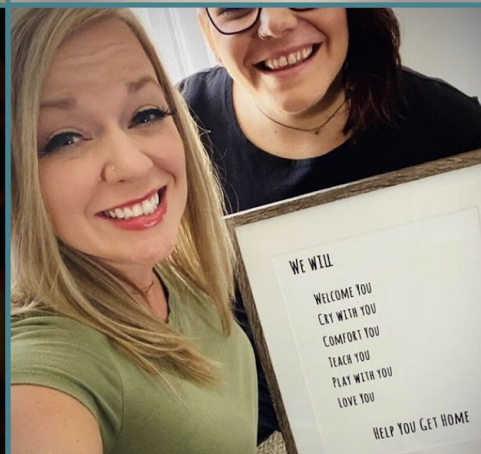
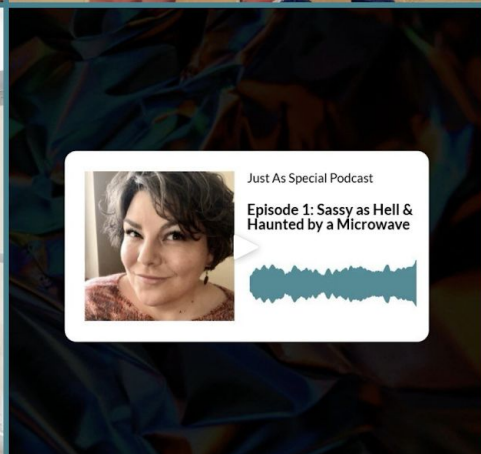




"Listening to your podcast for the first time - oh my gosh! I feel like I have been wishing for something like this for so long."
— @kelseeanne



Why Just As Special?

Most foster families stop fostering within just 2 years.

Each year in the U.S., 30,000 kids age out of foster care without any family to call home. Most of these youth end up surviving on less than \$8,000 a year. Many end up homeless or in jail.

We believe there's a lot of room for these statistics to improve — and we want to be part of the solution.

Sources: nfyi.org, ifstudies.org & fostercare2.org



How We Help

Podcast: Amplifies diverse perspectives of foster care through powerful interviews and expert education

Online Community: Instagram, Private Facebook group, and Facebook page support current and prospective foster parents, volunteers, and their support networks

Resource Database: Foster care resources organized nationally by county so people can easily get support, volunteer, and donate (*coming 2021*)

Goals

- Improve current foster families
- Recruit more diverse foster families
- Mobilize the support networks of foster families





Our Impact: Education

We're educating through powerful stories and interviews with experts.

Showcasing foster care from so many perspectives is really **an amazing idea.**

It's a subject that has so many stereotypes but also so many different dimensions. I am excited to learn more!

— Laurlor44 via Apple Podcasts

As someone who is considering becoming a foster parent, a podcast like this is **just what I am looking for!**

I appreciate the chance to hear the experience of different foster families firsthand, and am especially excited to hear the perspectives of different races coming together as a family.

— Nicole via Apple Podcasts



Our Impact: Community

We're building a strong community to help foster families make it for the long haul.

justasspecial It might not feel like the holidays are right around the corner but they are!


@allieadams94 asked us for advice in navigating the holidays as new foster parents. (Our answer is in the comments).

refugeemom A few things that come to mind...really try to manage your expectations and be realistic (it's hard). And if possible, ask them what their expectations are. Keep in mind that for many youth receiving gifts is overwhelming and not always fun. And expect the possibility of a post-holiday regression in behaviors.


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Our Impact: Mobilizing

We're helping support networks better support foster families.

It's clear that the creators hold meaningful discussions to inspire empathy and learning from diverse perspectives.

Our family is foster adjacent (we don't foster, but are close with several families that do), and the inclusive discussions presented here are **exactly what our family has been looking for** to better support them.

— Pam Wolford via Apple Podcasts



Listener Feedback

5 Star Apple Podcast Rating

Just As Special sounds like it will be the *This American Life* of foster care podcasts. — Ethan McGrath



Benasorous, 10/08/2020

Fresh Perspectives

I appreciate the personal and real interviews. It really shows fostering in its true light. Great podcast!



reviews by Nicole, 08/12/2020

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Green eggs and Pam, 08/08/2020

For more than foster families

Even in just a few short moments of this initial episode, it's clear that the creators hold meaningful discussions with each other and their guests to inspire empathy and learn [more](#)