

## Foster Children: Getting a New Ride

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Many foster children have a lot to deal with: moving from home to home, struggling with school work and not having much in the way of clothes. Fortunately, [there are many wonderful organizations that provide support to these children](#) and **give them a chance to feel like any other kid.**

Linking Handlebars is an organization in White Plains, NY that **collects bicycles and donates them** to Bikes4Kids, [which then gives the bikes to foster kids](#). It's a rare and exciting treat for these kids when they receive something they can call their own.

**Lucia Villani, a sophomore in high school, founded Linking Handlebars in 2012.** While working at a youth center, [Villani noticed that none of the foster children had a bike](#). She took an idea and with the help of her sister and a couple of friends, **these high school students have collected more than 170 bicycles.**

Of course [another way to help foster youth](#) is to support efforts to find family members of a foster child.

It's truly amazing how **teenagers can see a problem and take action**. They didn't wait to get permission or let not having a job stop them from [making a positive impact on the lives of many foster kids](#). During the upcoming 4th of July holiday weekend, as you celebrate this country's independence, maybe **you could take a moment to think of ways that you could make a difference** in the life of a foster child. It would be a great way to show your independence from the ordinary.

Regards,



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