

Help foster kids achieve their dreams



Become a Pyjama Angel today

About The Pyjama Foundation

The Pyjama Foundation supports the dreams of kids living in foster care. Whether they want to grow up to be an astronaut or a doctor, The Pyjama Foundation is there to help them reach their potential by assisting them with their learning, and providing consistent love and support. With a little confidence and encouragement, who knows what these incredible kids can achieve?

Through our **Love of Learning Program**, volunteers called 'Pyjama Angels' are recruited, screened, trained and then matched with a child in care and spend time with them once a week, focusing on learning-based activities.

Becoming a Pyjama Angel

Pyjama Angels are: mentors, friends and teachers. They are a constant person in a foster child's life; they are someone a child can depend on to give one-on-one undivided attention to help with home-work, provide support and bring 'fun' to learning.

Pyjama Angels come from a diverse range of ages, backgrounds and professions, but they all have one thing in common: **a love of learning.**

Currently there are more than 55,000 children in foster care in Australia. Many of these children have missed out on stable, positive and healthy family relationships and stable schooling. Too often they bounce from home to home and to different schools and as a result the statistics of their education and life outcomes are compromised:

- 92% of the children are below the average reading level at age 7
- 75% of children in care do not complete 12 years of school
- 35% of children in care are entering the juvenile justice system

By volunteering, you can help reverse the cycle of disadvantage and help turn around their lives. To become a Pyjama Angel all you need to do is spare one hour a week to share a love of learning.

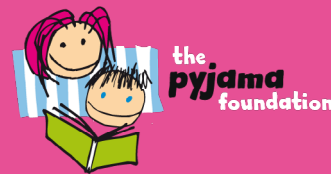
Conditions of becoming a Pyjama Angel

A volunteer must:

- Be willing to make an initial minimum commitment of 3 months, ideally The Pyjama Foundation would like you to volunteer for at least 12 months.
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Have basic English language, literacy and numeracy skills
- Possess a love of learning and the ability to create a fun filled environment
- Be willing to acquire and maintain a valid Working with Children check
- Display traits of resilience, including: the capacity to make realistic plans; have a positive view of yourself and confidence in your strengths and abilities; have skills in communication and problem solving
- Understand and respect confidentiality
- Have your own transport (not completely necessary, but will determine ability to be placed with a child)
- Visit your allocated child, for an hour once a week in their home



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What's involved?

All volunteers must undertake the screening process to ascertain their suitability to fulfil the role of a Pyjama Angel. The process involves completing the application, a face to face interview, referee checks and training.

Placement Process

STEP 1. Register your interest online to become a Pyjama Angel at www.thepyjamafoundation.com/volunteer and fill out a application form

STEP 2. Once you have completed our online application form, a regional volunteer coordinator will be in contact with you to arrange a time for an interview.

STEP 3. If you need to apply for a Blue Card we will submit it for you. You can download a Blue Card Application form via our website. If you are a registered teacher or police officer please complete an exemption form. If you already have a Blue Card or exemption card we are required to authorise your blue card with the commission, please download this form via our website.

STEP 4. When you attend your interview, bring your completed (Blue Card and Confidentiality forms) plus your driver's license a Medicare Card, or other appropriate ID.

STEP 5. Attend a training session.

STEP 6. Following your training and when you have received your Blue Card, you will be given contact details for your child's Carer.

STEP 7. Contact Carer to arrange a mutually agreeable time to start your visits.

STEP 8. If you would like any help choosing resources for your visits, please contact your Regional Co-ordinator or Head Office.



Being a Pyjama Angel is so incredibly rewarding. To see my little cherub grow, and achieve things like reading an entire book - it's a huge win, not just her, but for me too. It's the little wins that count, and to see her face light up when she achieves something makes it so worthwhile.

- Julie, Pyjama Angel

Contact us today

Fill out an application form online at
www.thepyjamafoundation.com

Or contact our head office

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