

Jacquie Olson, Founder of The Village, is a Foster Mom seeking to change the way other Foster Parents are supported. In 2016, she quickly became a parent to 3 small children placed in Foster Care and saw first hand how children come to your home with little to no belongings. No amount of training can prepare you for this. Foster Parents are faced with the huge task of taking care of a scared child they just met, while also needing to go shopping for all of their needs. This is where Jacquie knew there must be something for these families, so in 2019, she started The Village Foster Family Closet.

Our closet offers practical items like clothing and diapers while also including comfort items like toys, games, and stuffed animals. Children in Foster Care and their Foster Families are welcome to shop the Closet, located in Pt. Pleasant, anytime they need, at no cost. Volunteers sort donations and organize the Closet to feel like a boutique so that children shopping get a sense of dignity as they choose items they truly love. In 2023, The Village opened a second location in Holmdel to be able to serve families in Monmouth & Middlesex Counties. In addition to the fully stocked Closets, The Village offers special events for Foster and Adoptive Families and extra support during birthdays and holidays! All of this is made possible thanks to members of the local community, who have donated so generously over the past 5 years.

Our mission is to provide practical items & comforts to children in Foster Care while supporting the families who care for them!