

# The Pyjama Foundation

Supporting Kids in Care with BIG Dreams

## About The Pyjama Foundation

- The Pyjama Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that supports the educational outcomes of children living in out of home care.
- We recruit volunteers, known as Pyjama Angels, who are carefully paired with a child in care with the goal of building a consistent relationship and ultimately helping change the direction of their life path.
- Pyjama Angels spend one hour a week visiting their Pyjama Child, playing educational games, reading aloud, and most importantly, having fun!
- Our volunteers are a mentor, friend and are sometimes the only consistent relationship in the child's life due to movement



## The Statistics

**45,000+**

Australian children are currently in out of home care

**92%**

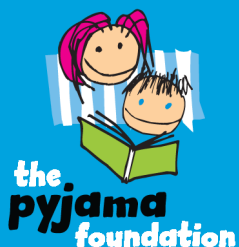
of children are below the average reading level by age 7

**57%**

of young people who grow up in care manage to complete Year 12 or equivalent compared to the national average of 85%

## The Need For Our Support

- There are more than 45,000 children living in out-of-home care
- Many have experienced trauma, neglect and instability at a young age. It impacts their confidence, their ability to trust others, and their core foundation for learning.
- Children in care have lower educational attainment, lower employment prospects, higher criminal and arrest rates, and higher rates of teen pregnancy



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How you can get involved

## Become a Volunteer

Volunteer as a Pyjama Angel mentor by dedicating an hour a week mentoring and empowering a child in care. To become a Pyjama Angel, a volunteer must:

- Be over the age of 18 years
- Be able to commit to a minimum of 12 months
- Have basic English language, literacy and numeracy skills
- Possess or be eligible for a Working with Children Check or Blue Card

To learn more about volunteering and to sign up, head to:

[www.thepyjamafoundation.com](http://www.thepyjamafoundation.com)



## Donate or Fundraise

Donations help to power the Love of Learning Program for children in care. It costs more than \$1,500 to cover the cost of recruiting, screening, training, and thoughtfully matching a Pyjama Angel mentor with a child for an entire year.

With your contribution, we can continue empowering these vulnerable children with the guidance and support they deserve.

## National Pyjama Day

National Pyjama Day is held in July (but can be held anytime between July - August) and is The Pyjama Foundation's flagship fundraising campaign. It involves supporters getting in their comfiest PJ's and help raise vital funds for children in foster care.

Get involved by registering for the comfiest day of the year and help to raise much-needed funds for kids in care

[nationalpyjamaday.com](http://nationalpyjamaday.com)

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