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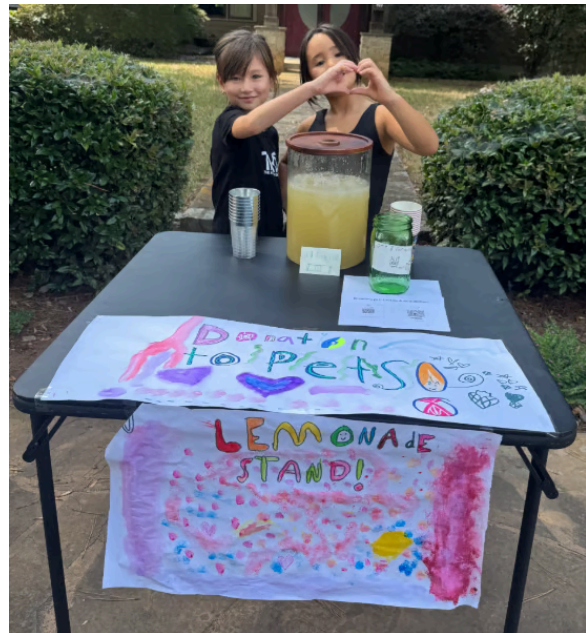
In this season of giving and reflection, we're shining a light on some special individuals from LifeLine's community. These fundraisers and fosters are changing lives with their advocacy – and they're all kids! Read about their inspiring efforts below.

And thank you, , for being an important part of this compassionate, lifesaving community. May your holidays be merry and bright!

## Fun-draisers in Action!



This birthday fundraiser made a gift bag which says, "An animal can change your life. I do not know if they can change their clothes."



This birthday girl (left) spent her special day raising money for LifeLine.

# Fostering Success



Executive Director Kim Dennis from the youth development program [Create Your Dreams](#) (CYD) recently fostered three pups.

*“I brought the foster puppies to CYD to help students learn about the growing dog crisis in Atlanta and across the country. Through this experience, they explored the importance of spaying and neutering, fostering and adopting, responsible pet ownership, and what it means to care for a puppy or dog with kindness. The impact was immediate: students were noticeably calmer after interacting with the puppies, and many shifted their beliefs about spaying/neutering and what responsible pet care looks like.”*

Chandra, Aiden, and Mei have all since been adopted. One student has since adopted a LifeLine pup from the urgent list, and she’s sharing the skills and information she learned at CYD with her mother as they learn how to train Mocha together. Another CYD parent is looking for a dog to adopt from FCAS to train as a therapy companion for her young son with disabilities.

# Small Paws, Big Hearts

The Nazzaros have been fostering LifeLine dogs since June, initially as Dog for the Day volunteers and now with two long-time fosters, [Moon Light](#) and [Lulusia](#) (Lulu).



The Nazzaro kids Niecy, 13, and Royce, 11, sat down with LifeLine for an interview about their experience as a foster family.



### **How did you become a foster?**

*Niecy:* I wanted to start volunteering more often, so I thought of things that interested me and where I could make an impact. The first thing that came to mind was helping animals, because I love dogs and cats.

*Royce:* Our mom told us about the "Dog for the Day" program at LifeLine, and we were excited to bring home different dogs every weekend to give them a break from the shelter.

### **What has surprised you about fostering?**

*Niecy:* The way the dogs' behavior changes as they get more comfortable with you.

*Royce:* I thought fostering would be very easy, but it's a lot of responsibility.

### **What do you wish more people knew about fostering?**

*Niecy:* I wish more people understood that it really helps the dog. When you bring them home with you and take responsibility for them, they get to reach their full potential as a dog.

### **Do you have a favorite type of fostering (long-term, Dog for the Day, Weekend Warrior) and why is that your favorite?**

*Royce:* I like to long-term foster because you get to know a lot about the dog.

### **Do you have a favorite story about a foster dog?**

*Niecy:* I like watching them just be dogs and seeing the difference in the way they act. You can clearly tell they've been in the shelter, but once they've been in a home for a while, they look much happier. That shows me that we've helped them.

*Royce:* I love when our foster Lulusia gives me hugs and when Moon Light rides in the car with us. I was there the first time she ever put her head out the window while we were driving. Her ears were blowing in the wind! She loved it.

# Heroes for the Day

Our "Dog for the Day" program lets you give a dog a break from the shelter for a day to help them socialize and be seen by potential adopters. It's a great short-term commitment that gets the whole family involved, while also improving a shelter dogs quality of life and visibility!

[Find out how to give a dog a day out at a LifeLine shelter near you](#)



These Dog for the Day volunteers can attest, Amor "loves kids!"  
The kids loved Amor, too.

If you'd like to be in touch, or have any questions about the work LifeLine is doing or how you can stay involved, please [email Jennifer Eddy](#), LifeLine's Chief Development Officer. She'd love to hear from you!



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