



One Church One Family

Communities Fostering Families

There are 300,000 churches in the United States and 130,000 children waiting to be placed in homes. If every church came together to foster one child, all the children would be in safe and nurturing environments.

A One Church, One Family foster care church is a church that identifies one family within the congregation that the entire community rallies around to support. Childhelp then provides this church with the tools it needs to be successful in making a real impact in the life of the child in its care.

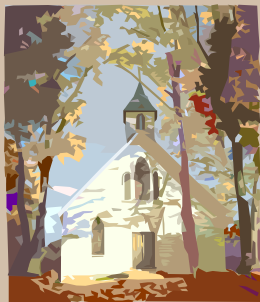
"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." -Mark 9:37

Did you know...?

- In 2009, 117,315 children were involved in Child Protective Service investigations in Michigan.
- Out of those 117,315, there were 16,674 children removed from their homes.
- Approximately, 47% are placed outside their communities.

Children are taken away from the familiar surroundings of family, friends, church and school when they are placed outside their community. It takes a village to bring them back to wholeness.

A Church Family's Unexpected Blessings...



In July 2009, the Smith family and their church began the journey of becoming a One Church, One Family foster family. They became fully licensed and trained before it was time to wait for a child to enter their lives.

When they got the call about a child being placed with them, they were surprised to hear it would be baby twins in their care. The whole community rallied behind the Smith family to prepare for the needs of not one, but two children. They threw a baby shower for the family helping them stock up on items for the children, they cooked meals to lighten the load of responsibilities and they babysat for the family. No doubt this congregation will continue to be there for these children as they grow and flourish within the community.

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