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### What do we all have in common?





#### **#1** Raising awareness of Foster Care in Kosciusko County

#### #2 A great way that you can help these kids feel special

I THINK YOU NEVER FORGET YOUR CHILDHOOD, WHETHER IT WAS HAPPY OR UNHAPPY.

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#### DCS – DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES

#### **CPS – CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES**



## Children in Foster Care

- Nearly 500,000 children in the United States
- Nearly 10,000 children in the state of Indiana
- Nearly 100 children in Kosciusko County
- Average age of children 8.7 years old

FACT

#### Foster Parenting Common Myths

- My own children may get hurt or exposed to danger
- I'm afraid I won't be able to give the children back
- If the children get sent back to their family they are exposed to danger
- The biological parents are still in the picture and they will create problems for me and my family

#### A special way that you can help children in foster care here in Kosciusko County



## What is needed?

- A group to coordinate the effort
- Cake
- Decorations balloon, candles, streamers, party favors
- A few gifts
- A neutral location to celebrate



# Imagine the impact you could have on the world...

