



Testimonial: Veni

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Veni has been a foster parent with CCAS of Hamilton for 15 years. When asked why she started fostering, she explains that she “was called by God to do this work.” She has fostered many children over the years, and is known for her strict-but-fair approach.

Learning through fostering

Learning is a two-way street in Veni’s house. While the kids learn a lot from her, Veni has also learned a lot from them, and from her fostering experience. For example, through training programs about child and youth trauma, she has come to better understand the challenges that traumatized young people face, which has helped her to be more patient with challenging behaviours.

Mom’s helper

It can be very confusing for children entering a new foster home to know how their foster parents fit into their life. No matter what situation a foster child is coming from, in most cases they are sad to leave their parents, and they want to go back. Veni positions herself to the kids in her care as “Mom’s helper”, lending their mothers a hand at a difficult time. This helps kids to understand her role in their lives, and has led to lasting relationships between Veni and many of the children she has fostered.

Thank you Veni for opening your home and heart to children in need!



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