

February 4, 2023



Chamber Nomination: Nonprofit of the Year

Lakeshore Foster Families and Friends was nominated for the 2022 Non-Profit Organization of the Year Award. This award is given to recognize a non-profit Chamber of Manitowoc County member organization for its dedication to serving our communities in 2022. We, along with all other nominees will be honored at The Chamber's Awards of Distinction event being held Thursday, February 9, 2023, at the Capitol Civic Centre, Manitowoc.

Our organization is beyond grateful for this nomination after working diligently throughout 2022 to make sure our foster, kinship, and guardianship families had what they needed to provide what necessary for the children in their care.

Some of our highlights of 2022 include:

- Provided 59 children with a \$25 birthday gift and birthday cake thanks to our sponsors: EPIC Tree Care, Festival Foods, and Cravings
- Had consistent Care Closet hours for families and we served 85 children with numerous items that they needed including clothing, winter gear, school supplies, hygiene products, and much more.
- We packed 51 Care Kits for children newly placed into foster or kinship homes. These Kits estimate about \$100-\$175 per kit.
- Through our partnership with Jake's Network of Hope we were able to supply diapers, wipes, pull-ups, and feminine hygiene products to children in out-of-home care. This year we gave out 388 packages of diapers, 150 pull-ups, and 116 boxes of feminine hygiene products, totalling 654 total items. We averaged about 36 children per month.
- Our Christmas Event helped 59 families and 114 children in 2022. Each child in out-of-home care received 3 gifts, stocking stuffers, and pajamas, along with a gift for each household.
- Hired our first part-time employee