

# Reaching Out

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How YOUR gifts help Skylar find hope and a home.



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*Serving Arkansas since 1884*

**The Centers**

*Building Healthy Children, Families and Communities*

## NOW APRIL PLANS TO ATTEND COLLEGE BECAUSE OF YOU

April's\* mother died years ago. No one knows where her father is. While living with her grandparents, her grandmother sexually abused her - and even exploited her to others.

April spent her childhood trying to escape from the sexual abuse. When she was 12, she attempted suicide. She would cut her arms. Then she would take pills to ease the pain in her life. She often ran away. She was convinced that no one cared about her.

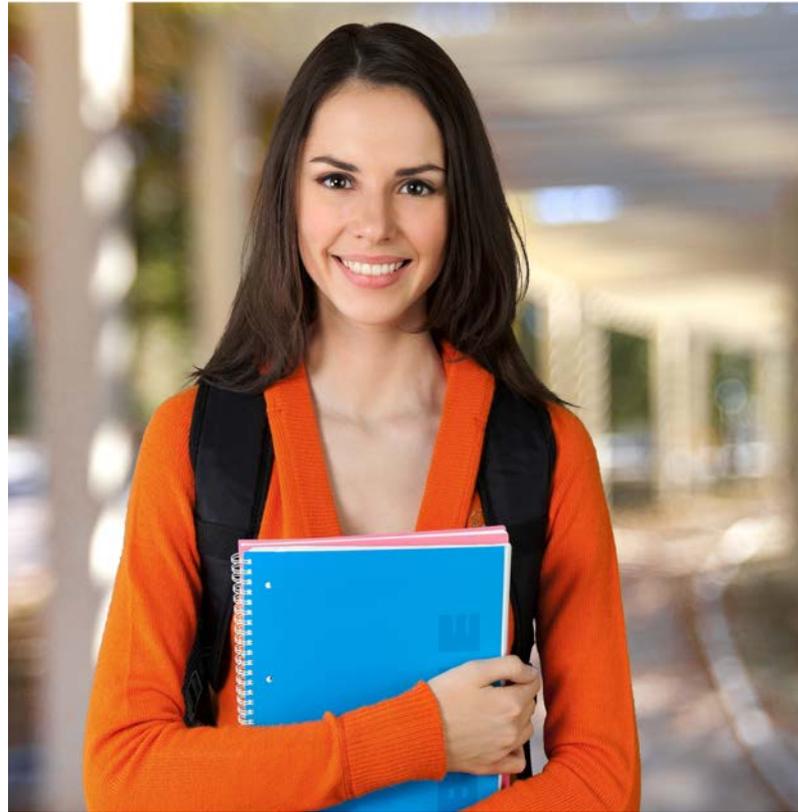
The day April arrived at The Centers, she had only the clothes on her back. Her program manager Carole told her, "You have just landed in the right place. We're going to help you April."

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**"You have just landed in  
the right place."**

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Because of you, April has a safe place to live. She receives therapy to heal from the abuse in her life. Because of you she has new clothes and school supplies, like every



*April is excited about her future!*

child should. Her grades are back on track, thanks to you.

April is finally excited about her future. She even talks about attending college, a dream that she never thought possible until now.

You gave April a safe place to live. You gave April love and caring. You helped April succeed. You gave April hope for a better life. Thank you!

## Thank you



**It's people like you who make  
sure no child is turned away.  
Learn more about estate gifts  
on page 4.**

# YOU GAVE SKYLAR A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE

*Skylar loves to play outside now!*

From a young age, Skylar\* was ignored by his own mother. She often neglected him and hardly even bathed him.

Skylar is 8 now and recently came to live with Carolyn and Rick, two of our foster care parents. When he came to live with them, Skylar told Carolyn “I finally feel loved”. For the first time, Skylar now has someone to take care of him.

So many children are hurting and have been abandoned. “You have to understand what these kids have endured,” Carolyn says. “There’s a lot of healing they’re trying to accomplish.” It only happens because people like you give to The Centers.

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Your gifts help our foster care parents care for children who need extra love and healing. Because of your generosity, The Centers is able to recruit and train families to open their homes to children in need.

Because of you and your generous giving, we see children once paralyzed by abuse, neglect and fear, now fulfilling their dreams. Thank you.



**YOU CAN HELP CHILDREN LIKE SKYLAR!**

See our immediate needs on the back page.

## SAVE THE DATES

### Giving Tuesday

– December 3, 2019

Make a gift on this special day of giving.



### Adopt a Child’s Wish List for Christmas

– the Month of December

You can make a child have a happy holiday!

### Kendra Scott Gives Back Night

– February 6, 2020

20% of proceeds will benefit The Centers.

### The Evolve Gala

– March 14, 2020

Check out [www.cfyf.org](http://www.cfyf.org) for more info!

# YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE FUTURE TODAY

Choose to leave your legacy of generosity through an estate gift, so that no child is turned away from life-saving care.

## WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER LEAVING A LEGACY GIFT TO THE CENTERS?

- Leave a legacy while maintaining your current lifestyle
- Fulfill your mission of helping your community after your lifetime
- Reap the tax benefits now and later
- Increase your current income or that of your loved ones
- Teach your loved ones the importance of giving and how to give
- It's a simple yet meaningful gift

## WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A PLANNED GIFT:

- A gift in your will or trust
- Naming The Centers as a beneficiary on a retirement plan or life insurance policy
- Providing a gift of stock, real estate, or personal property

Your gift can be designated to a specific program or included in an endowment. For more information, contact Melissa at 501.666.9436.



## You can help today!

- Duffle bags for all ages of children
- XL and 2XL clothing for adolescent men and women
- Outdoor sports balls
- Pajamas for all ages of children
- Yoga mats
- Blank canvases & acrylic paints for art therapy
- Bluetooth wireless headphones for music therapy

## Donation Drop Off Location

Freeway Medical Tower  
5800 West 10th St.  
Little Rock, AR 72204  
Suite 101

# You Can Help a Child In Need

**3,000**  
people

Last year, more than 3,000 people came to The Centers in need of services that include counseling, foster care and residential care.



**288**  
children

Every day about 288 children live at The Centers, go to school with us, are in foster care with us, or are in therapy with our clinicians.

## Your Community Served

Your gifts change the lives of children and families from almost every county in Arkansas.



**YOU**  
are needed!

Your financial gift of \$50, \$100, or \$150 helps a boy or girl heal from trauma and grow into a successful adult.



### DONATE

Give online [cfyf.org](http://cfyf.org)- click 'Donate'  
Call 501.666.9436  
Text @cfyf to 52014  
Return your gift in the enclosed envelope



### VOLUNTEER

Collect items from our current needs list [↑](#)  
Join one of our community volunteer groups



### CONNECT

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Instagram @the\_centers\_ar  
Online [cfyf.org](http://cfyf.org)

Make saving children a part of your day. Can you give \$1.61 a day? (\$50/month)? You can help provide for one child like Skylar or April. Call 501.666.9436 or go to [cfyf.org](http://cfyf.org) and click 'Donate.'

