



Hello Faith Partner,

Heartland for Children strongly believes that our faith communities are a key to strengthening and enhancing our community and families. Through your ministry you have the opportunity to inspire and touch the lives of so many families and children. Our hope is that the faith-based community will answer the call and take on the issues of child abuse and neglect to engage in prevention efforts, foster care and adoption homes so that the lives of children and families in need of assistance in our communities can be changed and positively impacted.

***Who is Heartland for Children?***

Heartland for Children is the local not-for-profit agency responsible for redesigning the foster care system in Polk, Highlands and Hardee Counties. Heartland for Children promotes the prevention of child abuse and oversees the provision of services for children who have been abused and/or neglected. These services include in-home family strengthening, adoption, foster care, independent living and case management.

***The Need***

Each day Heartland for Children serves over 2,000 children throughout Polk, Highlands, and Hardee Counties. One of our greatest needs continues to be for ***quality foster homes for teens, sibling groups and children with special needs***. We currently have a network of over 180 foster homes but our goal is to identify at least 70 more foster families to continue to meet the needs of the children coming into care.

We believe that everyone has a part to play to find safe and loving homes for children in our community. If not you, then who? Connect with your neighbors, workplace, churches, clubs and organizations to share about the need for foster families.

Have questions?

Contact Brandon Starling, Community Engagement Specialist  
863-370-5176 or email [bstarlin@heartlandforchildren.org](mailto:bstarlin@heartlandforchildren.org).



## Ways to share:



### Share A Video

We have a variety of videos that you can utilize to share the needs of our community's children in foster care.

[What is Foster Care?](#)

[Share Their Journey](#)

[Thought You'd Never Do](#)

[Because You Fostered](#)

[The Gospel & Foster Care](#)



### Share Brochures/Flyers

We can send you brochures, posters and/or flyers to share about foster care.

[Foster Care Flyers](#)

[Foster Care Brochures](#)

[Foster Care Posters](#)

[Foster Care Bookmarks](#)

[Email us](#) to request print resources.



### Share Posts/Announcement Slides

Add one of our foster care slides to your announcements, bulletins, emails or on social media.

[Slide 1](#)

[Slide 2](#)

[Slide 3](#)

[Slide 4](#)



### Share Upcoming [Foster Class Schedule](#)

We have new foster classes starting each month. Our classes are:

- Free
- Virtual
- 4-Weeks
- Weeknight & Weekend Options
- Fun & Interactive
- Prepare you to be an AWESOME Foster Caregiver for children and teens in your community.



## Invite a Speaker

Do you have a special service or group that you'd like someone from our team to come and share about the needs in our community? [Contact our team.](#)



## Share on Social Media

We are always sharing helpful information, class schedules, and resources on our social media. Follow and share!

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [YouTube](#)