

**Ready  
for Life**

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for Life?*

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## Chili's Proudly Supports Ready for Life, Inc.

Chili's will donate 10% of the sales on  
Thursday, January 21st from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Join us this Thursday at the Chili's Restaurant at Parkside Mall  
7250 US Hwy 19 North, Pinellas Park

[Click here to view and print the flyer\\*](#)

\*Flyer **MUST** be presented on Ready for Life night!

### RFL Committee Chair Highlight

Ready for Life has nine "Champions" or Committee Chairs that serve in a leadership role for a committee. The committee's with RFL are truly where the work gets done. The committees include community volunteers, service providers and most importantly the youth. Carol Conaway is the chair for our Education Committee.

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### Unbreakable...a Story of Three Sisters

Can you image how hard it is to separate the role of being a sister and mother figure? Well, I will be the first to tell you it isn't easy! My name is Nicole and I am 28 years old. I have raised my twin sisters: Jessica and Melissa since they were born. I had to grow up fast and was unable to enjoy my childhood years, since our mother failed to fulfill her motherly role.

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## Blind Side Movie...A Must See! Thoughts from the Youth

The Blind side was a very motivational movie that I really enjoyed. I could understand almost every feeling he felt and how something he had no control over determined how the rest of his life was going to unfold. After he was removed from his biological mother and was placed in foster care he wanted to go back so bad he ran away from every home he was put in...

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## The Junior Exchange Club of Shorecrest High School Adopts Ready for Life

Last month, in December of 2009, Shorecrest High School was visited by the young adults aging out of the foster system who are in the Ready for Life program. Though the meeting was to accompany the school's annual gift drive, it inspired the Shorecrest Junior Exchange Club to get more involved.

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Join with Ready for Life as we engage our community to embrace these youth as "Our Youth", as we work to build public / private partnerships and most importantly as we keep the "Youth Voice" central in everything we do.

**Invest in the future of "Our Youth"**

**Make a gift TODAY!**

[Donate](#)

**~ Giving Opportunities ~**

**\$55** - Provides a bus pass for a year for a youth transitioning out of foster care.

**\$100** - Provides a "Move In" kit for a foster youth. This kit will include items such as towels, bedding, pots & pans, kitchen supplies, dishes and bath items.

**\$250** - Provides assistance to a youth for emergency needs such as food, medical and clothing.

**\$500** - Provides a stipend for a Youth Council member for one year.

**\$1000** - Provides assistance to secure housing for a youth transitioning out of care.

**\$2,500** - Provides Ready for Life with resources to assist youth with a successful transition out of foster care.

**\$10,000 - Ready for Life Partner.** Provides funding to secure the continuation of support to "Our Youth" aging out of the foster care system.

### **Quotes from "Our Youth" as they transition out of care...**

*"I'm really kind of nervous about my future. From what I understand, I don't have a good chance at success but really I'm the one who has the last word. I will work hard to prove people wrong."*

*"I hate always being alone, coming home to nobody..."*

*"Today I feel very nervous. I've pretty much been grown all my life but this time it's different. I don't even know where to start because I have so many mixed feelings. I'm just nervous."*

**GET INVOLVED**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**PROVIDE HOPE**

**Ready for Life is looking for business partners in our community to provide:**

- **Employment & Internship opportunities for foster youth**
- **Gift Certificates to local stores, restaurants and local events**
- **Funding for youth incentives, youth stipends & basic needs**
- **Volunteers for our Community Committee's**
- **Mentoring for a youth transitioning out of foster care**

**Get involved...together we CAN make a difference!**

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