



## ETHAN'S STORY

My mom sold stuff on the streets, got into fights and there were drugs. Everyone in my house yelled and hit each other all the time, so that is what I expected. When I came into foster care I was angry and scared. I was pretty mean to my foster dad Mr. Grant at first, but he was different than the others. I didn't get away with being bad, but when he gave me a consequence he was kind and patient. I feel safe with Mr. Grant. He goes out of his way to show that he cares and he makes sure I am taken care of. **I am very different today, and I want to thank Mr. Grant and my Camelot therapist.** I want to be the best person I can be. I want to be successful. I want to graduate from college. I never thought I could do that before. My advice to people – never judge a book by its cover, kids can turn out to be successful.

“I have been fostering since 2012 because I wanted to make a difference in the lives of children. When I first met Ethan, he was an angry child. Camelot has an excellent support group and they have worked with me. When I call they are there. Ethan has made such progress, seeing him happy and succeeding means everything to me. For me helping a child realize they deserve a family, one that loves them and won't hurt them, is the greatest part of being a foster parent. My advice to future foster parents – The role of a Treatment Foster Parent is unique, it's special. It takes patience and continuous learning. **You get attached and that can't be helped, but you understand the goal and that is to get these kids to a place of safety and healing.**”

— Grant, Foster Parent

## ABOUT CAMELOT

Camelot Community Care's mission is to develop and provide services which enable children and families to realize their full potential.

Each day, Camelot provides services to over 5,000 children and families who have experienced the trauma of abuse and neglect and/or may be in need of behavioral health services.

Our services aim to protect children, preserve families, and achieve permanency and stability for the children in our care.



## WAYS TO HELP

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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BECOMING A TREATMENT FOSTER PARENT, CONTACT OUR OFFICE



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