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*Growing Families
Enriching Lives*

Free/Reduced Pricing Activities for Foster Families

Place	Cost	Website
Minnesota Zoo	Free for foster families with proof, does not cover the cost of parking.	http://mnzoo.org/us/freetoexplore/
MN History Center	Free on Tuesdays from 5:00 to 8:00pm	http://www.minnesotahistorycenter.org/plan-visit/free
Walker Art Center	Free on the first Saturday of the month and from 5:00 to 9:00pm every Thursday.	www.walkerart.org
Como Zoo & Conservatory	Free	http://www.comozooconservatory.org/
MN Children's Museum	Free on the third Sunday of each month	www.mcm.org
MN Landscape Arboretum	Free after 4:30 p.m. on third Thursdays (and all day every Thursday during the winter).	www.arboretum.umn.edu
Minnehaha Falls	Free to hike and see the water fall	
Minneapolis Music and Movies in the Park	Free (only available in the Summer)	https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/activities_events/music_movies/
Lake Harriet Band Shell Concerts	Free	http://mplspops.org/events/
Saint Paul Movies in the Park	Free (only available in the Summer)	https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-recreation/activities/summer-activities/movies-parks
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Acme Comedy	Free every Monday – 18+ show, but could be good for date night or a parents night out.	http://acmecomedycorpany.com/
Minneapolis Sculpture Garden	Free	www.walkerart.org/garden
Toddler Tuesday at the Mall of America	Free Tuesdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm, kids eat free at a lot of various restaurants at the Mall on Tuesdays as well.	https://www.mallofamerica.com/event/feature/toddler-tuesdays

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The Works Museum	Children and/or families that receive free/reduced lunch at school, or assistance from TANF, MFIP, WIC, SSI, Section 8 housing, Medical Assistance, Medicaid Care, Minnesota Care or Basic Sliding Fee Childcare Assistance are eligible for discounted admission, memberships and camps. When eligibility is demonstrated at the front desk, you can purchase the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4.25 per person discounted daily admission rate • \$25 family membership 	https://theworks.org/gateway/
Stages Theatre	Patrons can reserve up to SIX (6) tickets for each of the performances listed on their website at no cost. Patron/Households can reserve tickets to a maximum of THREE (3) pay-what-you-can productions per season. The day of the performance you can “pay-what-you-can” by making a donation of any amount on your way into the theater.	https://www.stagestheatre.org/tickets/open-door-program/#1509478292160-1ec41f13-113a
Minnesota Children’s Museum	\$30 discount on passport or membership for foster parents.	
Weisman Art Museum	Free	www.weisman.umn.edu
Minneapolis Institute of Art	Free	https://new.artsmia.org/
The Landing	Admission to the park trail and grounds is free but there is a cost of less than \$5 per person to attend special costumed programs and events, or to take a guided informational tour. Be sure to call or check the website before of your visit for seasonal hours.	www.threeriversparks.org
Tamarack Nature Center	Free	www.parks.co.ramsey.mn.us
Teddy Bear Park	Free	https://www.ci.stillwater.mn.us/teddy_bear_park
Hyland Play Area – Chutes and Ladders Park	Free (Bloomington)	https://www.threeriversparks.org/location/hyland-play-area
Elm Creek Park Reserve	The playground, trails for hiking, biking, dog walking, cross-country skiing and horseback riding is free. The swimming pond is \$4 per person.	https://www.threeriversparks.org/location/elm-creek-park-reserve
Midtown Global Market	Free Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. is ‘Wee Wednesday’	https://midtownglobalmarket.org/visit/

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Places where Kids Eat Free:

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Place	Day	Age	Website
Various Restaurants in MOA	Tuesdays (lunch and dinner)	6 and under	https://www.mallofamerica.com/event/feature/toddler-tuesdays
Denny's	Tuesdays from 4:00-10:00pm		https://www.dennys.com/food/kids/
IHOP	Every day from 4:00-10:00pm		https://www.ihop.com/en/locations/results?searchQuery=55418
Perkins	Tuesdays from 4:00-8:00pm	12 and under	http://www.perkinsrestaurants.com/kidperks/
Ruby Tuesdays	Tuesdays from 5:00pm-Close		http://m.rubytuesday.com/menu/kids
Dickey's Barbecue Pit	All day Sundays	12 and under	https://www.dickeys.com/promos/current-deals
Green Mill	Tuesday 4:00pm to 8:00pm	12 and under	https://www.greenmill.com/kids-eat-free/
IKEA	Tuesdays		https://www.ikea.com/us/en/
Qdoba Mexican Grill	Sundays and Wednesdays		https://www.qdoba.com/
Pizza Hut	Tuesdays		https://www.pizzahut.com/index.php#/menu/deals

Other Discounted Restaurant Deals:

(Call to verify your nearest location honors this deal)

Place	Day	Details
Buffalo Wild Wings	Wednesdays	Kids menu is \$1.99 with the purchase of an adult entrée
WhichWich Superior Sandwiches	Mondays and Saturdays	Kids meals at \$0.99 with the purchase of a 7" sandwich. Offer valid for kids 12 and under.
Fuddruckers	Mondays from 4:00pm to 9:00pm	Kids 12 and under can order from the kids meal menu for \$0.99
Culvers	Various day depending on the location	Kid's meals are \$2.00 with regular meal purchase.
Old Country Buffet	Thursdays	Kids Buffets for \$1.99. Offer valid for children 11 and under; up to two kid's buffets per adult buffet.

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Request funds/items for a foster child:

Organization	Conditions	Website
Adoption is Love	Grant a "wish" for a foster child, up to \$300 (one time grant)	https://www.adoptionislovetfund.org/
CASA Cares Grant	Grants requests for items or activities not otherwise provided for by public funds. Requests often include bikes, school supplies, dance regalia, senior pictures, prom attire, and camp fees. (only for foster children in Ramsey or Hennepin counties)	http://casamn.org/menus/CASA-Cares-Grants.html
Threads for Teens	Nominate a girl (in foster care or low-income housing) between ages 13-21 for free brand-new clothing and a dignified/dream shopping experience. Boutique is in Shakopee MN.	https://threadsforteens.org/threads-for-teens-nomination-to-support-girls/
iFoster	iFoster is a nationwide organization, that negotiates and collaborates with hundreds of partners who can provide the resources and opportunities that are central to foster care youth becoming successful, independent adults. Membership is required, but membership is free.	https://www.ifoster.org/
The Foster Closet	The Foster Closet supplies an Initial Placement Pack consisting of approximately one weeks' worth of clothing to each foster child in Sherburne county.	http://www.thefostercloset.org/our-mission.html
Lifepoint Church – Maplewood	Has a community room that is a free resource of gently used clothing and personal care items	Call Theresa for an appointment @ 952.484.5722

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God's Closet – St. Paul	The Offer free clothes for the neighborhood and community.	Hours M,W,F (10am-2pm), First Saturday of the month (10am – 12pm)
Blessing Closet (Redeeming Love Church)	Free Clothing! M-F 9am to 4pm or Sunday after services	http://www.redeeminglovechurch.com/community/
Foster the Love MN	Request a Foster the Love placement bag, crib, pack n' plays, high chairs and other items needed to provide for the children in care.	https://katie-oneil-6wt2.squarespace.com/i-am-a-social-worker-or-guardian/

Support Groups for Foster Parents

Organization	When/Where	Website
Foster Parents Together	Every Tuesday Night from 6pm-8pm at River of Life Church in Shoreview (4294 Hodgson Rd). Childcare and snacks are provided (FREE)	Contact Angie at fosterparentstogether@gmail.com or 651.295.0588
Foster One Support Group	Substance Church, Blaine MN meets Tuesday from 6:15pm to 8:30pm. Childcare is provided. Faith based.	https://www.facebook.com/FosterOneMN/
Foster Care at the Park	Begins June 27 th from 9:30am to 11:30am. Meets the 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday of the month through August 29 th . 2 nd Wednesdays will be at Central Park in Roseville (Victoria Side, near pavilion) 4 th Wednesday will be at Casey Park in Maplewood.	
EVOLVE Adoption and Family Services	Proactive Parenting Support Groups – third Tuesday of every month. Location varies between St. Paul, Bloomington, Stillwater	http://evolveservices.org/family-support-services/ **\$10 for non-evolve clients*
Rooted	Emmanuel Christian Center *Contact to see when next meeting is*	http://emmanuelcc.org/community/ https://www.facebook.com/groups/994470687377352/

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Support Groups for Foster Youth/At-Risk Youth

Organization	Services	Website
TreeHouse Youth	Brings living hope to hurting youth and families leading to life transformation. (Utilizes support groups, mentors, family mediations)	https://www.treehouseyouth.org/
Irreducible Faith	Empowering youth of color, especially those from foster care, in their transition to adulthood through theater arts, written and spoken word.	http://www.irgrace.org/

Blog Resources

Name of Blog	Website
Foster the Love Minnesota	https://katie-oneil-6wt2.squarespace.com/
Foster Moms	https://www.fostermoms.com/

Resources to See Monthly Activities in the area

Family Fun Twin Cities <http://www.familyfuntwincities.com/family-fun-events-calendar/>

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