

Our Mission

To get kids in care the tools they need to succeed.

Our Programs

Tutoring

It is estimated that a child falls six months behind grade level for each placement change. Friends is paying for tutoring for 40 kids in 2017.

Computers for Kids

Friends is providing an average of 5 computers, printers and flash drives to kids in care *every month* and it is not nearly enough.

Backpacks for Kids

Starting a new school is hard enough for kids in care. In 2014, we provided 900 kids the backpacks or other supplies they needed.

Guardian Angel Tree

In 2016, we delivered 1,200 holiday presents and we could use more volunteers!

Summer Camp Grants

Camps help kids deal with the stress of being in care. In 2017, we helped nearly 70 kids get there.



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To volunteer your time, or to learn more, email us at info@friendsofwakegal.org



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The Friends of Wake County Guardian ad Litem

Helping abused, neglected and dependent children in Wake County who have been removed from their home through no fault of their own.



“If you can’t be a GAL, be a Friend”



Who “The Friends” Are

Friends of the Wake County Guardian ad Litem is a local non-profit that helps **abused, neglected, or dependent** kids here in Wake County that have been removed from their homes through no fault of their own. Friends was founded in 1991 by volunteer Guardians who saw first-hand the many needs of the kids in care that are beyond the help of any agency or court.

What We Do

The kids we help are in transition. They have been removed from their homes and are staying in foster care or with relatives until a permanent home can be found. Many of them need tutoring, back-to-school supplies, clothing, or even just a Christmas wish. Others have special needs. The Friends are here to help these children get what they need.

**With an all-volunteer staff,
over 98% of the funds
raised go directly to helping
Wake County kids in care!**

What is a GAL?

A Guardian ad Litem is a volunteer who is appointed by a judge to advocate for a child that is in the custody of Wake County. Guardians are trained and always work with a program supervisor and an attorney. The only requirements for becoming a GAL are a strong desire to help children and some free time.

For more information on the Wake County GAL program visit www.wakecountygala.org.



Did You Know?

- There are 440 active GAL volunteers in Wake County.
- GALs represented 984 children in Wake County in 2016 and participated in over 3,400 court proceedings.
- In 2016, 315 children in Wake County achieved legal permanency.
- Nationwide, as of 2015, 42% of children in foster care spent between 12 to 35 months in care.¹
- Over half (51%) of foster children that exited care in 2015 were reunited with their parents or primary caregivers, another 22% were adopted.¹
- The *median* age of children entering foster care in 2015 was 6.3 years old.¹
- From 2015 to 2016 the number of children in foster care nationwide increased by 3.5%.²

¹ <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/foster.pdf>

² <https://annualreport2016.casaforchildren.org/#the-numbers>