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WE ARE
Called to Care
— 1 JOHN 3:16, 18 —

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Called to Care supports newly placed foster children by delivering care packages containing new personal items, ensuring that nothing secondhand is given. Each package includes a Starbucks card for the mother and a pizza gift card for the family, offering a comforting meal during the initial chaotic days. Additionally, Called to Care **facilitates a monthly support group** for foster mothers, allowing them to connect with peers facing similar challenges. Childcare is provided during these gatherings for added convenience.

In August 2023, Called to Care expanded its services by opening a therapy room staffed by two clinicians who **have conducted over 1,000 therapy sessions** for youth and families impacted by foster care and adoption. This initiative addresses a significant gap in available support services, with both therapists bringing 34 years of combined experience as foster and adoptive parents, enhancing their ability to connect with and serve these families effectively.

Currently, Called to Care is **addressing a critical need** through a new project prompted by a state-wide crisis: an increasing number of children entering the system without sufficient homes available. This shortage has resulted in children being temporarily housed in unsuitable locations such as agency offices, police stations, and even hospitals without medical necessity. Records indicate that 343 foster children, some as young as seven, were housed in psychiatric hospitals after being medically cleared for release. This situation is untenable.

To combat this, Called to Care has acquired a property in Yorkville to establish an **emergency home for children** removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. This facility will operate as a safe haven, staffed around the clock, while caseworkers determine the most suitable next steps for these children. Renovations are underway, and Called to Care is working tirelessly to expedite the readiness of this home, given the immediate and pressing need for such a resource.

Called to Care is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2021, serving foster children across Illinois. Locations in Plano and Yorkville IL.
EIN: 86-2900453



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CARE PACKAGE DELIVERY

The Care Package Delivery serves as our initial point of contact with local foster families residing in Kane, Kendall, Will, Grundy, DeKalb, LaSalle, and DuPage counties. During this visit, we present a specially curated package for the child along with a pizza gift card for the family. Additionally, we provide a resource folder to support their needs. For families living outside our delivery area, packages are available for pickup and are accessible to all counties in Illinois.



SUPPORT FOR MOMS

The Support Group offers a concise yet impactful topical training session followed by a guided discussion, specifically designed for foster and adoptive mothers. This group convenes on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., providing a supportive and enriching environment in Plano, IL. As a bonus, our moms are provided complimentary child care.

THERAPY FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

We serve any child or adult who has been impacted by foster care or adoption, offering comprehensive support that includes professional therapists. Our team of skilled therapists is dedicated to providing tailored care and guidance to foster parents, biological children, foster children, adopted children, and biological parents. They utilize evidence-based practices to address the unique emotional and psychological needs of each individual, ensuring compassionate and effective support for all members of the foster and adoption community.



EMERGENCY PLACEMENT

Our newest service for children in foster care is the provision of an emergency shelter, offering a safe and nurturing home during their most traumatic times. This home aims to provide immediate love and care, ensuring that each child feels secure and supported. Our dedicated team is committed to creating a warm and stable environment, helping these children navigate the challenges they face with compassion and understanding.



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WE ARE CALLED TO CARE NFP
15450 STATE ROUTE 47
NEWARK, IL 60541

Date:
09/09/2021
Employer ID number:
86-2900453
Person to contact:
Name: Customer Service
ID number: 31954
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending:
December 31
Public charity status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:
Yes
Effective date of exemption:
March 29, 2021
Contribution deductibility:
Yes
Addendum applies:
No
DLN:
26053572011101

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements