ADRIEL ACTION
PROVIDING QUALITY CARE FOR CHILDREN IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

A Story Worth Remembering

Katie and Joel Krabill began their journey together at the ages of 19 and 20 when they said "I do." In 2017, they took another life-changing step by saying "yes" to becoming foster parents. Now, the Krabill home is a vibrant place, filled with love, laughter, and a healthy dose of chaos—because it's home to 12! Their biological children, Silas (15), Grant (13), and Lesley (11), share their space with two adopted siblings: Timothy (14), who was adopted in 2021, and Elias (4), who was adopted in 2022. Additionally, the Krabills are dedicated foster parents to five other children, working tirelessly to provide a safe and loving environment for each of them.

Kendra, 14, has been with the Krabills for almost two years. Before foster care, she described herself as "bad," but now, thanks to the Krabills' nurturing, she is on a path to healing. Jonathan, 10, was once considered "wild" when he first arrived, but after five years in the Krabill home, he's known for his discipline and growth. Mariah, 9, arrived with her brother Jonathan at the age of four, feeling scared and disoriented. When asked what life was like before foster care, she recalled, "I woke up and was somewhere different." Now, five years later, Mariah feels safe and secure. Josiah, 5, is known for his speed, strength, and shyness, while 2-year-old Ronald, who arrived as an infant, is full of energy despite facing serious health challenges. Due to his medical condition, Ronald requires a tracheostomy to breathe and experienced medical setbacks in February. With Ronald's increasing medical needs, Katie made the decision to quit her job and become his full-time caregiver, ensuring he receives the constant care and attention he needs to thrive.

When the Krabill family isn't meeting with caseworkers or shuttling their kids to extracurricular activities, they make the most of their time together. Some of their favorite moments include movie nights, cheering on the older boys at Friday night football games, camping trips, shopping for each other during the Christmas season, Christmas morning celebrations, their large family reunion, their New Year's Eve party, and their last beach vacation. Although not all of the children were able to join them on that trip, they dream of going back to the beach together as a whole family.

Kendra describes her foster care experience as "life-changing, hard, fun, and a little boring." Despite these challenges, she has excelled academically, maintaining straight A's, balancing a part-time job, and staying actively involved in cheerleading and the softball team. Kendra has also taken significant steps toward financial independence by opening her own checking account.

Many children in foster care receive consistent support from Adriel staff, including clinical services, weekly consultant visits, and participation in the independent living program. These services are crucial in helping them manage their emotions, navigate difficult situations, and earn incentives toward independent living.

Thanks to generous donations, the children have had the opportunity to participate in 4-H, where they developed confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of responsibility. Waking up at 5 a.m. to bottle-feed their calves, practicing for showings, and overcoming the nerves of performing in front of a crowd were invaluable experiences.

Additionally, donations have enabled Kendra to visit Washington, D.C., attend cheer camp, and allow the younger ones to participate in gymnastics, broadening their horizons and creating lasting memories.

So, what's next for the Krabill family of 12? Silas and Timothy are busy preparing for football season, while Grant enjoys spending time with friends and has developed a growing interest in golf. Lesley, who recently turned 11, is embracing her role in the family and appreciates that the children coming into their home have a place where they can feel loved and cared for. Meanwhile, 4-year-old Elias is full of energy, keeping everyone on their toes. Katie and Joel are in the process of finalizing Kendra's adoption and hope to adopt Jonathon, Josiah, and Mariah, though they are facing some delays in the process. As for Ronald despite his life expectancy being only until age four, the Krabills remain hopeful and plan to officially adopt him by Christmas.

The Krabill family's journey is a testament to the power of love, resilience, and unwavering commitment. No matter the challenges ahead, they continue to create a home where every child can feel safe, cherished, and part of something extraordinary.



Why the Mission Matters

A mission statement is crucial to an organization's identity and purpose. It lays the foundation by clearly defining the organization's goals, values, and the core principles that guide its actions.

Over 127 years ago, in 1896, David and Ellen Garber envisioned providing a safe home for children and raising them "for Christ and in the church." Adriel has always focused on serving children who have no family or whose family environment is unsafe or unhealthy. This mission has continued to evolve, expanding services to not only meet the needs of children but also to support their families.

Today, Adriel provides foster care, counseling, and independent living services for children, along with kinship and adoption home study services for families. Additionally, family preservation services help keep children and families together. Recently, Adriel's board of directors decided to update the organization's mission and vision, recognizing that a mission statement matters. It communicates to the public what Adriel stands for and provides direction and focus, aligning the efforts of staff, volunteers, and stakeholders toward a common goal.

Adriel's Mission

Providing quality care for children, young adults, and families in the spirit of Christian love.

Adriel's Vision

Until every child lives in a safe and loving home, Adriel shall be a premier provider of exceptional care for children, young adults, and families in need.



Because of Your Generosity

In a world where every child deserves safety, comfort, and the chance to thrive, your generosity has made an extraordinary difference. Here are a few ways your contributions have helped fill urgent needs for children in foster care.

Choking Rescue Tool - $63.22

A few weeks ago, a young boy was placed into one of our foster homes. This little boy had endured severe neglect, resulting in the removal of most of his teeth. His foster family carefully cuts his food into tiny pieces, yet the risk of choking is a constant concern due to his condition. Thanks to your support, we were able to purchase a choking rescue tool. This simple device has brought peace of mind to the family, ensuring they are prepared to act swiftly in case of an emergency. Your generosity has provided not just a tool but a sense of security and care for this vulnerable child.

Activity Mat - $48.09

In another home, a young baby is just beginning to explore the world. This little one loves to learn and grow, soaking up every new experience. With your help, we were able to purchase a colorful and engaging activity mat. This mat isn't just a toy; it's a safe space where the baby can reach, roll, and discover. It's where first giggles, curious glances, and tiny milestones are celebrated. Your donation has given this child the gift of play, which is crucial for their development and happiness.

Formula, Bottles, & Crib Sheets - $166.50

Sometimes, children enter foster care with little more than the clothes on their backs. Such was the case with an infant who recently arrived in one of our homes. The baby came with almost nothing, leaving the foster family in immediate need of essentials. While waiting for assistance through WIC, your generosity allowed us to step in and provide formula, his favorite bottles, and soft new crib sheets. These simple items made a world of difference, offering nourishment, comfort, and a sense of belonging to this tiny child.

Because of your generosity, these children have been given more than just material items. They have received safety, comfort, and the chance to grow and thrive in a loving environment. Your contributions are more than just donations; they are lifelines, providing hope and security when it's needed most. Thank you for making such a profound impact on the lives of these children.

For more information, contact the Adriel Development Office at foundation@adriel.org

Be the One to Help Make an Impact

The Need for Foster Parents is Great

What does it mean to make an impact?

Most would agree that making an impact means leaving your mark on something in such a profound way that's impossible to remove. Some of us ponder what impact we will leave on our family, on our community, and on the world. But no matter how big or small the impact you leave is, it will always be there. In early 2024, we devised the Be the One to Make an Impact Campaign, in hopes of giving you, our generous donors and supporters, and everyone who knows the importance of foster care the opportunity to leave a mark so profound that it's impossible to remove.

Why should you support the Be The One to Make an Impact Campaign?

In July of 2023, Adriel faced a challenge that was difficult to overcome. After the discontinuation of financial support from ODJFS/OCCRA, we saw a noticeable decline in our ability to recruit foster parents. As a result, we have seen fewer placements and less incentives for our families.

Our goal for the Be the One to Make an Impact Campaign is to restore our recruitment capabilities, and increase foster home licenses, retaining dedicated foster parents, elevating placement rates, and ultimately, providing more children with the safe, loving homes they deserve. Your support of this campaign is vital to the future success of Adriel's foster children.

How can I make an impact?

Our goal is to raise an additional **$250,000** for the Be the One to Make an Impact Campaign. Thanks to a very generous longtime donor, each donation, dollar-for-dollar will be matched, doubling the impact your donation will have! Your choice to make an impact will not only affect the future of each and every child at Adriel, but every child at Adriel for years to come.

We acknowledge that not everyone can make a monetary donation today. However, you can still leave your mark by spreading the word about Adriel and our campaign. No matter how you choose to make an impact, each impact is felt and will be remembered.

Your support can and will change the lives of Adriel's foster children and families. Be the one to leave a lasting impact as we continue our pursuit of quality care for children, young adults, and families in the spirit of Christian love.

Visit the QR code below to make a donation online. You may also send your donation to P.O. Box 188, West Liberty, OH 43357

Questions? Contact Jenn Butler at jennifer.butler@adriel.org

Celebrating this year's impact

1 CHRONICLES 29:13 (NKJV)
"Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name."



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How You Can Help Adriel's Children & Families this Holiday Season

Angel Tree



As the holiday season approaches, Adriel is preparing for this year's Angel Tree Giving. Our goal is to ensure that every foster child and young adult in the Bridges program experiences the generosity, kindness, and love that embodies the Christmas spirit.

This year, we're continuing with financial donations, which allow Adriel to purchase a personalized gift from each child's wish list and deliver it directly to their foster home. Additionally, we're offering the option to drop off gifts at three of our office locations: Archbold, Bellefontaine, and Van Wert.

To make a financial contribution, please visit https://igfn.us/e/Zfeudw and select "Give a Gift" or text ADRIEL to 91999. For more information, visit our website at https://www.adriel.org/angel-tree/ or contact Brooks Behnfeldt at brooks.behnfeldt@adriel.org or 937-407-1190.

Giving Tuesday

GIVING TUESDAY

Adriel continues to welcome a growing number of youth into safe and loving foster homes, supported by a dedicated group of foster families who are ready to open their hearts and homes. Your #GivingTuesday donation empowers these families to provide the love and care that these children need. If you've ever considered making a donation to support foster youth and their families in your community, now is the perfect time!

As we celebrate Adriel's 128th year of caring for children in 2024, we invite you to make a $128 gift this #GivingTuesday. This special day of giving falls on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving.

To donate, visit https://igfn.us/e/On3-6g or mail a check to P.O. Box 188, West Liberty, OH 43357 and designate your gift for "Giving Tuesday." You can also text ADRIEL to 41444 to make a donation. We deeply appreciate your support on Giving Tuesday and throughout the year.

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