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Local football hero gives thanks by giving

Fort Pierce - Kansas City Chief Albert Wilson might be a receiver on the field. But in life, he's a giver.

Wilson, who founded the Albert Wilson Foundation this summer to give back to the foster-care community that supported him through adolescence, hosted a turkey give away during the November meeting of the St. Lucie County Foster Parent Association.

Because it's game season, the wide receiver was unable to make it to the event. But his friend and foundation colleague, Jamaal May, spoke on behalf of Wilson and the foundation and helped distribute turkey vouchers from Publix to the 25 foster families attending the meeting.

Wilson, a Port St. Lucie High School graduate known locally as "Junior" began his professional career as an undrafted free agent for the Chiefs and finished his first year as the team's third leading receiver with 35 receptions for 451 yards and two touchdowns.

Last summer, Wilson hosted what he hopes will become an annual youth football camp at Lawnwood Stadium, Fort Pierce. Nearly 200 children – many of them foster children specially invited by Wilson – attended the event for free.

The football camp was part of a three-day celebrity weekend to launch the Albert Wilson Foundation, which provides services and resources to youth in foster care in Okeechobee and the Treasure Coast.

To learn more about the local foster care system, visit www.DCBCkids.org. You can also follow Wilson and developments in both his career and foundation on Twitter @ithinkisee12.

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Albert Wilson, Kansas City Chief receiver & former foster child

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