## ELYADA

## HELPING CHILDREN SUCCEED











## From Struggle to Strength: A Foster Care Story Worth Celebrating

There's a quiet kind of magic that happens when a child finds a place to belong.

At Eliada, we see this magic happen every day - but it never ceases to move us. Our foster care program is more than a service; it's a lifeline for children who have faced too much too soon. These kids aren't just looking for shelter, they're searching for connection, understanding and love.

Let me tell you about a young teen named Mariah (name changed for privacy). When she first came to Eliada, she was in our residential program struggling with the effects of trauma, bouncing between placements and unsure of who she could trust. Her laughter was rare and her walls were high.

But slowly - patiently - with the support of our trauma-informed care and a dedicated team of professionals, Mariah began to heal. We saw her start to dream again. She was ready for the next chapter.

That chapter came in the form of two incredibly passionate foster parents from our Eliada Foster Care program. They saw Mariah not for her challenges but for her potential. They walked beside her through every high and low, building trust, showing up for school meetings, being involved in her life and helping her feel, perhaps for the first time, truly wanted.

And then, something beautiful happened. They adopted her.

Mariah now has her very own family and is thriving. Her story is one of transformation but it's also a story of community. Stories like this don't happen without you.

Your support allows us to recruit and train foster families, provide around-the-clock support and walk alongside children like Mariah every step of the way. You make it possible for healing to take root and for families to grow in love.

From all of us at Eliada, thank you for believing in our mission and in the children we serve. Together we're not just changing lives - we're creating futures.