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Every child deserves to have a safe and loving home, where they can experience all that life has to offer and fulfil their potential.

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There are many types of care, from respite (usually one weekend a month) to Supported Lodgings, where you can help a young person aged 16-21 learn the skills needed to live independently.

Foster carers for WSCC receive comprehensive training, ongoing professional support and a competitive financial package of up to £30,393 per year, per child.

One WSCC foster carer, James, stated, "To be the first person to give a child hope, or care, or love... is the most rewarding thing I have ever done in my life".

Could you open your heart and home to a local child?

Contact the friendly team on 0330 222 7775, email fostering@westsussex.gov.uk or visit fosteringwestsussex.org.uk/info-sessions to book onto an online information session.

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