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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.

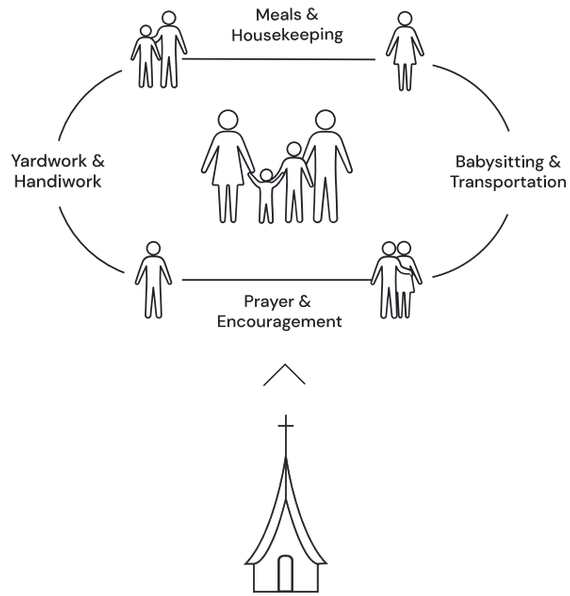
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> *"It ought to be churches waiting on children, instead of children waiting on us."*
>
> BISHOP W.C. MARTIN

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# A Church For *Every Child*



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# 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 | |
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| 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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