

We always wanted to foster as we wanted to provide a sibling group with stability, security, love and happiness with a chance for them to flourish and reach their full potential. We wanted to do this as a family unit including our birth children every step of the way.

When we were ready to embark on our fostering journey we approached VERVE recruitment agency. Val Hogan helped us to find the best agency for us making sure they had similar values and principles to ours. I'm glad she did as we have not looked back since.

Caritas care are a non for profit agency and share the same values and principles as ours especially the desire to make a positive difference for children no matter their circumstances and background. Caritas care are a family and we have always felt part of this and are proud to be part of their family. They have dedicated members who genuinely care.

The process

It has been a very positive experience since starting our fostering journey . The process was clear and well planned by our social worker. It was very thorough and we were supported brilliantly. In no way did it feel daunting or intrusive. We knew exactly what was happening and when thanks to our organised social worker.

Our social worker can only be described as amazing. She has taken the time and effort to get to know us and see how we function as a family. She has a holistic picture of our skills as carers. They have all the information they need to find us a good match.



C - CARING
A - APPROACHABLE
R - RESPONSIBLE
I - INDEPENDENT
T - TEAMWORK
A - AVAILABLE
S - SUPPORTIVE



We have received regular supervision and our training needs have been met superbly. Since our approval, we have joined the Fostering Network.

Caritas care have valued our birth children and their views have been elicited. They feel their voices have been heard.

We had the opportunity to meet other families in on the training days. These days were very informative and packed full of ideas ready to get us started.

We recently took our children on a day out roller skating where they were able to meet other birth children and foster children. They valued this experience and have ideas for future events.

Caritas care believe in matching families and children. This process is very well thought out and the focus is on a good match. We are now looking forward to receiving our first placement which is an exciting time for us as a family. Our children have made small welcome packs to help our foster children settle in with us and feel part of their new family.

The acrostic poem describes and highlights Caritas Care's strengths as an agency!

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