

# Foster Care & Church/Community support

Why is this so imperative & what are the impacts?

# The church

## Wrap Around

- Our team
- Meals
- Date night sitters
- Errands/Costco shopper
- Laundry helpers
- Lawn Care
- Prayer & check-ins

## Foster Care Support Groups

- Available to church members & non-members
- Consistency
- Encouragement
- Like-minded/Similar journeys

# The community

## ❑ Business Impact Partners

- ❑ Jimmy's Cleaners
- ❑ Jericho Coffee
- ❑ Birthday party at Third Coast Clay
- ❑ Yard signs from Sign Gypsies
- ❑ Puckett's

## ❑ Childcare tuitions

- ❑ Day School fees waived for a year by an anonymous donor

# The outcomes

- ❑ Better retention rates for open foster homes.
- ❑ More quality care for children in custody.
  - ❑ Less stressed foster parents, tangible needs being met -> more time to be spent on children's specific needs and building relationships with them
- ❑ Inspiration for other churches and communities to step up and help as they see ideas of how others are doing so.
  - ❑ Lots of churches, businesses, and people have the desire to help, they just do not have any direction on how to do so.
- ❑ Better advocacy for the children and families due to foster families feeling supported and not as isolated and run-down.
  - ❑ Court dates, meetings, therapies, documentation and everything that comes along with foster care is very time-consuming. However, incredibly worth it. Support from churches and community helps allow foster families more focus to be able to advocate for what's best to the best of their ability.