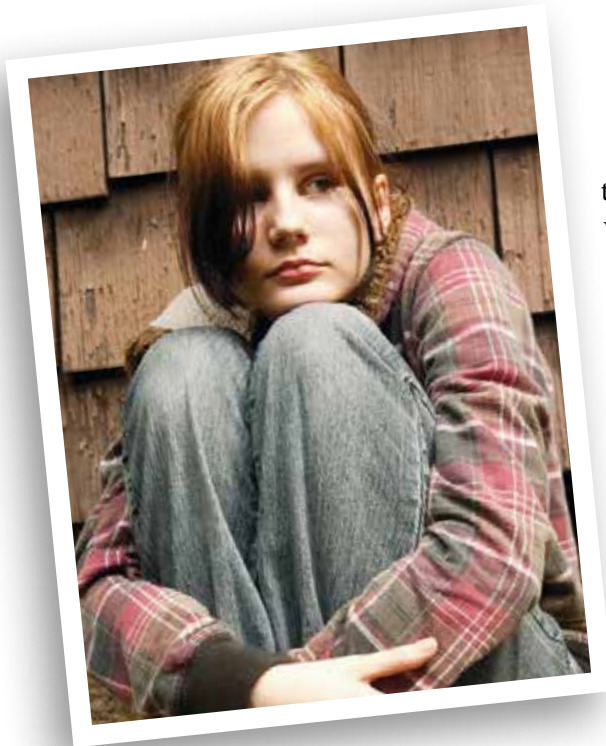


**You and Royal Family KIDS:
making a difference for
America's foster children!**



There is Hope

Confronting Abuse • Changing Lives

It's not easy to hear. It's ugly to imagine. But every single day, innocent children are forced to accept abuse as a tragic fact of life.

They are beaten, locked up, sexually abused, starved and physically, mentally, and sexually tortured ... by the MILLIONS ...

1. **3.2 million** American kids are abused each year.
2. **408,215** abused, abandoned, and neglected children are currently in the U.S. foster care system.
3. **One in seven** Americans are sexually abused as children.
4. **1,500 to 2,000** innocent children die each year at the hands of their caretakers.
5. The economic cost of child abuse and neglect in the USA is **\$339 million per day**.



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Please join Royal Family KIDS as we stand in the gap for children who have been abused, abandoned, and neglected.

Behind each and every one of these numbers is the face of a child who is being victimized.

As we join together to recognize National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we want to thank you for making a difference for these children ... in desperate need of care and love.

There is hope for many of these little ones because of your support of Royal Family KIDS.

Across the U.S. and internationally you are providing a life-changing experience through our Camps and Mentoring Clubs. In fact, this summer alone, we are preparing for over 8,000 foster children of abuse to join us for a week-long summer camp!

Please be aware of the ongoing crisis of child abuse in the USA and educate your friends and family. And thank you, again, for the difference you are making for children who have been abused, neglected, and abandoned.



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Friends forever! "Sir" Campbell and "Sir" DeJohn are bound together forever as knights of the Royal Court.

"I'm a child of the King!"

Beaten down and put down. 11-year-old DeJohn knew he was worthless — he'd been told so throughout his young life.

Like many foster children, he struggled with knowing his identity. He longed to feel accepted and loved. He sought self-worth anywhere he could find it.

His Camp Counselor, Campbell, recognized this in his little Camper right off the bat. All week long, he spoke words of encouragement into the young boy's life. The theme at their Midland, Michigan Camp that week was "Royal Court" ... and at the end of the week, the campers would be "knighted" as men of God. Campbell wanted to make sure DeJohn understood the significance of what was in store!

Throughout the week, Campbell shared with his Campers what it meant to be men of God. They read the Bible together every morning ... and focused on character traits of godly men. All week, the message was reinforced everywhere DeJohn turned! He heard about the love of Jesus and began to realize his value to God.

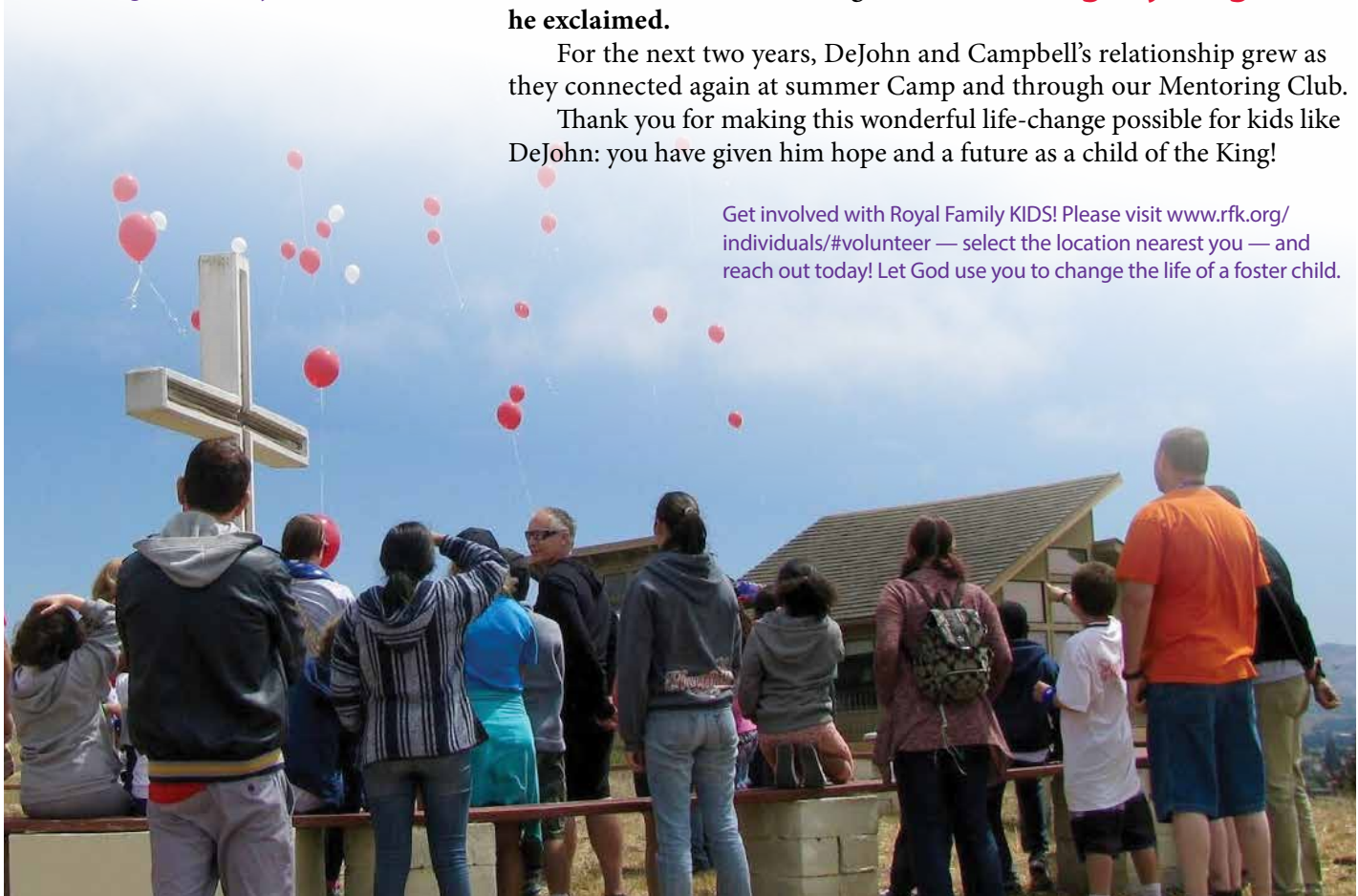
As DeJohn was knighted, he became overwhelmed by the experience. **Suddenly it all made sense: "I'm a child of the King!" he exclaimed.**

For the next two years, DeJohn and Campbell's relationship grew as they connected again at summer Camp and through our Mentoring Club.

Thank you for making this wonderful life-change possible for kids like DeJohn: you have given him hope and a future as a child of the King!

Thank you for speaking hope and worth into the lives of children who have been abused, abandoned, and neglected. What a beautiful investment you are making in young lives!

Get involved with Royal Family KIDS! Please visit www.rfk.org/individuals/#volunteer — select the location nearest you — and reach out today! Let God use you to change the life of a foster child.





May: National Foster Child Awareness Month

Did You Know ...

- On any given day, there are nearly 428,000 children in foster care in the United States.
- In 2015, over 670,000 children spent time in U.S. foster care.
- On average, children remain in state care for nearly two years; 6% of children in foster care have languished there for five or more years.
- Despite the common perception that the majority of children in foster care are very young, the average age of kids in care is nearly 9.
- In 2015, more than half of children entering U.S. foster care were young people of color.
- **In 2015, more than 62,000 children whose mothers' and fathers' parental rights had been legally terminated were waiting to be adopted.**
- In 2015, more than 20,000 young people aged out of foster care without permanent families. Research has shown that those who leave care without being linked to forever families are more likely to experience homelessness, unemployment, and incarceration as adults.

This is why we are so grateful for friends like you who support the efforts of Royal Family KIDS.



This May, we salute foster parents, volunteers, mentors, policymakers, child welfare professionals, churches and other valued community members who help children and youth in foster care find forever homes and connections that matter.

Our vision is to provide a life-changing Camp and Mentoring Club for every foster child, ages 6-12. Together, we will continue confronting abuse and changing lives with the effective demonstration of compassion.

Thank you for standing with us to positively impact children in the foster system. We couldn't do this work without you!

* All statistics taken from www.childrensrights.org, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting, FY 2015 data.

Reunited!

She stood out from the other campers. Amber had the wiggles. She could barely stand still in the registration line. We knew she was excited for Camp ... but she could barely contain it!

And then we discovered why. The little girl with the bright smile and the dancing feet was waiting for her brother. She hadn't seen him in more than a year — since they had been separated in the foster care system. But Amber had heard a rumor that Corey would be there. She. Couldn't. Wait.

We were less than excited. We had no record that Corey would attend. And we had no space to even begin to try and remedy the situation. Our hearts felt heavy ...

All through the morning, Amber bounced and asked, "Is he here yet?" As morning gave way to afternoon ... and afternoon became evening ... the bouncing slowed, the smile disappeared, and she grew distraught.

But God had a plan.

By the end of registration, an opening had occurred. Our Camp Director placed a call ... we were put in contact with Corey's social worker ... and by Monday afternoon, the little boy had arrived at Camp!



And oh what a difference it made! Corey and Amber were happily reunited — and the week proved miraculous for them both ...

The brother and sister had been traumatized by the separation ... especially Corey. It had left him filled with fear. *He never felt safe.*

But as the week progressed, Corey did too! He changed from timid and full of fear to confident and joyful. He began to engage with other campers beside his sister. What a thrill to be a part of God's plan for Corey and Amber.

Thank you for helping us reunite this little family. We're so grateful for the compassion you show the children in our care.

Amber and Corey have reunited every year at Camp for the last three years! God bless you for making it happen, for Amber and Corey, and for all of the boys and girls we serve, who are forever part of our Royal Family!



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*To protect Camper confidentiality, models are used in some photographs.

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