

# SUMC's Foster Care Connection Mission

*We can't all do the same thing, but we are called to do something.*

## What is the Foster Care Connection Mission? A Support Network for Foster Care Families

The United Methodist Children's Home started this program recently. The program's goal is to surround our church's foster families with a strong circle of volunteers and assistance so that they can focus on their family by receiving other support they may need.

## How Can I Help? There are a LOT of ways!

You can do as little or as much as you want. Our church's foster care families have identified some areas where they would like assistance. For example: meals, store gift cards, prayer partners, and gently used clothes. Children often come to a foster care home with very little and the first few days or weeks can be hectic as everyone gets situated. Each family's needs may be different or change over time. Once you let us know how you are interested in helping, we will reach out to you when one of our families needs some help in an area you have indicated you are willing to serve.

- You can take this survey to let us know your interests: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FLQH7RF>
- You can also read more about UMCH's direct needs: <http://www.umchildrenshome.org/ways-to-help/volunteer/>
- You can choose from the 25 Ways to Support Foster Care: <http://www.umchildrenshome.org/25-ways-to-get-involved-in-foster-care/>

## Will it Cost Me a Lot of Money to Help? No!

There are so many volunteer activities you can contribute that won't cost you any money. You can be a prayer partner, offer to host a play date, or share gently used clothes that your kids may have outgrown. And, for a limited time, the United Methodist Children's Home is paying for all fingerprinting and background checks for anyone who wants to become an approved babysitter or respite care provider.

## How Do I Sign Up to Help? You can do it today or when you're ready.

You can email one of the SUMC Foster Care Connection coordinators if you have questions or want to talk about this ministry. You can take this survey to let us know your interests:

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**A Bold & Daring Vision:** We envision a world where every child is raised in a loving, compassionate and nurturing home.

**Mission:** We're being asked to do what only the Church can do: To restore children and families from trauma through Jesus Christ.