



MID-ATLANTIC  
ORPHAN CARE  
COALITION

THERE ARE KIDS  
WHO NEED CARE



WE ARE UNIQUELY  
CALLED AND SEEKING  
TO BE FAITHFUL

LET'S WORK  
TOGETHER

YOU MAY NOT  
KNOW HOW TO  
HELP

CARING FOR VULNERABLE  
CHILDREN IS THE HEART  
OF GOD. THIS IS THE  
MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL:  
OUR FATHER SENT HIS  
SON INTO OUR  
BROKENNESS TO GIVE US  
A SEAT AT THE FAMILY  
TABLE.



**EVERYONE CAN  
DO SOMETHING**

[www.orphancarecoalition.org](http://www.orphancarecoalition.org)





## WAYS TO ACKNOWLEDGE:

# NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

- Pray with us for children who are in the foster care system, and their families
- Find a way to get involved in caring for orphans and vulnerable children
- Attend an Orphan Care 101 or schedule one for your church
- Pray & consider if the Lord is calling you to adopt or foster
- Support organizations that responsibly facilitate family reunification and keeping families together
- Spread awareness on social media
- Read a book together that promotes the value of caring for children in crisis
- Listen to the voices of those involved in foster care: foster youth, former foster youth, bio parents, foster parents, etc.





## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

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## PRAY:

- For loving and stable families to step forward to foster youth
- For older children and children with special needs to receive families
- That children can keep a healthy relationship with siblings and other relatives where appropriate
- For help with educational needs during tough times and transitions
- That mental health needs can be addressed and cared for
- That children and families can forge strong bonds and an open and loving relationship

## GET INVOLVED

- Consider if the Lord is calling you to foster or adopt
- Start a book study with a group around the topic of orphan care
- Sponsor a child through a reputable organization
- Support an organization that is working towards family preservation
- Care for a foster/adoptive family: take them a meal, mow their lawn, babysit. Let them know you are there to serve.
- Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Help an adoptive family raise funds for their adoption
- Donate to Andrew's Closet



RESOURCES TO CHECK OUT FOR

# NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

**Foster/Adoptive Parent voices:** Jason Johnson Blog, Honestly Adoption, Show Hope, Foster the Family

**Former Foster Youth voices:** tori hope petersen @torihopepetersen

- Annika Marek-Barta @annikamarekbarta
- Jaymi Lynn @familyandcoffee
- Keri Hope Richmond @kerihoperichmond
- Junely Merwin @merwinjact

**Family Preservation:**

Sunday Breakfast Mission, Door of Hope, Covenant Mercies, Compassion International, Forgotten Voices, Safe Families

**Foster Care Agencies:** A Better Chance for our Children, Children's Choice, Children & Families First, Bethany Christian Services, DSCYF

