

**CHAPTER CHARTER
FOSTER CARE ALUMNI OF AMERICA**

Location: _____
Establishment date: __ / __ / __
Renewal date: __ / __ / __

We, the undersigned, do hereby establish Foster Care Alumni of America _____ Chapter as a chapter of Foster Care Alumni of America (FCAA) and, as members and officers of the chapter; pledge to promote Foster Care Alumni of America’s mission and vision, which are:

MISSION

The mission of Foster Care Alumni of America is to connect the alumni community, and to transform policy and practice, ensuring opportunity for people in and from foster care.

VISION

Our vision is to ensure a high quality of life for those in and from foster care through the collective voice of alumni. We intend to erase the differences in opportunities and outcomes that exist for people in and from foster care compared to those who have not experienced foster care.

We believe that opportunities to improve outcomes for alumni of foster care continue beyond age 18 (typical emancipation age) or even age 25 (typically considered the upper end of transition age) and that a significant way to improve the quality of life for alumni is to provide opportunities for us to connect with each other, reducing isolation and increasing the likelihood of permanent family and community.

We also believe that alumni of foster care possess an expertise about foster care that is not available anywhere else. Alumni bring the perspective of having lived in foster care and being part of the foster care culture—the shared experience that comes from being in foster care. We believe this perspective and expertise, and our presence and voice are essential for influencing public will, creating the best public policy, and continually improving foster care practice.

We pledge that, as volunteers and members of FCAA, we will not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office as members of the chapter or in the name of FCAA.

We pledge that influencing legislation will only occur in partnership with the FCAA national office and will not be such a substantial part of our activities that our status as an organization exempt from federal tax under I.R.S. 501(c)(3) will be jeopardized.

We pledge that as members or the chapter or in the name of FCAA, we will not participate in any activities that would jeopardize FCAA’s 501(c)(3) status.

We pledge to devote all funds raised by our chapter to furthering the purposes of Foster Care Alumni of America.

We recognize that we are chapters of FCAA, and that pursuant to this relationship, usage of the FCAA name and logo with respect to items initiated by the local group must be in the form of: *Foster Care Alumni of America* _____ Chapter. Further, we will provide a copy of all such materials to FCAA national.

We recognize that FCAA has the right to prohibit the use of FCAA name and/or revoke this charter if, at any time, the chapter acts in a manner contrary to this Charter, the Chapter Articles of Organization, the Chapter Policies and Procedures or to the goals and objectives of FCAA.

We recognize that we are not empowered to enter into contracts or agreements on FCAA's behalf or act as agents of FCAA for any other purpose.

We know that our work can mean that the lives of people in and from foster care will be improved and that we are part of a vital community.

Date

Elected FCAA Chapter Officer

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FCAA Chair, Board of Directors

Please keep one signed copy of the Charter for your records and return one signed copy, with the contact list of your charter chapter members, to FCAA national.