



Dave Thomas  
Foundation  
for Adoption®

Finding Forever Families for Children in Foster Care

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# Pamela Farber Joins Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption Board of Trustees

**Foundation committed to finding adoptive homes for the more than  
155,000 children waiting in North America's foster care systems**

**Columbus, Ohio** — The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, a national non-profit public charity, today welcomed Pamela Farber as a member of its board of trustees, serving a three-year term. Farber, one of Dave Thomas' daughters, is a committed businesswoman and philanthropist, who has helped to advance organizations, including Wendy's® restaurants, Nationwide Children's Hospital and Franklin Park Conservatory. She previously served on the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption's board from 1996 to 2006 and is honored to give back to a cause dear to her heart.

"Everyone should have a family, a person, someone who tells them it is going to be OK. For too many children waiting to be adopted from foster care, they don't have that person," Farber said. "My father's legacy is this Foundation, and I will do whatever I can as a member of the board to move the mission forward so that every child has the safety and stability they need and deserve."

"Through her father's experience as an adoptee, Pam witnessed that having a caring, supportive family can make all the difference in a child's life," said Mary Schell, Chief Public Affairs Officer for The Wendy's Company and chair of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption's board of trustees. "I'm thrilled to have her back on the board."

Through its signature program, Wendy's Wonderful Kids®, the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption provides funding to adoption agencies to hire recruiters who implement an evidence-based, child-focused recruitment model. A rigorous, five-year evaluation revealed that the model is up to three times more effective at serving children who have been in foster care the longest, including teenagers, children with special needs and siblings.

To date, more than 475 Wendy's Wonderful Kids recruiters have found adoptive homes for more than 9,500 children in foster care across North America.

“Advancing the Foundation’s mission has always been a priority for Pam,” said Rita Soronen, President & CEO of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. “Her leadership and lifelong commitment to the cause of foster care adoption will be instrumental to achieving the vision that every child will have a permanent home and a loving family.”

Farber is a graduate of Capital University. She lives in Columbus, Ohio.

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### **About the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption**

The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption is a national nonprofit public charity dedicated exclusively to finding permanent homes for the more than 155,000 children waiting in North America’s foster care systems. Created by Wendy’s founder Dave Thomas who was adopted, the Foundation implements evidence-based, results-driven national service programs, foster care adoption awareness campaigns and innovative grantmaking. To learn more, visit [davethomasfoundation.org](http://davethomasfoundation.org).

Attachment: Pamela Farber photo

