

“In a short time  
I knew I’d changed  
Ethan’s life forever.”



(Ethan)



“When I met Ethan, he rarely attended school and had a history of antisocial behaviour.

He’d reached a critical point. Either he started making different choices or he could lose his future to a life of crime. I wanted to help him, so I volunteered to be a TFCO Carer.

TFCO is a specialised fostering program where people like me care for people like Ethan for 6 to 9 months. The aim is to reunite them with their own family at the end, or prepare them for a stable life with a permanent foster family.

It was daunting, but I wasn’t alone. I had a team of highly qualified specialists guiding me.

The Team Leader and School Specialist realised mainstream schools couldn’t meet Ethan’s needs so we enrolled him in a specialist school instead. In just one month he was attending full time. His absences completely stopped.

We worked hard at supporting his studies and I’ll never forget how proud I felt when he passed the majority of his exams.

As Ethan’s self-esteem grew, he joined in a range of community sports and activities.

He was a new person. For the first time in his life he experienced hope.

Ethan is now back living with his family and going to school. I look forward to being part of his life going forward. TFCO saved him.

**Playing my part was the most rewarding thing I’ve ever done.”**



Prescriptive Program Structure



6-9 Month Program



24/7 Support for carers



Program aimed at 7-17 year olds



Program operating between South Melbourne, Mornington Peninsula & Pakenham area

## Mine & Ethan's story

I received professional training and was guided by a team of highly qualified specialists before being introduced to Ethan. I felt 100% ready to begin working with him.

The key specialists provided me with on-going support. Our team included Francis, Ethan's Team Leader, Graham the Schools Specialist, Tom a Child Therapist and Kathy the Skills Coach.

To ensure Ethan was set up for success, at the start of the program a set routine was established with strict supervision.

Ethan met regularly with Tom his Child Therapist and the Skills Coach as part of his 9 month program under my care.

Each day, I dropped him off and picked him up as part of his normal school routine.

Each weekday morning, the TFCO team called me and for 10 minutes we'd discuss Ethan's progress and discuss any concerns I may have had.

The TFCO team provided me with weekly support meetings. It was great because I was able to interact with other Carers in the program.

TRAIN AS A TFCO FOSTER CARER AND SEE POSITIVE CHANGE FOR KIDS, CONTACT US NOW.

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