

# ...Begin a child's journey home. Become an adoptive parent.

More than 5,000 kids in Pennsylvania are waiting for permanent homes to call their own. They want and deserve a real family: someone to cheer them on as they round third base at the little league game or wave to them from the front row at the school band concert.

There are many kinds of kids who need families—little kids, big kids. Many of these children have physical or emotional problems due to circumstances beyond their control, and they need someone to help them turn their lives around. Sometimes they have siblings who need homes too.

Whatever their background, one thing is the same—they need a chance to thrive as part of a real family.

Maybe you have some extra room in your heart to become an adoptive parent. You can meet some of the kids who are looking for families by visiting the Statewide

Adoption Network's web site. The Statewide Adoption Network can also help you find out more about adoption: what kinds of kids are available, what it's like to be an adoptive parent, the adoption process, and more. They can refer you to adoption resources in your local area, and even connect you with other adoptive parents.

Every kid needs a home to call their own. Maybe that home is yours. Contact the SWAN helpline today.



For more information call  
**1-800-585-SWAN**  
[www.adoptpakids.org](http://www.adoptpakids.org)



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If you can open  
your heart  
and your home  
to a child...



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# ...Maybe you have what it takes to be a foster parent.

Every year in Pennsylvania, thousands of children discover that for one reason or another they won't be able to go home that night. Just because their home has stopped being the right place for them to live, it doesn't mean that they've stopped needing what kids need. Safety, security, nurturing, love... all the things you get from good parenting.

It takes a special person to reach out to kids in crisis and unselfishly give them what they need. Some of these kids are very young; some are older. Some have siblings. They come from different backgrounds. Whatever their situation, they need a place that is home—for whatever length of time.

Maybe you have what it takes to become a foster parent. If you have the kind of heart that won't let you turn your back on kids who need help, please contact the Statewide Adoption Network. The Statewide Adoption Network can help you find out more about foster care: what kinds of kids need your help, what it's like to be a foster parent, the process of becoming a foster parent, and more. They can refer you to foster parent associations and other resources in your area.

If you think you're the kind of person who can reach out to help a child, call SWAN today.



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