

Going the distance to make a difference

Melody initially became a foster parent because she wanted to give a child a loving home. Shortly after beginning PRIDE classes, she realized how great the need for homes were in her community. Melody states that she wanted to, “Do all that I can do to provide a loving home for as many children as I possibly can.” Melody’s licensing agency was very helpful and encouraging during the process of becoming licensed.

Melody’s licensing worker describes her as “a natural helper.” She has made this characteristic a part of her identity, not only now as a foster parent, but in her current and previous work as an EMT and central dispatch worker. Melody fosters as a single caregiver and early last summer she accepted placement of a little girl. The agency staff that worked with Melody has nothing but positive feedback to provide on how well Melody has parented this child and worked with the agency. Melody consistently goes above and beyond in her willingness to transport this little girl to all appointments and parenting times, regardless of the location. She also has worked diligently to help her foster daughter excel in her development. Agency staff recently commented on how interactive this little girl has become since being placed in Melody’s home.

Without hesitation, Melody has reached out to some of her foster daughter’s extended family, as it was deemed to be what was best for her foster daughter. Melody always considers what is best for the child when making decisions. Melody has changed her daily routines to center them on the needs of her foster daughter, and has done so with ease. Aside from fostering, Melody is active in her community. Melody does not seek any recognition, simply because that is who she is and what she believes in. Although Melody has only had one placement since becoming licensed, she looks forward to fostering more children in the future.

