



My life is hopeful.

I am glad someone listens to me.

On weekends, we go to the movies together.

Make her story a good one.

All children deserve a safe, happy life — including the **496,000 American children and youth in foster care**.

Many of these formerly abused or neglected children and teens will either safely reunite with their parents, be cared for by relatives, or be adopted by loving families.

But others are less fortunate. Every year, 26,000 youth age out of foster care and face life's challenges alone. No matter their age, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives.

May Is National Foster Care Month ... *You Can Change a Lifetime!*

No matter how much time you have to give, you can do something positive that will *Change a Lifetime* for a young person in foster care.

For more information on the many ways you can help, please visit www.fostercaremonth.org or call (888) 799-KIDS today!



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