

“Fostering is an opportunity to use your life to make a positive and lasting change in the life of an infant, child, or teen that needs it; to leave a legacy of what love in action looks like.”

— NICOLE

Nicole and Mark always felt inspired to mentor children.

“When we first met, we talked about wanting to foster or adopt one day,” Mark shares.

The couple, who have four children, approached York Region CAS to foster, and welcomed the first child into their home in September 2012.

“We are so grateful for the love and joy the children bring to our home,” Nicole shares. “Each child’s unique personality and individual developmental needs change and enrich the dynamics of our home.”

The whole family embraces fostering.

“Fostering is very rewarding for our children and extended family as well,” Mark notes. “Our kids are always excited when a child arrives to our home.”



**NICOLE & MARK**

*Foster Parents*

The family has fostered nine children, including a set of infant twins. Eight of the children returned home to their parents, and one child was adopted.

Nicole and Mark recognize that the parents are the experts of their child, and together they work collaboratively in the child’s best interests.

“I try to let parents know that we are here to help support them and their child,” Nicole explains. “I tell them, ‘everybody needs help sometimes in life, and we are here to help you.’”

**York Region CAS recognizes and appreciates the ongoing love and support of our 125 dedicated resource families.**

**To learn more about how you can foster a child, please visit [www.fosteringatyork.com](http://www.fosteringatyork.com) or contact 1-800-718-3850 ext. 6132.**