



Let It Be Us Board Chair Bob Noonan and Founder and Executive Director Susan McConnell

Momentum Matchmaking

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LET IT BE US is the premier foster and adoptive parent recruitment and matching service provider in Illinois. We match children with parents daily using the innovative bridge we've built between our vulnerable children and foster and adoptive parents.

I founded Let It Be Us based on the statistics of the University of Chicago's Chapin Hall study of Midwest children in foster care and those who age out of foster care, combined with the fact that Illinois ranks last in the nation at achieving permanency for her children in foster care—and ranks last in the nation at achieving adoption for her waiting children.

Our child-specific recruitment tools offer customized solutions for each child referred to us, ensuring their placement in well-matched, safe, and loving homes. Our work is evidence-based and has been applauded by stakeholders in child welfare.

Our team shares the vision of a safe and loving home for each child in foster care and for those awaiting adoption. We embrace a commitment to justice and a sense of urgency regarding our work which is in partnership with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, as well as all Child Welfare Agencies throughout Illinois.

The Let It Be Us Foster Care and Adoption Information events and Zoom webinars directly recruit foster and adoptive parents in Illinois. Events are led by our experienced Let It Be Us Foster Care Licensing Recruiters and Coaches.

We are the first nonprofit organization of our kind in Illinois and, I believe, the nation. Our work changes the lives of the children we serve. It will also benefit generations to come. I am available to meet any time to discuss the mission of Let it Be Us. 

Susan A. McConnell is the founder and executive director of Let It Be Us. She can be reached at: susanmcconnell@letitbeus.org.



Let It Be Us Deputy Director Alex Montgomery and Board Member Peter Schwarzbach



Suzanne and Jim Luby



Cindy and Gary Byrne



Let It Be Us Vice Chair Susan Stoga and Bob Ben



The Butz Family



Mike Tarpey, Dave Zeffrey, Mary Pat Zeffrey, Mary Jo Butz, Kris Tarpey



Above: The McAndrews Family



Top Right: Event Emcee Bob Roig (Bob the DJ)



Above: Foster parent Carey Karnemaat



Susan and Doug McConnell, Wendy Noonan, and Board Member Rick Smith



Volunteer Tom Perles, Susan McConnell, volunteer Penny Perles, and volunteer Elizabeth Paladino