# BOOSTER Family

**2019 Annual Report** 

## Mission

Providing Assistance to Arizona Kinship Foster Families Seeking Foster Care Licensure

## **Vision**

Children will be placed in a safe environment with family, and families will have the necessary resources to care for the children.

"This charity is a great asset to the foster care community. They are a valuable asset to getting a family situated as foster parents and provide the state mandatory supplies needed for the home. Helping foster kids is their passion."

-Boost Donor, 2019

## What We Do

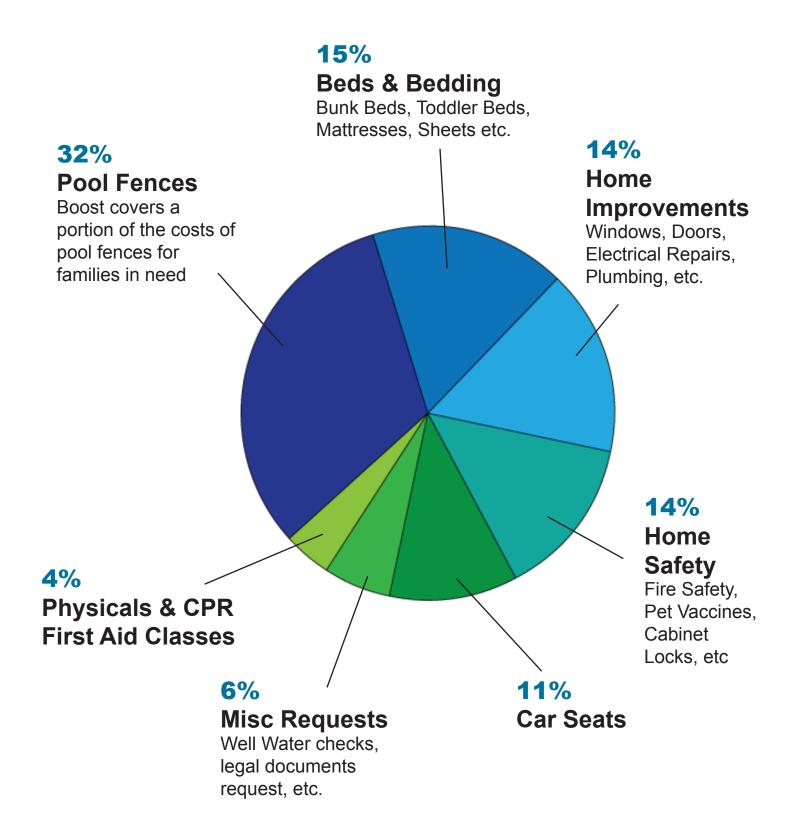
Boost a Foster Family provides items and services needed for licensure of kinship families to ensure the health and safety of the children placed in these homes.

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- Boost Client, 2019

In 2019, Boost a Foster Family provided over \$173,000 in items and services to kinship foster families throughout the State of Arizona.



## Who We Serve

**Boost a Foster Family** provides assistance to Kinship Foster Families with a financial need throughout Arizona.

Kinship Foster Families are relatives of children placed in foster care that are called upon unexpectedly to take in the children until they can be returned to their parents or become eligible for adoption.

849 Families Served in 2019 (663 were over the age of 55)

2567 Total Children Served (includes birth children and foster children)

1636 Foster Children Served

"Boost A Foster Family really helped my family. I'm an uncle taking care of my two nephews that live with me. When I needed help, Boost A Foster Family was there to help me."

-Boost Client 2019

"When DCS became involved with my granddaughter, my husband and I had to step in and take custody of her through a Kinship placement. At the drop of a hat, we had to bring our home current with the regulations of a foster home, which included the large expense of updating our pool fence. Within less than an hour of the referral to Boost A Foster Family, they were on the phone with me and authorized half the cost of the pool fence. I am ever so grateful for their responsiveness and gift so that we could keep our granddaughter safe with us until she can be reunited with her mom!"

-Boost Client 2019

## **Financial Data**

**Boost a Foster Family** is a 501(c)3 charitable organization (EIN: 81-3403400) and an Arizona Qualified Foster Care Organization (QFCO 10043).

#### Income

\$119,398 Private Donations
(donations from the general community to cover Client Services)

\$10,724 Underwriting Donations
(donations from Friends of Boost to cover Admin. Expenses)

\$7,275 In-kind Donations

\$2,50 Grant from Chandler Compadres

\$500 Grant from Dignity Health

\$314 Interest

\$140,711 Total Income

#### **Expenses**

#### **Administrative Costs**

\$976 Website & Donor Management \$1,370 Printing, Office Supplies, Postage \$532 Storage \$1,558 Insurance \$996 Fundraising

\$252 Volunteer Appreciation

\$796 Bank Fees

\$1,168 Other

#### **\$7648 Total Administrative Costs**

#### **Client Services**

\$20,603 Home Safety Items

\$48,066 Pool Fences

\$23,037 Home Improvements

\$16,069 Car Seats

\$24,755 Beds and Bedding

\$6,868 Physicals & CPR/First Aid Classes

\$8,301 Miscellaneous Requests

\$24,000 Contracted Labor

\$171,699 Total Client Services Costs

\$179,347 Total Expenses

#### **Meet Laurie K**

"Taking in my 9 grandchildren was not how I expected to spend my retirement, but here they are and they are a blessing!" -Laurie K,

Laurie K received 4 sets of bunk beds and 9 drawer units from Boost a **Foster Family** this Spring. Living on fixed income the financial burden of providing for nine children has been overwhelming, but keeping the kids together was the most important thing for this family. "Getting the kids off the floor was my first priority and Boost a Foster Family was able to provide the bunk beds right away. The kids DCS (Department of Child Safety) worker contacted Boost a Foster Family and within a few days we got the beds and dressers. This house was built in 1950 and is only 1,630 sq ft so we really needed bunk beds instead of single beds," Laurie explains. Its still a tight fit, but this family is together and most importantly the children are all in a safe and loving environment.



#### **Meet Daniel B**

Daniel B. contacted **Boost a Foster Family** in March 2020 requesting assistance to prepare his home for the arrival of his cousin's 3-year-old son from out of state who had been removed from his home due to abuse and neglect. After consulting with the social workers involved in the case, Boost a Foster Family got busy providing for Daniel's unexpected journey into parenting a young child again. He and his wife and their 18-year-old daughter all needed physicals and CPR classes which we were able to set up and pay for. Then, we started working

through the list of needed safety items required by the state for their home safety inspection: a specific size fire extinguisher, 4 smoke alarms, a dozen magnetic cabinet locks, a gun safe and lockable gun case, first aid kit, and a car seat. The last hurdle for them was the required pool fence. After several months of saving up for their half, the fence was installed in May 2020 with Boost covering 50% of the cost. Daniel passed his inspection last week and now everything is in place to transition this child into their home.



"We could not have gotten everything ready as fast as we did without the help of Boost a Foster Family. They were there with the support we needed every step of the way. We are so thankful for this charity and to everyone who donates to them so that families like us can get the help we need." - Daniel B.



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