

## THE NEED FOR FOSTER FAMILY SPONSORSHIPS IS GREAT

MBCH Children and Family Ministries (MBCHCFM) currently has approximately 300 Foster/Adoptive or Relative/Kinship affiliated families. The majority of these homes have been recruited out of evangelical Christian churches, trained and licensed to be Christian foster parents and maintained by MBCHCFM Christian staff members.

These families are absolutely critical to the ministries of Missouri Baptist Children's Home.

Most of the families recruited and trained by MBCHCFM prefer to continue to partner with MBCHCFM because they want to work with Christian staff.

Maintaining the licenses and supporting these families "in-house" also helps recruit additional Christian Families. Foster families require case workers who maintain contact with them, keep their files up-to-date, work with them on the biannual licensing requirements, conduct on-going training and home studies for the placement of children and provide the reinforcement and encouragement needed as the families care for hurting children.

Due to the number of Foster/Adoptive/Kinship workers necessary to simply maintain these licenses and provide support for the families, it costs MBCHCFM approximately \$1,000 per family annually. With 300 families to maintain, this creates a \$300,000 annual expenditure for the agency.

A description of our foster/adoptive programs is found in this brochure. We understand that not every family can be a foster family, but there is a way for you to become a vital part of this important ministry. MBCH Children and Family Ministries is seeking 300 foster family "sponsorships" of \$1,000 per year to help pay for the expense of maintaining foster families.

This would be an excellent ministry project for a church, Sunday School class, WMU group or individuals. We are not looking for a group or an individual to simply re-direct current giving to the sponsorships as that would result in the agency needing to reduce other ministries. We are looking for those who can give new (or increased) gifts to help with this vital ministry to children in crisis.



### MBCH CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

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The need is great, won't you extend a helping hand for the children of Missouri Baptist Children's Home?

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## FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS

Foster Care provides a temporary home for children who are unable to live in their biological home. Foster parents provide a safe home and a place for children to heal until they are either reunited with their birth family or an adoptive home is found. Foster parents may have the option to adopt the foster children if the children are unable to return to their birth family.

All foster parents are able to specify the age, gender and type of behavior they are willing to accept. However, more restrictive expectations may make it less likely for the family to be able to care for a hurting child.

## OPTIONS FOR PROVIDING FOSTER CARE

### FAMILY FOSTER CARE (TRADITIONAL FOSTER CARE)

Family Foster Care Parents provide care for children with mild-to-moderate behavioral/emotional needs. MBCH Children and Family Ministries (an affiliate of Missouri Baptist Children's Home) works as a community partner with the State and other private agencies to recruit, train and approve for licensure families that will serve children who have been removed from their family of origin.

It is required that one of the parents be available full time to meet the needs of the child.

### THERAPEUTIC FAMILY FOSTER CARE

Therapeutic Family Foster Care (TFFC) Parents provide care for children who have moderate-to-severe behavioral/emotional needs. TFFC Parents are independent contractors with MBCHCFM and receive special training and support to provide care for these children. TFFC parents receive 24-hour accessibility to TFFC staff as well as regular in-home therapeutic

support.

Respite Care is provided for TFFC families one weekend per month. Compensation for these services is provided on a per child per diem basis.

### RESPITE CARE

Respite Foster Care Parents provide temporary short-term care for children in their homes. Compensation for these services is provided on a per child/per diem basis.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

To discuss the possibility of becoming a foster parent, call the MBCH Children and Family Ministries Foster/Adoptive Department at 1-800-264-6224 or 314-739-6811. You can e-mail us at [foster.adoptive@MBCH.org](mailto:foster.adoptive@MBCH.org).

### MBCH CFM REGIONAL OFFICES

Kansas City (816) 779-5173  
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*Christian Foster/Adoptive/Kinship families make a real difference in the lives of children. They see fostering as a ministry ordained by God and commanded by Scripture.*

*The love such a family gives to a child is love that will grow for the rest of the child's life. It is amazing to see what can happen to a child who experiences the kind of warm and nurturing environment only a Christian family can give.*

*Will you help us provide the on-going support that these foster families need? You can be a partner in this vital ministry.*

## FOSTER FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

I/We agree to sponsor an MBCH Children and Family Ministries Foster Family for one year.

Name (Individual or Group)

Church Name (If applicable)

Street Address

City

State

Zip

e-mail address

I/We will provide the sponsorship by:

- A Single Contribution of \$1,000  
 4 Quarterly Contributions of \$250  
 I/We desire to have contact with the foster family or families sponsored.  
 I/We do not desire to have contact with the foster family or families sponsored.  
 Monthly Contributions of \$85

Please return this form to: MBCH Children and Family Ministries  
11300 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044.  
Make checks payable to MBCH Children and Family Ministries