

As a leader in Springfield, Missouri, you no doubt understand the pressing need for solutions to meeting the needs of vulnerable children and teens in our community. This year, the Queen City Beard and Moustache Federation is committed to fundraising for and donating funds to FosterAdopt Connect.

FosterAdopt Connect SWMO (Springfield) is a nonprofit organization that specializes in solving problems for kids and families involved in and affected by the child welfare system. Our mission is "to provide foster and adopted children a stable, loving and nurturing family environment by support and advocacy for abused and neglected children and the families caring for them."

The programs offered by FosterAdopt Connect include Extreme Recruitment, which seeks out permanent homes for hard-to-place children, the Community Connections Youth Project (CCYP), which supports and mentors youth aging out of the foster care system, and the Behavioral Intervention program to help support foster and adoptive parents in challenging situations. In addition, FosterAdopt Connect runs Sammy's Window, providing clothing and other needs for foster children.

If you would like to sit down and have a discussion about donating time, money, or services, you can contact me directly at 417-880-3509 or queencitybeards@gmail.com. QCBMF has raised more than \$70,000 dollars for local charities in the last nine years, is a federally recognized 501 (C)(3) and is committed to continuing excellence within our community. This year's Queen City Beard and Moustache Federation Competition will take place on May 5, 2018 at the 319 Event Center.

I hope to hear from you soon, and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

QCBMF Executive Board