

# Fostering Success

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Ivan (8) and Lily (6) entered foster care in 2020 after suffering from abuse and neglect. When they were placed in separate foster homes, their opportunities to see each other became very limited. Thankfully, they were able to join Camp Connect not long after.

On a recent visit, Lily was so excited to see her brother that she could hardly wait. She anxiously knocked on the door saying, “Where is he? Where is he?” After a big hug, they were off to the park together.

When they arrived, they ran off and headed straight to the playground. After going down the slides together, they each took turns pushing the other on the swings. With everything they did, they made sure the other had a fair turn. Next, they raced around the park on scooters. They took turns following the leader, and although Ivan is bigger and faster, he let Lily have plenty of time in front, leading the way. They stuck together the entire time playing, laughing, and whispering, as if they were best friends. They picked up right where they left off. It was clear by their interactions that their sweet sibling bond is one that can never be broken.

When it started to get dark, Ivan and Lily worked together to pull the wagon full of scooters, sports balls, and helmets back to the van across the grass field.

The day ended just how it began, with a big hug. “I hope I see you soon”, said Ivan.

It was a special day that neither of them will forget and thanks to your support, Ivan and Lily will be seeing each other again very soon.



*As a dedicated supporter of foster children, we want you to know the impact your generosity has had. Opportunities for brothers and sisters to reunite, strengthen their bonds, create new memories, and enjoy being children, are all made possible thanks to your heartfelt kindness.*



**Justin entered Foster Care when he was 15 years old due to abuse and neglect. He has seen and experienced things that no child should ever go through.**

Justin attended three schools and lived in four foster care placements including the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center and San Pasqual Academy, a residential high school for foster youth in San Diego County. He worked on the farm there where he learned many valuable skills that helped him discover a love for building, and creating different things. Justin is extremely independent, and accomplishes everything he sets his mind to. Despite any setbacks in his life, he learned how to make confident decisions and be comfortable with who he is.

Justin joined Promises2Kids' Guardian Scholars last year, and is very appreciative of the support he receives to achieve his life's aspirations. At 19, Justin is in college with the goal of becoming an elementary school teacher. He wants to make a difference by helping students in ways that he wishes teachers helped him growing up.

Justin's advice to those currently in foster care is to, "Use your voice and do your best. People are there to help you. Just ask and be kind."

Because of you, Justin is well on his way to achieving his educational and career goals.



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