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FCAA *Tennessee*

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE TO HELP US GET STARTED

✧ Chapter Status ✧

As you may already know, Tennessee recently became a chapter of the Foster Care Alumni of America. We have since elected two officers, President, Josh Conner and Treasurer, Katy Valesky. We have also convened an Advisory Board of the best advocates in Tennessee to help us get started and identify resources. Elections for Vice President, Secretary, and 9 regional chairs are going on now for Chapter Members only. If you need a ballot, e-mail tnchapter@fostercarealumni.org or call 615-294-0654.



Right On, Eric!

In February, FCAA Member Eric Lulow published an Op Ed in the Tennessean against SB78, a bill limiting who is eligible to be a foster parent. It was featured on the national ACLU blog, too! You can read it [here](#). We hope to have many more stories like his to share in the coming months. We are reviewing legislation and want your input, too. If you would like to do something like this or have other concerns, let us know!

Upcoming Events

Walk Me Home - FCAA Tennessee Treasurer, Katy Valesky, is co-hosting the Walk Me Home To the Place Where I Belong Event. Come support foster youth by showing up and walking them home on May 2nd at Centennial Park. Registration is from 8-9AM, walk starts at 9:00 AM sharp. Register at walkmehome.org or join our team [here](#).

Family Reunion - Ever wonder what goes on at a family reunion? Ever wonder what it's like to have 20-30 of your closest relatives at one meal together? We are going to replicate that experience by hosting a Family Reunion for alumni and allies of the foster care system. Our first annual event is planned June 27th in Nashville at Fannie Mae Dees Park on the corner of Blakemore and 24th Ave. Please RSVP via our e-mail (above) by June 13th. More details to come.

If you are interested in joining our efforts, you can become a member of FCAA and our chapter by clicking [here](#). Alumni may be able to get assistance if they cannot afford to pay dues. Just e-mail tnchapter@fostercarealumni.org for more information. You can also check out our Facebook page [here](#).

We have more than doubled our membership this year already and would like to double it again. Help us out by telling your friends about who we are and what we do (see story above right). We hope to engage many more voices like Eric's to make Tennessee's foster care system the best it can be.