

Together, we can make a difference for children and families.



## Meet David.

Eight-year-old David never slept in pajamas. He wouldn't even get under the covers. Instead, he would lie down on top of the comforter, sleeping fully clothed. We didn't push the issue; David would share when he felt safe enough—when he was ready.

You can imagine being a kid. Your life has been turned upside down. You're living in a new place with strangers you've never met. You may have been separated from your siblings because it's hard to find a foster home who can take you all. David's life had been in turmoil so long that he struggled to express his emotions. Whether he was mad, glad, sad, or scared—it would all come gushing out in uncontrollable outbursts.

With lots of help made possible by people like you, David began to feel safe for the first time in a very long time. By learning how to identify what he was feeling, David started getting control of his emotions and began his road to healing. David later told us he slept on top of the comforter with his clothes on because, like a "superhero," it would help keep him safe from all the bad things that had happened to him in the night. Hard words to hear coming from any child—let alone an eight-year-old.

Today, David no longer lives in fear of the night. He wears real PJ's (superhero themed, of course!), and when he goes to bed, he sleeps knowing he is safe and loved. Thanks to friends like you, we provide safe and loving homes where kids can recover from trauma and disruptions while their families cope with crisis.

Your support makes all the difference. Visit thornwell.org/give to give a one-time or monthly gift to sustain Thornwell's ministry for children and families.

\*Name and photo have been changed for his protection.

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