



## WAYS TO IMPACT A CHILD IN NEED

### **PRAY** for them

- 14,000 children are currently in foster care in Pennsylvania. 2,000 of them are awaiting adoption into a forever home. Visit [dhs.pa.gov/AdoptPAkids/Pages/WaitingKids.aspx](https://dhs.pa.gov/AdoptPAkids/Pages/WaitingKids.aspx) to see photos and profiles of those waiting for adoptive families and pray for them.

### **SUPPORT** those who support them

- Pray for adoptive and foster families.
- Use your gifts, resources, and skills to bless them.
- Come alongside them by providing meals, childcare, tutoring, clothing, or help with tasks/errands.
- Be part of a Care Community – a team of people that provides regular support to an adoptive or foster family.
- Visit Keystone Family Alliance at [keyfam.org/supportfamilies](https://keyfam.org/supportfamilies) to learn more about ways to help meet needs and provide support to families in our area.

### **PROVIDE** for their needs

- Donate necessities and comfort items for children in care through COBYS' Kids Closet in Lancaster. See a current list of needs at [cobys.org/support-us/kids-closet/](https://cobys.org/support-us/kids-closet/)
- Pack humanitarian aid for refugees, orphaned & vulnerable children, or poverty-stricken families at the UNTO Global Logistics Center in Mount Joy. Visit [unto.com/get-involved/volunteer-for-humanitarian-projects/](https://unto.com/get-involved/volunteer-for-humanitarian-projects/) to learn more.

### **GIVE** sacrificially to them

- Sponsor a child to provide them with an education and introduce them to the love of Jesus. Learn more about Arm of Hope's ministry to children in Accra, Ghana's slum community at [armofhopeinghana.org](http://armofhopeinghana.org).
- Pack a shoebox gift to share the message of the Gospel and bless a child in need. Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts will be collected from November 13-20. Learn more and find drop-off locations or "build a shoebox online" at [samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child](http://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child).

### **ENCOURAGE** them to press on

- Write a note of encouragement to a child you sponsor.
- Mentor, tutor, or support children and youth who may be vulnerable.
  - Big Brothers Big Sisters – [capbig.org/be-a-mentor](http://capbig.org/be-a-mentor)
  - Cornerstone Youth Center – [cornerstoneetown.org](http://cornerstoneetown.org)
  - LifeCycles – [lifecyclesteam.org](http://lifecyclesteam.org)
  - Rainbows End Youth Services – [reys.org](http://reys.org)

### **COME ALONGSIDE** a family in crisis

- Help parents who need temporary care for their children as they work through unmanageable or critical circumstances. Visit [bethany.org/lancaster/safe-families-children](http://bethany.org/lancaster/safe-families-children) for information about Safe Families.
- Get involved in the ministry of a crisis pregnancy center to support women and couples facing unplanned pregnancies. Visit [alignlifeministries.org/get-involved/serve/](http://alignlifeministries.org/get-involved/serve/) to learn more about a variety of opportunities to serve with Align Life Ministries.

### **SPEAK UP** for them

- Become a volunteer CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for a child. A CASA is a trained community member who is appointed by a judge to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children in foster care. Visit [casalancaster.org](http://casalancaster.org) to learn more.

### **EQUIP** Christian leaders and churches globally to help vulnerable children remain in or gain a loving family and know Jesus

- Visit [worldwithoutorphans.org/give](http://worldwithoutorphans.org/give) or [contact Karmen Friesen](mailto:karmen@worldwithoutorphans.org) to learn more.

### **BE A FAMILY** to them

- Become a foster parent or adopt a child into your family.