FOSTER CARE IN THE GUNNISON COUNTY

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OUR GOAL

- Spread awareness about the constant need of foster care
- Change people's outlook on foster care
- Raise money for foster children

WHAT IS FOSTER CARE?

- A **temporary** care program for a child who cannot remain in his/her home due to unsafe environments

- Beneficial for the SAFETY of a child

FOSTER CARE VS. ADOPTION

- **Adoption:**
  - a legal proceeding that creates a parent-child relation between persons not related by blood; the adopted child is entitled to all privileges belonging to a natural child of the adoptive parents (including the right to inherit)

UNSAFE ENVIRONMENTS

- Substance abuse
- History of violent behavior (parental or by the child)
- Intense pressure
- Criminal activity

SIGNS OF ABUSE

- Physical
- Emotional
- Sexual
- Neglect

TYPES OF FOSTER HOMES

- Foster family relative
- Foster family non-relative
- Group home or institution

FOSTER PARENTS

- The Process
  - Training hours
  - Home-study
  - Takes 3-5 months
- MAINLY VOLUNTEERS

BASIC FACTS IN GUNNISON

- 2013
  - 17 foster children
  - 7 foster homes

- Stipend
  - 0-6 years old = $450
  - 6-11 years old = $500
  - 11-17 years old = $550

KIDS IN CARE

- Money for…
  - Extracurricular activities
  - Foster parent training
  - Vacations/trips
- Founded in 2007 by Gregory Meier