



ADOPT A BOYS TOWN

Family Home



How you can
Help Children
as a FRIEND and
a SUPPORTER



Partnering in OUR MISSION

Boys Town Louisiana is part of one of the largest and most effective child and family service organizations in the country.

Since our founding in 1917 by Father Edward J. Flanagan, Boys Town has provided quality care to meet the

physical, emotional, spiritual and treatment needs of neglected, abused and abandoned children. Boys Town also works with struggling families, helping them to solve their problems so children and parents can stay together, whenever possible.



as a *Family Home Sponsor*

Boys Town started with a single donation and has grown into a worldwide leader in the childcare field. Our work has continued to thrive because faithful friends like you care about children so much. As a Family Home Sponsor, you become an important member of our Boys Town family.



Become a Family Sponsor Today!

VISIT US AT
boystown.org/Louisiana

Welcome to our *community!*

For more than 30 years, Boys Town Louisiana has been a beacon of hope for vulnerable youth across Louisiana.

In New Orleans, we have three Family Homes where boys and girls find healing as part of a nurturing family. Each Family Home is headed by a trained married couple called Family-Teachers®, who meet the daily needs of the youth in their care just as any loving parent would.

The couples also teach the children social skills and how to build healthy relationships so they can succeed at home, in school and in life.

As a Family Home Sponsor, your gift will help support a safe, loving home for up to six boys or girls, ages 12-17. You will receive a welcome packet with information about the Family-Teachers and children in your home, as well as quarterly update letters describing the children's progress and activities. You may even receive occasional extra mailings.





➔ As a Family Home Sponsor, you are investing in our **children's futures.**

Help Us Give Louisiana's Most Vulnerable Children a Home and a Family



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the happenings in your adopted Family Home, you'll know when one of the children reaches a major milestone or takes an important step toward healing. You'll also learn a little bit about their lives, fun stuff like Keisha's summer vacation with her Boys Town family or Sean's experience at a New Orleans Pelicans game. You become more than a financial supporter; you become a family friend.

Our kids come from all over the state, and from many different racial, socio-economic and religious backgrounds. They are often abused. Abandoned. Forgotten. Their faces reflect yesterday's pain but hold tomorrow's promise.

PLEASE HELP US give hurting children a second chance at life by sponsoring a Boys Town Family Home.





Frequently Asked *Questions*

Q: DOES MY SPONSORED FAMILY HOME HOUSE A REAL FAMILY?

A: Yes. Our Boys Town families live in real homes in a real community. Our Family-Teachers, some who have their own children, live in their Family Homes full-time, caring for the boys or girls you sponsor. They are folks with big hearts who work tirelessly to provide love, care and boundaries for children whose lives have been out of control. They celebrate birthdays and holidays with their youth, assign chores, help with homework, attend sporting events and do so much more every day, all year, without fail. Boys Town Family-Teachers dedicate their lives to giving the children in their homes a real family.

Q: HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO SPONSOR A FAMILY HOME?

A: As you can imagine, housing and feeding six kids can be quite expensive. While Boys Town Louisiana receives funds from state agencies to serve youth, there remains a large funding gap to ensure our children receive the best quality, family-style care possible. Annual Family Home sponsorship levels are available between \$1,000 and \$10,000.

Q: CAN I ADOPT MULTIPLE HOMES ?

A: Absolutely! You can sponsor one, two or all three Family Homes over the course of a year.

Q: HOW DO I SEND MY SPONSORSHIP PAYMENT?

A: Please visit boystown.org/Louisiana to sign up or call **504-293-7907** to learn more. Adopt a Family Home Sponsorships begin on the date of your first gift, last for a period of one year and are easily renewable.

Q: WILL I RECEIVE A REMINDER TO RENEW MY SPONSORSHIP EACH YEAR?

A: Yes. You will receive a sponsorship renewal request 1-2 months prior to the end of your current sponsorship term.

Q: CAN I MAKE MY SPONSORSHIP PAYMENTS MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY AS AN AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL FROM A BANK ACCOUNT?

A: Yes. You can provide the necessary information online at boystown.org/Louisiana or call us at **504-293-7907**.

Q: WHAT ABOUT USING MY CREDIT CARD OR SENDING A CHECK?

A: Certainly. We will accept payments in whatever form is most convenient for you.

Q: CAN I VISIT THE FAMILY HOME?

A: Due to confidentiality and to ensure a stable family-style environment, unannounced visitors are not allowed. Occasionally, Boys Town Louisiana hosts Family Home Guest Nights for a small number of visitors. If you are interested in learning more, please call **504-293-7907**.

Q: CAN I WRITE TO THE CHILDREN?

A: If you would like to send a note to your sponsored Family Home, we will be happy to forward it on to the family. The children can't always write back because of their busy schedules, but they do appreciate hearing from you. We will keep you informed of the kids' progress and activities in the quarterly letters.

“In order to help young people to overcome their problems and become productive citizens, they need a healthy and safe family environment where they can learn and grow.

Boys Town is where hope grows.”

– FATHER STEVEN BOES
Boys Town National Executive Director



Q: CAN I DONATE USED CLOTHING TO MY SPONSOR HOME?

A: Thanks, but every home has a clothing allowance and the boys and girls go out to shop for their clothes with their Family-Teachers. It's an excellent learning experience.

Q: CAN I SEND GIFTS TO THE CHILDREN?

A: Your sponsorship gift is one of the best gifts you can give to the children, but throughout the year there are additional opportunities to provide gifts and other in-kind items to the family. As a Family Home Sponsor, you will receive early notification of any additional gift needs we may be seeking from the community. These opportunities typically happen around back-to-school and Christmas.

Q: CAN YOU SEND ME PICTURES OF THE CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY I SPONSOR?

A: Unfortunately, no. We are bound by confidentiality laws to protect our children's privacy.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A CHILD GRADUATES OR LEAVES HIS OR HER BOYS TOWN FAMILY?

A: It is a day of celebration when our kids graduate from high school; that's our goal! We are proud when they are ready to move on to pursue other goals as adults. But it's also a sad time because there are deep bonds of love between the children and the adults who have cared for them. We welcome all of our graduates back at any time for a visit. It's not uncommon for Family-Teachers and their former youth to stay in contact for many years. Sometimes, children leave for reasons other than graduation.

Occasionally, a child simply can't or will not conform to the family structure we offer. In order to preserve the strength and structure of our families, we look at other options for helping that child. A child also may return to his or her family if reunification is possible and is in the best interest of the child. For every child who leaves Boys Town, there are many others waiting for the opportunity to be welcomed into one of our Family Homes and begin their journey of healing.



Feel like you're part of **our Boys Town family yet?**

It would be impossible for us to continue our work with children without you. Our boys and girls thank you for your dedication and prayers.

Your support enables us to bring many different children together and help them experience the strong, powerful bond of belonging to a family. Our children are nurtured, loved and accepted regardless of their race, religion, gender, national origin or ability to pay. Our family tree is unique and always growing. Unfortunately, there will never be a shortage of children who need a family that will accept them for who they are and help them grow to reach their full potential.

BENEFITS OF BEING A FAMILY SPONSOR

Your support is easy to budget.

You are invited to select Boys Town Louisiana events and activities.

Your generosity is acknowledged on Boys Town Louisiana's website.

Your donations are tax deductible.

You are part of a family and get to follow how your Boys Town kids are doing.





➔ Become a Family Sponsor Today! Visit us
at boystown.org/Louisiana

BOYS TOWN LOUISIANA
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HOME

1. CHOOSE A BOYS TOWN FAMILY HOME

Magazine Home: Located uptown in New Orleans, the Magazine Family Home serves six girls, ages 12-17.

Bienville Home: Located in Mid-City New Orleans, the Bienville Family Home serves six boys, ages 12-17.

City Park Home: Located near City Park in New Orleans, the City Park Family Home serves six boys, ages 12-17.

2. SELECT A SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

Adopt a Family Home Sponsorship Levels	Annual Gift/Quarterly Gift*	Your Giving Supports Annual Family Home Needs Like...
Promise	\$10,000/\$2,500	Groceries for Family Home
Hope	\$5,000/\$1,250	Fuel and maintenance for Family Home van
Determination	\$2,500/\$625	School supplies and education assistance
Opportunity	\$1,000/\$250	Family Home outings (dinner, movies, etc.)

*Flexible payment options available

3. SIGN UP!

Visit www.boystown.org/louisiana

- All sponsors will receive welcome packets with information about Family Home.
- All sponsors will receive quarterly updates about the Home, in addition to youth progress and activities.
- All sponsors will receive special invitations to activities and events.
- All sponsors' names or logos will be acknowledged on Boys Town Louisiana's website, newsletter and eNews.
- All Promise and Hope Sponsors will be highlighted in Boys Town Louisiana's social media and enjoy special invitations to events and activities.

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OUR MISSION

Changing the way America
cares for **CHILDREN** and **FAMILIES**.



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