



14-year-old Jade and her younger siblings endured the unimaginable for as long she can remember.

Her parents were addicted to drugs and frequently had random guests in their home. During these times, Jade would barricade herself and her siblings in a room to protect them from strangers. One evening, a loud argument over drugs led to a physical altercation, which resulted in Jade's parents being killed. It was then that Jade and her siblings entered foster care, living apart in different homes. They lost all contact, but this quickly changed once they began attending Camp Connect events.

Because of Jade's adverse experiences, she was always quiet and timid. She had a difficult time connecting and trusting people, however the more events she attended, the more things changed for the better. The consistency of seeing familiar faces made her feel safe, happy and more open than she had in the past.

Through Camp Connect, Jade and her siblings now see each other every month. They laugh often and

experience new things together. They have learned about healthy relationships; their bond is stronger than ever and each one has shown a dramatic improvement in school. It goes without saying that having the opportunity to reunite at monthly activities and events has not only had a positive and life-changing impact on Jade, but also on her siblings. Spending valuable, quality time with each other has brought joy back into their lives, when it once seemed that this would never again be the case.

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5-year-old Isaac and his younger sister Isabelle were removed from their parents' care, because of constant exposure to domestic violence.



Their father repeatedly abused their mother, who began to show multiple signs of physical injuries. During one instance, Isaac did what any child would do - tried to protect his mother. As a result, Isaac's father pushed and hit **him**.

Isaac and Isabelle were placed with their grandparents, who

quickly recognized how Isaac was drawn to music and dance, and how much he loved these activities more than anything. Many children often dream of seeing the stars they idolize on television, and Isaac was no exception. He was immediately overcome with excitement every time he would see a *Disney On Ice* advertisement, and often asked if he could see the show in person. Unfortunately, his grandparents could not afford to make this happen for Isaac and his sister.

It is because of **your** generosity that Isaac's wish was granted. His grandparents took him and Isabelle to see *Disney On Ice*, which allowed Isaac time to not have to worry about what was going on at home. This kind gesture is something that Isaac will not forget, because it showed that there are caring people who want to help make his wishes come true.

The support and encouragement you provide makes all the difference in the lives of foster youth. Thanks to you, Isaac and so many others like him can accomplish their goals. Thank you for helping make his dreams a reality.



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