



ALL. MANY. FEW.

All can do something. Many can do more. Few can go beyond.

A Call to Action: Thank you for choosing to support foster and adoptive children and their families. Let us know the ways you would like to help by checking the boxes below.

All:

- Read a book about foster care and adoption to educate yourself and your community; talk to others about foster care and adoption and how they can learn more.
- Evaluate your financial means and consider a financial donation to foster care and adoption issues.
- Send words of encouragement to a foster and/or adoptive family.
- Help to organize or donate items to the local foster care and/or adoption agency or community program.
- Attend a local Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care meeting to learn more about foster care and how to become involved in foster care issues in the community.
- Share the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange Prayer Cards, so that all children in Michigan who are waiting for their forever family may receive prayer.
- Place announcements in bulletins and newsletters highlighting the need for more licensed foster and adoptive families for Michigan's children.
- Pray for vulnerable children affected by foster care and adoption and the families who care for them.
- Invite the local Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) office or private agency to speak about the many ways to partner in making a positive difference in the lives of foster and adoptive families and children.
- Share our foster care and adoption site, www.michigan.gov/hopeforahome, on your website.
- Share the Community and Faith-Based Partner News with your network.
- Visit the MDHHS Community and Faith-Based website and learn more about ways to partner on foster care and adoption issues: www.michigan.gov/communityandfaith.
- Host a Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care meeting.

Many:

- Become a respite caregiver for a foster and/or adoptive family.
- Host a foster care and/or adoption event in your community to spread awareness of foster and adoptive issues and the need for foster and adoptive families.
- Volunteer to assist a foster and/or adoptive family by helping with yard work, grocery shopping, providing a meal, etc.
- Sponsor a child to participate in an extracurricular activity or to attend camp.
- Volunteer to provide a date night to a foster and/or adoptive family, including childcare or making a meal, to allow the foster/adoptive parents to have a night alone.

- Invite a single-parent foster and/or adoptive family to your home for food and fellowship.
- Volunteer to be a mentor or tutor for foster or adoptive children.
- Contact your local MDHHS or private agency office to learn more about volunteer opportunities to assist foster and adoptive children and their families.
- Host the Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange Heart Gallery and/or an Adoption Meet and Greet event to help waiting children find their forever family.
- Make a financial contribution to the Michigan Education Trust to support Michigan foster children attending college. Donations can be made online at www.fosteringfutures-mi.com.
- Host a child abuse and neglect Mandated Reporter training.

Few:

- Become a licensed foster parent.
- Become an adoptive parent.
- Become a regional coordinator for the Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care.
- Volunteer to be a foster and/or adoptive parent recruitment partner for your local MDHHS or private agency.
- Organize service days for foster and adoptive families and children, including clothing drives, hygiene drives, luggage drives or backpack drives.
- Mentor a family whose children have been placed in foster care.
- Offer space to a local MDHHS office or private agency for supervised family visitation, family events, or training events for current and prospective foster and adoptive parents.
- Become a volunteer with your local MDHHS or private agency office.

Tell Us About Yourself:

Name: _____

Community/Faith Organization: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

By my above signature, I authorize sharing my contact information with the Community and Faith-Based Initiative on Foster Care and Adoption.

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