

Meet our Secretary: Dorothy Martin. 619-264-3520 [Email Dorothy](#)

Dorothy and her husband, Winston, began their career as foster parents at the recommendation of a friend. Although they weren't sure what fostering involved, once they started, they never looked back. They began with



emergency shelter care and estimate that they have had over 100 children in their care. The Martins enjoy having former foster youth remain a part of their lives as they transition into adulthood and have their own children, especially on the holidays. They celebrate 35 years of service as of 2015. Dorothy states that she wouldn't trade her life as a foster parent for anything. "Even if I won the Lotto" She states that fostering is "all about love, trust and protection. The job is doing whatever is needed to make the child's transition back home or to a new adoptive home as easy and as smooth as possible. In addition, Dorothy has been teaching classes to new foster parents for the past eight years.