



Who's Your Person?

Think back to the time when you were in high school. You just aced a test you studied all week for. *Who did you want to share your exciting news with first?*

Think about the day you received your driver's license and how proud you felt. *Who helped you prepare for the driving test and drove you to the DMV?*

Think about the day you graduated high school. *Out of the corner of your eye, who did you see cheer for you as you walked across the stage to receive your diploma?*

Think about the time you opened your first bank account, bought your first car, or moved into your first apartment. *Who did you have next to you every step of the way to guide you in the right direction?*

As you are remembering these important times in your life, you are more than likely picturing a parent, guardian or close mentor as your person you could always count on. *For teenagers living in foster care and for those aging out, who do they turn to for these important moments in life?* Unfortunately, foster youth do not always have the option of turning to their families for support. Those who grow up in foster care oftentimes miss out on key resources and guidance needed during this important age in life.

This is where Pendleton Place steps in.

For our teenage girls ages 12-21 living in our **Smith House** residential program, we are their person. We are there to not only provide the basic needs like food and clothing, but also our residents are provided structured educational support, life skills training, financial literacy classes, civic engagement and other opportunities aimed at preparing these youth and young adults for successful, independent living after foster care.

For young adults ages 17-26 who have transitioned out of foster care and are seeking guidance as they enter adulthood, turn to



our **Connections Count** program and we are their person. Studies show that 40% of youth aging out of foster care experience homelessness, and 25% end up in prison (Howard & Berzin, 2011). We are providing case management services, creating goal-oriented life plans, and matching them with caring mentors, so we can change these outcomes for the youth we are serving. We provide the resources young adults need to reach a productive adulthood. Our goal is to make sure youth aging out of foster care have every opportunity to acquire the life skills and knowledge required to transition successfully into adulthood.

Individuals who have recently transitioned from foster care to independence, or who are approaching this major change, are among the most vulnerable in our community. It's always good to think back and remember who had a major influence on your life. For youth living in foster care, that's not always possible. *We encourage you to join us in support of our youth so you too can be their person.*



Team United Way of Greenville County

There was a lot to celebrate at **United Way of Greenville County's** annual meeting and awards celebration in January! This celebration recognizes all campaign dollars raised by local businesses, individuals, government and nonprofits in our community. Pendleton Place is honored to receive the 2017 Chairman's Award, Campaign of Excellence, as well as the Campaign Award of Advancement for a 25% increase or more in dollars for our agency campaign for the United Way. In total United Way of Greenville County raised \$16,662,591 during their annual campaign. The partnership we have with the United Way allows us to truly make an impact on children and families in foster care. Pendleton Place is proud to be on #TeamUWGC



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Wish List

Our highest priority needs right now are:

- Children's toothpaste
- Size 4,5, and 6 diapers
- Nair or other cream depilatory
- Coco butter lotion
- African American Hair products
 - Brands include: Shea Moisture, Pantene for natural hair, Cantu, and Motions
 - Hicks or olive oil edge control
 - Eco styling gel
 - Combs and brushes
 - Satin hair bonnets
- Teen girl clothing (all sizes)
 - Athletic shorts
 - Leggings
 - T-shirts
 - Pajamas



To view our updated wish list please [click here](#). This list is based on the specific needs of the children, teens, and young adults we serve.

Due to health and safety regulations, there are certain items that we are unable to accept such as used baby items and children's toys. For a full list of items we cannot accept, please refer to our [in-kind donation guide](#).

Gently used clothing must be clean, in good condition, and without damage. Please no torn, stained, excessively worn, pet damaged, color faded or scuffed items. If you have any questions please call us at (864) 467-3650.

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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