



Dave Thomas
Foundation
for Adoption®

Finding Forever Families

for Children in Foster Care

More than 140,000 children are waiting to be adopted from North America's foster care systems. Every year, more than 20,000 of these youth turn 18 or 21 and age out of foster care without a permanent family. With nowhere to turn for support, many are at a higher risk of homelessness, unemployment and other negative outcomes. Sadly, this number is on the rise.

Who We Are

Created in 1992 by Wendy's® founder Dave Thomas, who was adopted, the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption is the only public nonprofit charity in the United States focused exclusively on foster care adoption.

Our Vision

Every child will have a permanent home and a loving family.

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SIGNATURE PROGRAMS: HOW WE HELP



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Wendy's
Wonderful Kids®

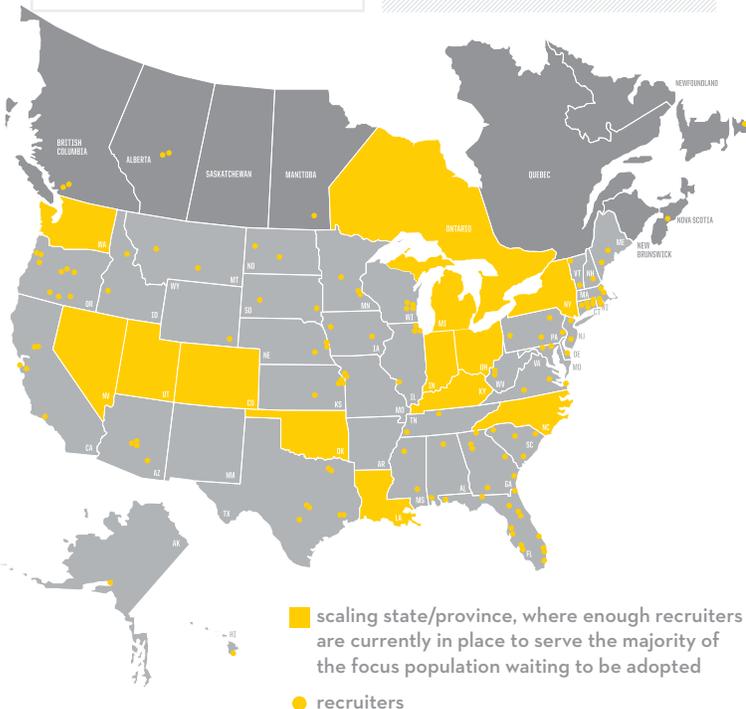
Through this program created in 2004, the Foundation provides funding and establishes innovative co-investment partnerships with states to support the hiring of adoption recruiters who implement an evidence-based, child-focused recruitment model. This model has been proven to be up to 3x more effective at finding permanent homes for children who have been lingering in foster care the longest. In 2017, the Foundation launched an aggressive, multi-year plan to expand the reach of Wendy's Wonderful Kids in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. To date:

475+

WWK Recruiters

11,000+

Adoptions



We are proud of this impact, but there is more work to be done.



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Adoption-Friendly
Workplace™

Dave Thomas led an initiative advocating for better adoption benefits in the workplace, because to him, it was just “the right thing to do.” The Foundation is carrying that legacy forward through the Adoption-Friendly Workplace program and annual Best Adoption-Friendly Workplace survey, which identifies organizations that strive to make adoption a supported option for every working parent. Learn more at davethomasfoundation.org/AFW.



NATIONAL
ADOPTIONDAY

During this annual event, courts in more than 400 communities open their doors on or around the Saturday before Thanksgiving to finalize pending adoptions from foster care. National Adoption Day has celebrated more than 75,000 children in the United States as they moved from foster care to a forever family.



Awareness and Research

Free resources, public service announcements, social media and events are building awareness and financial support for the Foundation's mission. Since 2002, we have also commissioned studies to measure how the public views adoption. This research informs our efforts to raise awareness and promote evidence-based adoption practices.

YOU CAN HELP

We are grateful for our special community of supporters whose continued generosity helps the Foundation accelerate its mission. Together, we will make a lifetime of impact for children in foster care who need our help the most.

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