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## Indiana DCS grants foster children's wishes

**INDIANAPOLIS (May 19, 2023)** – Indiana Department of Child Services Director Eric Miller joined One Simple Wish to grant the wishes of four local foster children this week in celebration of Foster Care Month.

One Simple Wish, a nonprofit organization, works with child-welfare agencies nationwide to grant wishes for children in foster care. Any child in the foster care system can submit a request – whether for an item or an experience – and One Simple Wish publishes their wish online, inviting donors to pitch in and make the child's wish come true.

"We know that being in foster care can be difficult for children, and anything we can do to lift them up is important," Miller said. "It's an honor to work with partners like One Simple Wish to do something meaningful for these kids and give them something to be excited about."

DCS and One Simple Wish staff gathered at DCS' Marion County South office Tuesday to provide the children with treats and gifts, including a basketball hoop, a gymnastics mat and a scooter.

"Every day, we work with more than 2,000 agency partners like Indiana DCS to amplify the voices of kids and young adults by sharing their wishes on our website," One Simple Wish Founder and Executive Director Danielle Gletow said. "We're traveling throughout the U.S. during Foster Care Month to meet our partners and kids and encourage everyone to join us in making more wishes come true."

Learn more about One Simple Wish and how to grant a wish for a child in foster care here.

Photos from this week's event are available here.

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