



NFPA
NATIONAL FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION



SCHOLARSHIP DONATION PROGRAM

The NFPA Mission is to be a respected national voice for Foster, Kinship, and Adoptive Parents through networking, education, and advocacy.

My project this year is the **National Foster Parent Association (NFPA)**, and my theme will be "**Foster Connections**." I chose this organization because of the passion my family and I have for loving children when to them their lives have fallen apart. The NFPA Primary Activities are to:

- Promote the delivery of services and supports to foster families;
- Support quality foster care by promoting excellence and best practice;
- Provide services and supports to state and local foster parent associations;
- Develop and provide education and training, information, dissemination of information to the public;
- Advocate at the local, state, and national level; promote networking and collaboration and
- Promote positive image of family foster care; greater visibility; encourage active involvement.

Donations to my project will support the NFPA Caregiver Scholarship Fund and the Youth Scholarships for Post Secondary Education Fund. The Caregiver Scholarship Fund is used to send families to the yearly conference in June, where they can take different seminars to learn about what is happening in the ever-changing world of foster care. The Youth Scholarship for Post Secondary Education Fund is awarded for each of the following categories: Foster Care – Youth, Adoptive – Foster Youth, Resource Family – Biological Youth and Kinship Care.

Our biological children are blessed with amazing parents, so our foster children deserve nothing less, and love requires no DNA to make a connection.

The words I chose as my theme all have a special place in foster care. We, as foster parents, create connections with the children placed with us and make sure we create a connection with their families. Those connections are a huge part of their being able to transition into the home. "Foster Connections" has a double meaning. It can help us as Auxiliary sisters to support each other by making deeper connections as we work hard for our Veterans, communities, hospitals, our children, or wherever you spend time volunteering. Remember, you are building a connection.

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month, and there are currently 400,000 children needing a foster home across the United States. If you or someone you know has ever considered wanting to help love a child who needs a home, for a day to a more extended period, please consider being a Foster Parent. Contact NFPA – www.nfpaonline.org - for more information or your local Children and Youth Services to help direct you to the right agency.

Any projects or donations to the President's Project should be reported under "Community Service." Donations should be sent to your Department who in turn will send them to National Headquarters.