

## Our Story

### “Let’s have a party!”

The idea of *Fostering Dreams* evolved from a simple idea: “Let’s have a ‘princess’ party for the girls in foster care in the county.” The Nobles, in their eighteen years as foster parents, had witnessed over 70 young, broken, abused, and hurting children come to their home. It led them to the realization that the magic and wonder of life many take for granted, often does not exist in the lives of these children. Their existence allows little time for dreams, enchantment, and magic. The simple “party” idea caught the attention and support of others, and soon became the non-profit *Fostering Dreams Inc.*

"Always believe in your dreams, because if you don't, you'll have no hope." --*Ghandi*

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*Giving wings to  
the dreams of  
children in  
foster care.*

**Mary Alice Noble**  
**Bob Noble**

## *Fostering Dreams Princess-at-Heart Gala*

*In the heart of every girl is the dream of being a princess: the dream of the royal ball, the magic of the moment, the belief in the handsome young prince, and the promise of "happily-ever-after." The reality of life for many of these children is the poison that lays these dreams to rest. Through the Princess-At-Heart Gala, we want these girls to experience the magic of being that princess, of knowing they are special, and knowing dreams can come true.*

### **What we do...**

- The Princess-At-Heart Gala
- Tailgate Parties
- Sporting Events
- Holiday Events
- Foster Child Advocacy



### **The Hero Experience**

The imagination of a child; what a wondrous world. What little boy hasn't dreamed of saving the world with some super power? The children in foster care live in a world where they have rights, but no power. They are powerless to change their situation, the behaviors in their family, and powerless to "fix" the problems that have resulted in their placement. What a wonderful experience for these children to be a hero, even if it's just for a day, and to perhaps come to the realization they possess the power to be a real-life hero.

### **How can you help?**

We can't do this alone. We need your help through volunteering for our events, monetary donations, and helping to supply specific needs for the various parties. We always have a list of our current needs on our web site.

**"These children have rights, but they have no power. We want to empower them to dream"**

### **Meet Mary and Bob Noble**

Mary Alice has been involved in serving others for many years. She has been a youth leader in her church, Boy Scout Leader, a team leader for Relay for Life, a caregiver for her mother (who is a cancer survivor), a Sunday School teacher, and of course, mother to 71 biological, adopted, and foster children. She is a Systems Analyst at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio which awarded her the Distinguished Service Award in 2016.

Bob is a retired teacher, having taught choral music for 31 years. He is an ordained minister, and has served the congregation of Locust Grove Baptist Church in Salem, Ohio for 27 years. He is currently serving his third term on the Board of Education of the Struthers City Schools, Struthers, Ohio. He is actively involved in community theater. He is a 2017 inductee into the Struthers School Foundation for Excellence in Education Hall of Fame. He and Mary have been married for 22 years.