

# Sarah & Leigha

## Ingham County

### Starting the journey with one step

Children and youth enter foster care because they have been abused or neglected by their parents or guardians. Often, these children have experienced loss and trauma. Yet, like all children, they are learning and growing, like to play and hang out with friends their age and need the love and stability a permanent home provides.

Sarah and Leigha are foster parents who provide this love and stability within their home. Leigha has one biological son and together they have three foster children. The family has adjusted well to opening their home to additional children and work hard to ensure they maintain structure and routines. The family does an excellent job meeting the needs of the children, making sure the children's emotional, social and educational needs are being met while in their care. They do an outstanding job of ensuring that the children feel welcome and safe, going above and beyond on a daily basis to maintain a good relationship with the children, their licensing staff and agency. Their licensing worker describes Sarah and Leigha as, "Wonderful foster parents."

