

The Church Connection Grandfather Home for Children



Ways Your Church Can Help!

- Keep our children, staff and foster families in your prayers
- Participate in the presbytery-wide annual special offering for Grandfather Home (Father's Day Offering or Thanksgiving Offering)
- Include Grandfather Home in your congregation's mission budget
- Participate in our School Supplies or Christmas Gift drives or provide holiday gifts for other holidays (Easter, Valentine's Day, etc)
- Make Emergency Kits to meet our children's needs
- Invite a speaker from Grandfather Home
- Include Grandfather Home in your Mission Fair or Alternative Gift fair
- Contact us for volunteer opportunities
- Attend a "Circle of Courage" event or plan a visit to our beautiful campus



Since over 40% of our annual budget comes from private sources your financial support is essential to our mission! Thank you!

The Child Now Before Us:

Grandfather Home Community Services recently placed three siblings in one of our foster homes, a 10-year-old girl, a 5-year-old boy, and a 3-year-old girl. They came out of a home where they lived in severe poverty. The children dealt with the constant threat of abuse. The oldest child had taken on the role of caregiver and protector for the other two.

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Please keep these children in your prayers!

"Being in foster care for me has been the best thing ever. You see, for those of you who have parents who are drug heads, alcoholics, abusive, or run out on or even neglect you, being in foster care is good. You see, I don't have to go through that anymore. You are in a safe environment. You have people that care about you, love you, accept you, clothe you, and are there for you." (Foster child, age 17)

A Prayer for Children

For Corporate Worship or Personal Devotions

Dear Lord, like a loving father you welcome back your prodigal children. Like a loving mother, you nurture, protect, and provide for us. You have modeled what it means to be parents and through our Baptism have adopted us all into your family. For this we thank you. We also thank you for the gift of our earthly parents and all that they have done for us.

We pray today for children whose earthly family has failed them; hurting when they should have protected, ignoring when they should have provided, abusing when they should have nurtured, indifferent when they should have loved. We pray your special presence with these children as they seek to heal. May your Holy Spirit touch their lives and guide their caregivers, helping them demonstrate Your love and power, and offering hope for a better future.

We pray for healing and forgiveness so that broken families can be reunited. For families that cannot be reunited, we pray for other Christian families to step forward and provide a new safe and loving family for these children. Sometimes we feel so helpless, Lord. It is easier to pretend that these hurting children don't exist or are very far away. Help us to open our eyes and our hearts and guide us to be part of Your plan to make a difference in their lives. Amen.

(By: Mae D. Weed, © Grandfather Home for Children 2010)

Dates to Remember:

June 4th	Circle of Courage, noon—1:30pm
June 4th	Children's Trust Society Dinner
July 24th	Down Home Dinner
July 25th	Homecoming Picnic
August 6th	Circle of Courage, noon—1:30pm
Sept. 4th	Wildcat Lake Closing
Sept. 27-28	Childrens' Golf Classic



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