



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Adopt a child.** Children all over Arkansas and the world are waiting for a family. Whether you adopt a newborn through an agency, a toddler from another country, or an older child from foster care, you are giving a child a forever family, something kids of all ages long to have.
- **Become a foster parent.** The need for local foster families is critical. Because of the shortage, children are often sent to emergency shelters or group homes. You can be part of the solution.
- **Pray!** Ask God to show you how you can give hope to the orphans in our area and around the world. Even if He's not calling you to foster or adopt, you can do something!
- **Donate money to the Adoption Fund at Community Bible.** Adoption can be very expensive. As families within our church feel God's call to adopt, we want to ease the financial strain. We will provide matching grants, as well as interest-free loans that the families can pay back into the Fund when they receive their Adoption Tax Credit. You can make a one-time gift or take advantage of our automatic draft to give weekly or monthly.
- **Provide Respite Care for foster families or do Emergency Care.** Respite Care allows foster families to have small breaks when needed. Upon your approval, you would care for foster children for varying lengths of time, maybe a weekend or a week, so that their full-time foster parents can have a break. Emergency foster care means caring for a child for anywhere from 24 hours to 30 days, until a permanent placement is made.
- **Become a CASA Worker.** A Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) worker is a volunteer that works with the court and foster homes to see that the children are not lost in the system and that their needs and wants are heard.
- **Support a Foster or Adoptive Family.** As more church families open their homes to children through foster care and adoption, we'll need more people ready to help them! Be there for them in prayer or with a listening ear, provide meals, or help with babysitting. Foster parents may only use sitters who have been approved and trained by DCFS. By becoming an approved sitter, you can give foster parents the freedom of much-needed time alone.
- **Mentor a teen in foster care.** By mentoring a teen in foster care, you can help them transition successfully into adulthood as they age out of the system.
- **Donate items to or volunteer at a foster care closet.** Tapestry has partnered with The CALL (www.thecallinarkansas.org) to support local foster children and families. The CALL has established a local foster care closet to help provide families with baby supplies, diapers, school supplies, clothing, shoes, and suitcases. Did you know many foster children carry their belongings from home to home in a trash bag? You can give them the things they need, including their dignity.
- **Volunteer with The CALL.** The CALL is almost completely volunteer-driven, and you can be a part of what the local church is doing to help foster kids. They need licensed social workers (LCSW) to donate their time to do home studies for foster/adoptive families. They also need trainers willing to be educated to conduct the trainings for parents.
- **Serve international orphans.** Community Bible periodically takes mission trips to orphanages around the world to serve the children there and share God's love. You can go on a mission trip or support the team as they travel.
- **Sponsor a child through World Vision.** As an international aid Christian humanitarian organization, World Vision works in nearly 100 countries around the globe, combating the root causes of poverty and responding quickly when disaster strikes. Your monthly gift can change a child's life.
- **Use your gifts!** God has given each of us unique talents to use for His glory. If you have a gift you'd like to use to help kids, share it with us. Together, we'll figure out a way to plug you in. You can create a scrapbook for a foster child, hold a bake sale to raise money for our Adoption Fund, or use your math skills to tutor a teenage foster child. Whatever your gifts, we can find a place for you!

**For more information about how you can be involved in Tapestry,
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