

# Celebration of Dreams



## Information for our Donors

**Please help us make Celebration of Dreams a reality!**

~ comments from Celebration of Dreams 2005:

*I realized that real people care so much and are proud of me.*

*What a great, inspiring event! I had so much fun and had tears in my eyes more than once. It was a thrill when one of our youth saw her photo and could not believe it. It was obvious how proud she was.*

### **There are three ways to help:**

#### **1. General financial donation**

Your donation helps cover the costs of producing the event, such as venue rental, dinner, decorations and graduation gifts. This is the area of our greatest financial need. The cost per youth is approximately \$200, including the cost of the meal and a duffel bag filled with household and school supplies, personal care items, and other necessities. Your donation contributing to these costs is greatly appreciated. Whether you can cover the cost of one duffel bag item or support the costs of one graduate, we know the Celebration of Dreams would not be the wonderful event it has been without you. Your willingness to help us celebrate these young people is the greatest contribution.

#### **2. Donation of gift certificates, household or personal care items**

It is a Celebration of Dreams tradition to give each graduate a duffel bag stuffed with some of the basic items they need to start life on their own. Ideas are enclosed with this packet.

#### **3. Donation to the Foster Child Scholarship Fund**

This fund is designed to help foster youth with certain expenses related to post-secondary education or training. The fund focuses on costs that are not covered by other sources of financial aid. These expenses include books, other school supplies, fees and tuition shortfalls. Since 2001, the fund has awarded \$29,000 to 44 students.

### **How to help:**

**Financial and scholarship fund donations:** Write your check to the Foster Child Enrichment Council, P.O. Box 18283, Cincinnati, OH 45218. In the memo portion of the check, please write Celebration of Dreams OR Foster Child Scholarship Fund.

The council is a volunteer organization that works to provide positive experiences to enhance the quality of life for abused and neglected children. It is a 501-(c) (3) organization that works with the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services. The council's tax i.d. is 31-144-5664.

**Gift item donations:** Please contact the Celebration of Dreams committee member who signed the cover letter of this information packet.

Unless requesting anonymity, all donors are recognized at the event and listed in the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services Annual Report to the Community.

Questions? Please call Dianna Greivenkamp, 556-1761. Thank you!