



As elected representatives of the IAJHSC we've challenged ourselves and our members to create their own stories. This State Service Project gives all of us the opportunity to help others create their own happy stories. The children in the Illinois foster care system could really use our help. There are approximately 400,000 children in foster care in the United States. In Illinois, there are about 18,000 children in the system. Imagine the look on a foster child's face when they hear they are going to have a forever family! This is the happy ending they want, and this is the happy ending they deserve.

Let It Be Us is a charity dedicated to the adoption and education of children in Illinois foster care. This charity builds bridges between foster children and potential adoptive parents. They provide many programs to help achieve their primary goal of finding forever families. Let It Be Us is the first non-profit of it's kind in Illinois. Their Summer Camp program is new and has a lot of room for growth. We can be a part of their ground breaking work by supporting their Summer Camp Program. Let It Be Us intends to send children to a special camp exclusively for children in Illinois foster care. These camp experiences change lives! Many of the children in foster care have never been able attend a summer camp - either sleep away or day camp- and we can help change that! We can help provide scholarships and overnight camp supplies to Illinois children in foster care. There are many benefits of this charity and donating money to their cause helps Illinois foster children add a new chapter to their life stories.

For more information on how to help, please visit letitbeus.org or contact Susan McConnell at 1-847-764-LIBU.

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