

A Live The Promise CARE COMMUNITY

Mobilizing church communities to care
for vulnerable children.



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THE VISION

Psalm 68:6 includes a simple promise – “God sets the lonely in families.” We intend to live it, specifically for foster children. Live The Promise engages and equips churches to raise up loving foster families and committed volunteers – until there are more than enough families.

THE SITUATION

Children in foster care need more than a roof over their heads. They need the love, nurture, accountability, and hope found in a family. Currently, the significant deficit of foster homes means children are often moved far away from their community and schools to other parts of the state. Often, siblings are separated without hope of regular visitation. Children are removed from a traumatic situation only to be placed into a new and frightening limbo.

THE SOLUTION

Churches working together will be the solution. Live The Promise equips churches, via lay-led FAMs (Family Advocacy Ministries), to flood the child welfare system with well-trained and well-supported foster families. In the United States, there are 300,000 churches and there are 400,000 children in foster care. If every church raises up and supports at least one foster family, there will be more than enough caring homes for children and their siblings.

THE RESPONSE

Join this Movement. First, Live The Promise dramatically increases the total number of foster families by creating awareness in churches to the crisis in foster care. Often, willing foster families identified. Second, an engineered “Care Community” of trained volunteers surrounds these families with practical support, enabling approved families to foster longer and stronger. Third, volunteers serving foster families gradually increase their commitment until many become foster families themselves.

Your church’s commitment to the hurting children in your community keeps kids close to home whenever advisable. Family-centric foster care promotes connection and the familial bonds leading to reunification and permanency.



Care Community

An engineered team, much like extended family, of 4-8 committed volunteers who support and serve the foster family and foster children. This team provides regular and ongoing practical help such as meals, prayer, tutoring, childcare, transportation, laundry, yard work, etc.

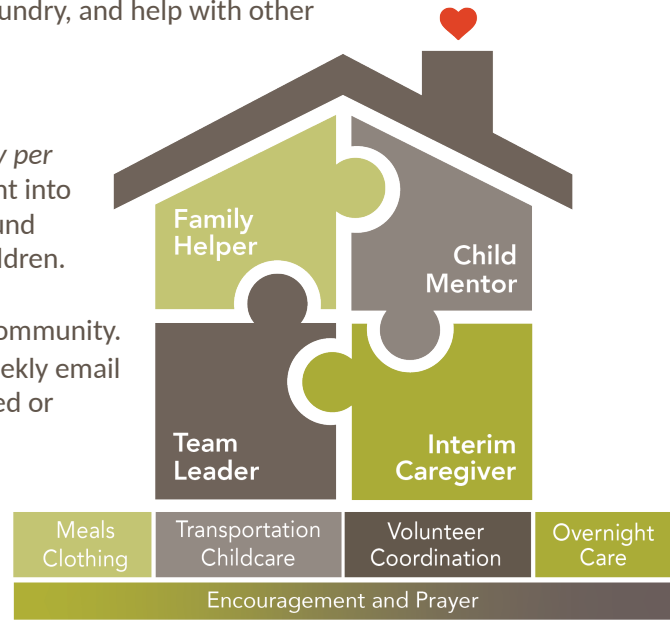
Care Community Volunteer Roles:

Family Helper: Family Helpers usually serve by providing a meal once per month, delivered on the same day of the week and same week of each month (i.e., the second Tuesday of every month). Additionally, these volunteers can run errands, assist with housework, do yard work, laundry, and help with other practical tasks to support the family.

Child Mentor: A Child Mentor commits to provide childcare or transportation 2-3 times per month, *with at least one scheduled day per month*. This is a unique opportunity to pour love and encouragement into these vulnerable children. This role requires the necessary background checks in order for the volunteer to be unsupervised with foster children.

Team Leader: The Team Leader provides leadership for the Care Community. This volunteer contacts the foster family weekly and sends out a weekly email updating the team on prayer requests. This role can be uniquely filled or combined with any of the above roles.

Interim Caregiver: Interim Caregivers serve as overnight caregivers in their home or in the foster home from as little as one night to up to two weeks, in accordance to the approval policy of the foster care agency. Additional background checks may be required. Respite families also fall under this category of assistance.



Upcoming Events & Next Steps

REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER

www.olivecrest.promiseserves.org

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION:

Sunday, October 4th 7pm-8pm @ TCS

Sunday, November 15th 12:30pm-1:30pm @ TCS

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