visitation services. The [Family Bridges](#) program is first-of-its-kind supervised visitation center in South Carolina and is focused on building strong parenting relationships while protecting and healing those we serve. Security is on-site at all times for the protection and well-being of all who are involved with our Family Bridges supervised visitation services. **You can make a difference this month by making a gift that provide for families using these services.** Gifts can be made [online](#) or mailed to Pendleton Place, Attn: Donor Relations, 1133 Pendleton Street, Greenville, SC 29601. Thank you in



SYNNEX Day at the Drive

Please join Pendleton Place at the **SYNNEX Share the Magic Day at the Drive** on **Sunday, June 25, 2017!** We will celebrate our

joint efforts to support children and youth in the Upstate facing incredible challenges. The first pitch starts at 4:05 p.m. A portion of all tickets sold will support Pendleton Place. You can **purchase your ticket online** by using [this link](#). See you at the Fluor Field!

Host a Fundraiser for Pendleton Place

A great way to get involved at Pendleton Place is to host your own fundraiser! This is an opportunity for your office, family, church group, school, and other community groups to get involved and make a difference in the lives of the children and families Pendleton Place serves. If you are interested in hosting an event for Pendleton Place, please check out our Special Event Proposal form [here](#). Some ideas include:



- Bake Sale
- Car Wash
- Office Jean Day
- 5K walk/run
- Gala

If you have any questions, please contact our Communications and Events Coordinator, Elizabeth Stoffelen by [email](#). We are looking forward to working with you!

In-kind Donations

Pendleton Place is very appreciative for all of the in-kind donations we receive for the children, teens, young adults, and families we serve. In order to ensure that your donation will be put to great use, we would like to share our handy donation guide. Due to health and safety regulations, there are certain items that we are unable to accept. Please take a look at the list below to see what our greatest needs are along with a few things we are unable to accept. Thank you in advance for your support.



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IN-KIND DONATION GUIDE

Items We Can Accept

- New cleaning supplies
- New paper products
- New personal hygiene items
- Infant, toddler, and teen, girl clothing
- Over the counter medication
- New child and teen activity items
- Gift cards

*To see a detailed list, please visit our website at
www.pendletonplace.org*

Items We Can't Accept

- Used baby/children's items: stuffed animals, pack 'n plays, high chairs, booster seats, bath seats, car seats, infant carriers, strollers, and bouncing seats
- Used pillows, cribs, bed, or mattress
- Open or used games, puzzles, and ripped books
- Used personal items: underwear, toiletries, socks, bras etc.
- Clothing: men and women's clothing, items with holes, tears, and stains, dirty or scuffed shoes

*Donations may be dropped off Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-
4:30 P.M. at 1133 Pendleton Street, Greenville 29601.*

Our Mission is to keep children safe and support families in crisis through prevention, assessment, and intervention.

Our Vision is a community where children are safe, families are strong, and victims become whole again.

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