

A Step-by-Step Guide to Bring Foster Care Awareness to Your Church on Stand Sunday

Begin Promotion with Resources from Stand Sunday's Website

Go to: https://cafo.org/standsunday2022/ for:

- Graphics
- Videos
- Bulletin Inserts



Choose an Awareness Builder

- COLLECT NEEDED ITEMS | Contact Georgia Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries at https://www.georgiachildren.org/bright-foster-care to learn about their foster care needs. Consider collecting needed items and delivering them to the nearest campus.
- HAVE A PAJAMA DRIVE | Contact Jambos at: https://jambosdonates.com/ to learn more about providing new pajamas for foster children. Jambos provides all you need to collect pajamas for foster kids and distribute the pj's for you! Teen and adult sizes are always needed. Promotion ideas include: (1) Ask your children's ministry workers to wear pajamas that Sunday to promote foster care awareness and (2) Collect pajamas through November. Jambos provides all shipping costs, so tape up those donation boxes and schedule a pickup at the church's doorstep!

FaithBridge

Know the Statistics in Your Area

Contact Faithbridge Foster Care See the Need at https://faithbridgefostercare.org/seetheneed/ to learn more. Type in your county for statistics and graphics.

Incorporate the Statistics into Your Service

USE MISSION GEORGIA POSTCARDS

(1) Scatter postcards throughout the sanctuary matching the number of foster children in your county. Example: Hall County = 193 removed (145 of those children placed outside of Hall County) (2) Ask congregants to stand up with the postcards to visually represent the number of kids in care in your county. (3) Put a small red dot on the back of the postcard for the 145 kids who were moved to a completely different county because there were not enough foster homes. (See the number written above the graphic of the map.) Have congregants who do not have a red dot on the postcard sit down. The remaining will be your visual for kids who had to leave their community, school, and friends when they entered foster care.

Preach a Sermon on Caring for the Vulnerable

Schedule a Foster Care Information Session

Schedule a Foster Care Information session for the following Sunday. Christian child placing agencies are happy to come and share! If you are unsure which agencies work in your area, please contact us at fostercare@missiongeorgia.org

- Camp Rock Foster Care (https://agency.camprockga.com/)
- Faithbridge Foster Care (https://faithbridgefostercare.org/)
- Families for Families (https://www.families4families.cc/)
- Uniting Hope 4 Children (https://uh4c.org/)
- Georgia Baptist Homes for Children (https://www.georgiachildren.org/bright-foster-care)
- Winshape Homes (https://homes.winshape.org/)

Sign up for "THAT Kid!" Training

Go to https://missiongeorgia.org/foster-care-training to learn about "THAT Kid!" How to Become Trauma-Informed Children and Youth Ministries. Sessions are held online quarterly or you can request in person training for your church.



INFORMATION | REGISTRATION: Visit missiongeorgia.org/foster-care-training.

QUESTIONS | CHURCH INVOLVEMENT:

Contact Tera Melber, Foster Care Mobilizer at fostercare@missiongeorgia.org