

## *100 Men Club donates \$13,600 to Friends of Foster Kids*

### *Providing a “Christmas” for foster children removed from their homes*

DETROIT, MI — October 24, 2019 — 100 Men Club, a group of local men committed to making a positive difference within the Metro Detroit communities and their families, announced its latest donation to **Friends of Foster Kids** in the amount of \$13,600.

At their September meeting, three charities were nominated, and the membership voted to donate that evening’s proceeds to Friends of Foster Kids. 100 Men Club member Jim Mastronardi made the nomination of the local Macomb County charity. “After getting to know Friends of Foster Kids and their mission the last few years I was excited to present their cause to the 100 Men Club membership at our September meeting. Christmas at Friends of Foster Kids is by far the busiest season but also the most supported. The biggest need at this time is with older foster kids and specifically continuing to seed the growth of the scholarship program according to founder Theresa Toia. The 100 Men Club donation will go towards the independent living and educational needs of older foster kids as well the scholarship fund,” said Mastronardi.

Friends of Foster Kids (FoFK) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in Macomb County, Michigan in 2005. In Macomb County alone, there are approximately 900 children in foster care each year. Many of these children have never experienced the joy of receiving a gift at Christmas.

We provide a “Christmas” for foster children in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect and placed in temporary housing or shelters. In a season for family, granting a child’s wish speaks softly of unconditional love from people who care.

Friends of Foster Kids has expanded its service to lend a hand to those who have aged out of foster care at age 20 but are still in need of assistance. Many find themselves with no family and no place to live. We help them by meeting some of their basic needs to live independently.

“We are excited and honored to receive this extremely generous donation from the 100 Men Club. Your amazing contribution will provide the foundation to build the scholarship fund for our local foster youth. Without the benefit of a family, the foster youth face many obstacles. It is through the compassionate giving hearts of individuals like those in your Club, that we are able to directly impact and transform the lives of these youths. Because of your caring, we can provide the tools and their basic needs moving into independent living. We can change the statistics, and show foster youths people do care...they are not forgotten!” – Theresa Toia

Learn more at <https://friendsoffosterkids.org/>

100 Men Club was founded in December 2016. The members range from recent college graduates to CEOs to retirees, with the common intention to build a tradition of helping others. For each member,

the positive energy and camaraderie of 100+ men with a sincere purpose to 'give back' is compelling and rewarding. For more information on 100 Men Club, visit [www.100menclub.com](http://www.100menclub.com)

Each quarter, 100+ men donate \$100 each. Candidates for receiving the donation are nominated by any member of the club. One cause is selected through a vote at the meeting, and receives a check for \$10,000+. Since its inaugural year in 2017, 100 Men Club has donated over \$120,000 to 10 charities with 146 sustaining members.

Member Tom Stephens commented, "100 Men Club opened my mind and heart to amazing local Metro Detroit organizations who work selflessly for our community. The atmosphere at our meetings is one of friendship along with heartfelt presentations of local organizations and needs that on occasion brought a room of 100 Men Club members to tears. Nearly two years after the first meeting 100 Men Club is still growing and showing with each quarterly meeting the strength we have in numbers to make a tremendous impact in our local Metro Detroit community."

A formal gifting ceremony will take place at Friends of Foster Kids, located at 39126 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights, MI 48312 on October 26th, 2019 at 11:00am. The event will include the FoFK staff and 100 Men Club members. The press community and guests are welcome to attend.

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