



“We give opportunities for children to learn how to smile and laugh. Just to have those moments and to know that joy is worth it.”

James Smith was inspired to become a foster parent at a young age. He helped his grandmother on the weekends and bonded with those she cared for, who like him, did not have a stable father figure. This is a wonderful story that is written by a fellow Monroe Harding foster parent, Brad Schmitt, who is a writer for the Tennessean.

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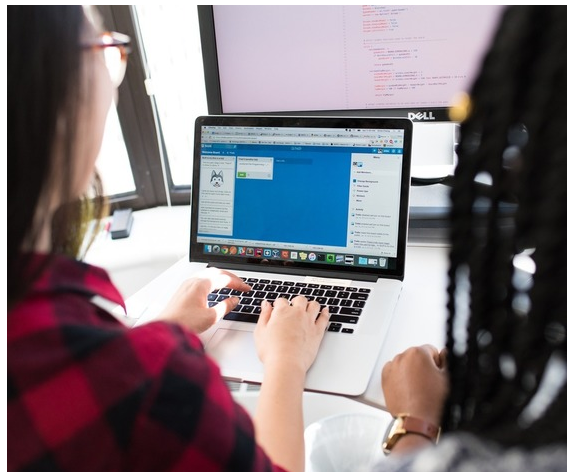
It is a busy summer at Monroe Harding! We recently celebrated our graduates, an adoption, and a family being reunified. With the growth of our Supportive Housing program and our upcoming virtual event, there are lots of ways to be involved.

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Finding her Passion

Through volunteering at a local nonprofit, one of our young adults confirmed her passion to pursue a career in which she can make an impact on the lives of children.

Read Senna's story **[here](#)**



Works Wonders

Learning how to adapt to the unexpected is part of achieving success in any career. Works Wonders is our new program helping young adults identify areas of career interest through education, skill-building, and work experience.

[Learn](#) how you can get involved

Meet Rosemary

Rosemary started volunteering as a math tutor in 2002 when she was a student at Vanderbilt. Almost 20 years later, she is still involved in our work, and expanded beyond her tutoring in a very creative way!



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Our Board is Growing

We are excited to announce the addition of four new members to our board this month, each of whom brings incredible leadership to our organization and passion for our mission.

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Join us for Fostering Joy

Fostering Joy will be virtual this year and we invite you to join us. You can watch alone or gather with a small group, and all the details can be found **[here](#)**. We will have a short program where you will hear from our families and young adults as well as a silent and live auction. A special thanks to our wonderful sponsors for this year's event!

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