

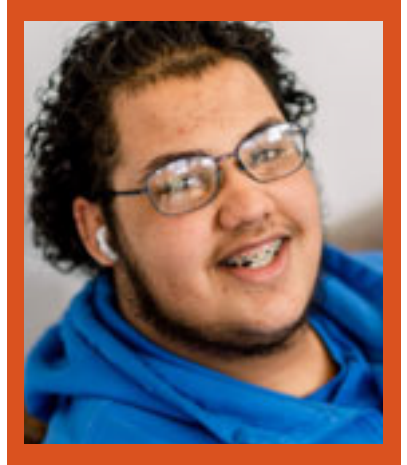
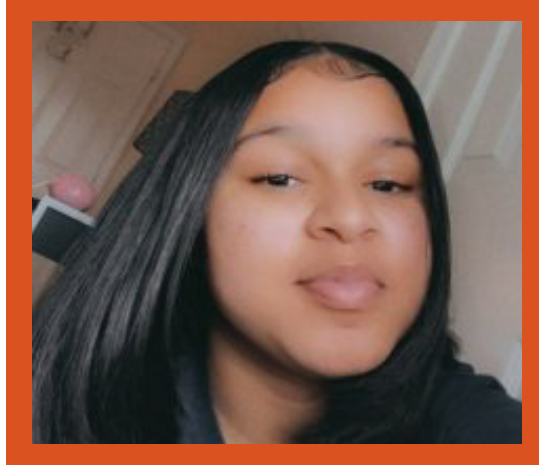
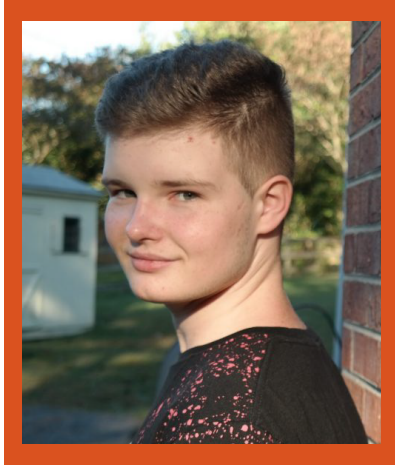
# CONNECT

You are invited to **CONNECT**, a special tasting event to benefit children in Central Virginia's foster care system.

Your sponsorship gift or tickets will help **CONNECT** kids in foster care to loving foster, adoptive, and kinship families!

**OCT 3445 5:00**  
**27 W CARY ST PM**

# WHO ARE THE KIDS?



There are almost 700 children in Central Virginia's foster care system through no fault of their own. When 140 of the children currently in foster care were taken from their families, there was not a foster care family available for them so they were placed in a group home or residential foster care facility. Today, 84 of them continue to live there.

Over half of all kids in foster care are teenagers – the most difficult children to find homes for and 250 of them are 16-21 years old, those most at risk of "aging out" of foster care without a safety net. 20% of children who age out become homeless; half develop a substance dependence; only 3% ever earn a college degree. The future is bleak for children in foster care who never find a family of their own.

Just one positive relationship with a loving, supportive adult can change a child's life forever. Our mission is to find foster, adoptive, and kinship parents who can give these kids opportunities to have the love and support they need for a brighter future.

## HOW HAVE WE HELPED SO FAR?

JFS Connecting Hearts has been awarded the Virginia Department of Social Services' Contract for Foster and Adoptive Family Recruitment for five years. We collaborate with the Local Departments of Social Services in 26 cities and counties to help them find great families for the children in their care.

### **As a result of our 2021 campaign:**

- 883,000 CBS 6 viewers learned more about the needs of kids and teens in foster care
- 707,000 views of social media posts featuring children in foster care
- 3,000 people visited the JFS Connecting Hearts website

### **Last year, JFS Connecting Hearts:**

- Referred 300+ families to foster care training
- Welcomed 400+ new members to our Family Alliance support group
- **Helped 8 children join loving families!**

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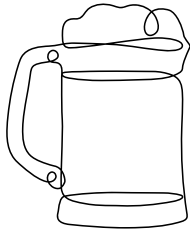
## SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

*YOU CAN CHANGE THE LIVES OF  
CHILDREN AND TEENS IN FOSTER CARE*



### presenting \$10,000

- 10 Beverage + Food tickets
- Prominently featured on all event materials, including invitations
- Prominently featured on event website and social media ads



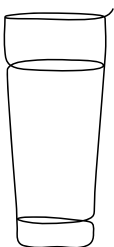
### brewmaster \$5,000

- 8 Beverage + Food tickets
- Featured on event slideshow and posters
- Listed on event website and social media



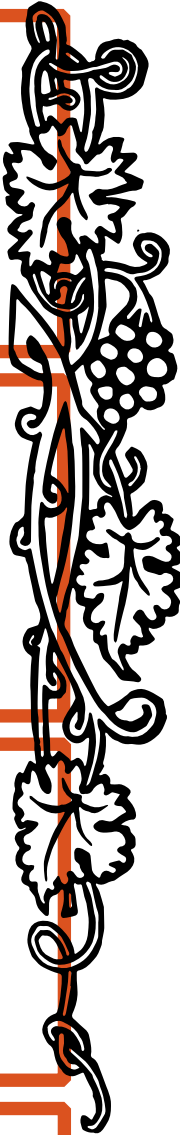
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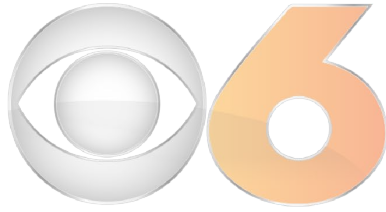
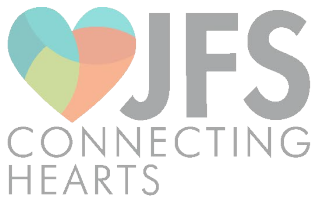
- 6 Beverage + Food tickets
- Recognized in event slideshow
- Listed on event website and social media



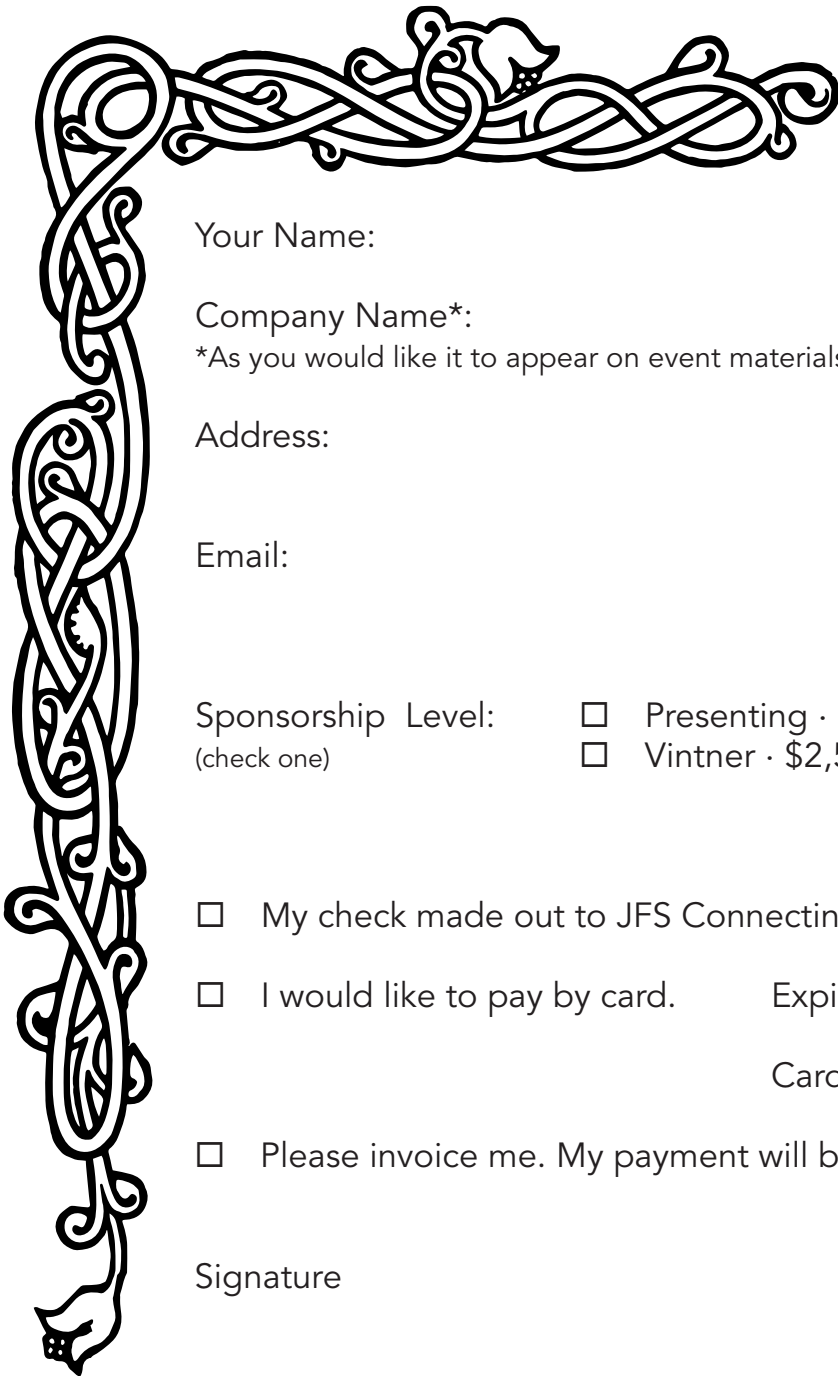
### cidermaker \$1,000

- 4 Beverage + Food tickets
- Recognized in event slideshow
- Listed on event website





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Your Name:

Company Name\*:

\*As you would like it to appear on event materials.

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Sponsorship Level:  
(check one)

☐ Presenting · \$10,000  
☐ Vintner · \$2,500

☐ Brewmaster · \$5,000  
☐ Cidermaker · \$1,000

☐ My check made out to JFS Connecting Hearts is enclosed.

☐ I would like to pay by card.

Expiration date:

Card #:

☐ Please invoice me. My payment will be mailed by October 20, 2022.

Signature

Please return this form to Morgan Goad by email ([mgoad@jfsrichmond.org](mailto:mgoad@jfsrichmond.org)) or by mail to 6718 Patterson Avenue, Richmond VA 23226.