

Chance's Story.



My name is Chance and I am a former Crown Ward of the Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society.

I grew up in a single parent home. My mother was an alcoholic, so I was mostly raised by my other family members. We moved a few times a year and I was never in school long enough to make any real friends or to really be educated. Being one of 13 children, I often slipped through the cracks. At a very young age I had experienced drugs, robbery and other criminal activity.

Age 9

I was put in foster care and made a crown ward. This was a game changer for me. I was placed with an amazing foster family who were generous, caring and kind. They loved me and invested in me with their time, money and emotions.

My worker supported me and had my best interest in mind and the Foundation made it possible for me to take part in sports, school trips, educational courses, summer camp and independent living, for which I am truly grateful. I thank the Foundation and the donors for all that they did for me.

Age 20

While completing a School of Biblical Studies program I met my wife Mary Austin, we married in 2012 and moved back to Peterborough.

We are happily married with our first son, and another one on the way. I run a photography business and I am a pastor of a church called "The Gathering" in Peterborough and I am now working on my degree part-time at Toronto Baptist Seminary.

I encourage you to help crown wards like me as it makes such a great difference in our lives.

The Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Foundation supports children and youth in the care of the Society so they can enjoy the simple pleasures that many children take for granted. The Foundation is there to help thanks to the generosity of donors like you.

