



## **Our Mission**

Our mission is to provide the necessary resources to children who are current and former foster youth that will help them rise above the challenges of growing up in the foster care system by providing guidance, resources, seminars and support. This program will include: Fostering Change in foster children ages 5-12 by providing training, support activities, and resources for foster parents, and for youth ages 13-23 through Mentorship, Leadership, Education and Community Service.

## **Our Vision**

The fundamental belief of the V2 program is to establish a nationwide system of programs and resources that all youth impacted by foster care will leave the system feeling safe, connected and loved. We have faith that with a consistent, nurturing community foster youth can become confident, prosperous adults. Our team understands that the past does not define them and trust that with guidance and support, foster youth will write their own story.

## **What does this Change Look Like to V2**

For teenagers who have been living in foster care, the transition to life outside of care presents many new and often daunting experiences. These young adults may face challenges as they search for affordable housing, pursue higher education or training, employment, create and manage on tight budgets, take care of their health needs, and navigate the social service system. These youth are often alone with no adult to guide them through this critical time of transition.

V2 will work toward:

1. Early Childhood intervention by educating foster parent to understand IEP, ARDs, 504s and other Acronyms.
2. Educating Foster Parents on the culture of young adults in the foster care system.
3. Provide educational support to foster parents to help them better advocate for their educational needs
4. Work with students to provide necessary tutoring to help fill in any educational gaps
5. Give guidance to a post-secondary education, V2 sees education as a link between an unstable past and a successful future.
6. Lower the incarceration rate with-in this sub-group by providing a consistent adult to help navigate adulthood.
7. Decrease the gaps in their transition process that leads to homelessness



## **Our History**

V2 began in April of 2018 as an idea and vision of co-founders Vyanna Davis and Veda Brooks a foster alumni and previous foster parent. As the two spoke they were able to identify some of the short falls within the system and immediately recognized that this change had to start with them. As they spoke with others in the community and former foster youth it became apparent there was a critical need for a permanent organization to provide volunteers serving as a connection between former foster youth to the services provided by social agencies.

With the first office opening in November 2018, gaining its 501(c)3 nonprofit status. By building agency partnerships with veteran organizations, V2 will begin partnering former foster youth with adult volunteer Advisors in May of 2019.

## **Why Give**

There are no instructions that can be given to foster alumni that will give them all the answers for adulthood. Each year 2,400 youth exit the foster care system in Georgia. They are often alone and ill equipped for the challenges that lay ahead of them.

Your support will help to ensure that we can continue to serve foster and former foster youth and help them on as they learn and grow into successful independent adults.

Your donation will help us to:

- recruit new Advisor/Mentor volunteers
- cover the costs of background checks
- enable ongoing supervision and support for both youth and volunteers
- provide support services including:
  - Transportation
  - Life-skills workshops
  - Low income housing
  - Money management course