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When presented with the crisis from a vision cast at my church, I found myself nodding in agreement that the Church is the answer.

The next convicting thought I had came in the form of a question:

“Who is the Church?”

It’s me.
I am the Church.

— FTC Support Friend

The Invitation

Are you ready to learn more about the difference you can make in the life of a child experiencing foster care?

Foster the City equips and unites local churches to provide loving homes and wraparound support for every child in foster care.

Together, we can see a movement of churches across our nation caring for vulnerable children—and transforming our communities in the process.

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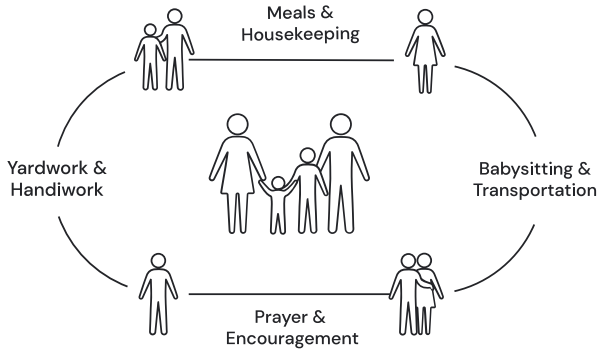
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“*It ought to be churches waiting on children, instead of children waiting on us.*

BISHOP W.C. MARTIN

FOSTER THE CITY

A Church For *Every Child*





The Problem

The heartbreaking reality is more children are entering foster care in our community than there are families ready to receive them.

Downstream Impact

When kids don't have stability, the whole community feels it.

1/3 experience homelessness after aging out.



1/4 Develop PTSD

CAUTION
2x higher than war veterans.

Increased Health Issues

Heart Disease 2.5X
Lung Disease 3-4X
Depression 5-7X

"The strongest predictor of a child entering foster care is the mother's own history with the child welfare system."

**CDC-Kaiser ACE Study*

The Solution

The Church is uniquely positioned and called to re-write this story.

When the Church shows up...

Cycles are broken.
Families are strengthened.
Generations begin to heal.

Research shows* there's a way to change the trajectory for children and teens in foster care. It begins when a child:

- Is able to share openly and feels supported, protected, and provided for.
  This is why we raise up Foster Families.
- Has two or more non-parent adults who take a genuine interest in them.
  We aim for four - and we call them Support Friends.
- Participates in community traditions.
  We know this as the Church.

The best way to see a transformed city tomorrow is to care for a vulnerable child today.

**positiveexperience.org*

Impact

We can't all do the same thing, but we can all do something.



Foster Parent
Open your heart and home to a child in need.



Support Friend
Provide the practical, emotional and spiritual support that Foster Families need to thrive.



Advocate
Your leadership could strengthen the Foster Care ministry at your church.



Financial Partner
Your generosity can help more vulnerable children experience a safe and loving home.

Your first step is to attend an **Interest Meeting.**

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