

For far too long, the church has been known for what it is against. Maybe it's our fault. Maybe we've failed at showing God's unconditional love—but we want to change that.

We want to show our community everything that we are for.

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COMMUNITY • JOY • FAMILIES • FUN • FRIENDS • RECOVERY • FORGIVENESS • NEIGHBORS • EDEN PRAIRIE • KIDS • RECONCILIATION • LIFE • GENEROSITY • REFUGEES • LORING PARK • SENIORS • HOPE • ENTREPRENEURS • DIVERSITY • SERVING • LAUGHTER • HEALTH • PUBLIC SERVANTS • KINDNESS • STUDENTS • TWIN CITIES • PEACE • GENERATIONS • PEOPLE IN NEED • EDUCATION • ENDING HUNGER • CREATIVITY • PARENTS • FREEDOM • EDINA • UNCONDITIONAL LOVE • VULNERABLE CHILDREN

All this means is that WeAreFor YOU. God is for YOU.

wearefor.com

Do you have a heart for fostering or adoption?

Please join us...

Thursday, February 1
7– 8:30 pm
at the Edina Campus

as we talk about how we can support and encourage one another in this journey.

If you have questions, please contact:
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WEAREFOR Vulnerable Children

What's your something?

While not everyone is called to take a child into their home, everyone is called to do something.

James 1:27 tells us to look after orphans in their distress.

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Here

Serving families within Wooddale who have answered the call to take a child into their homes with wrap around care.

Hennepin County
hennepin.us/fostercare
612-348-5437

Help a child. Heal a family. Hennepin County is committed to finding safe and loving foster homes for kids who need a temporary safe place to heal while their families work through child protection issues and forever homes to kids who cannot return home through adoption.

● **GET INVOLVED** **Respite foster care:** provide care on an occasional basis, generally for a predetermined amount of time, such as a weekend or week to give other foster providers a break.

Safe Families
minneapolis-stpaul.safe-families.org

Safe Families for Children creates extended family-like support for desperate families through a community of devoted volunteers who are motivated by their faith to keep children safe and families intact. The Safe Families experience starts at church, where families are invited to not only to change the lives of a fellow family for the better, but also enrich their own lives by practicing and living out biblical hospitality. Everyone wins. Our child welfare system is designed to react AFTER something bad happens to a child. But, through the church, safe families can help BEFORE bad things occur.

●● **GET INVOLVED** Families volunteer to temporarily host a vulnerable child while receiving wrap-around support from the church. There are also opportunities to get involved as a Family Friend, Family Coach or a Resource Friend.

Near

Opportunities within the metro area to serve vulnerable children and their families.

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●● **GET INVOLVED**
Foster care: provide temporary care to children in the child protection system while their parents work through their issues.
Concurrent foster families: foster families who are open to adopting the children in their care should these children not be able to safely return home.
MN Waiting Kids adoption: when kids can't return home, we look for forever families for them. Youth in this program are ready to be adopted as soon as an appropriate family can be identified, as their parents' rights have already been terminated.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters
bigstwincities.org

Right now hundreds of kids in the Twin Cities are waiting for mentors. One of them is waiting for you. As a Big Brother or Big Sister, you can be a trusted friend to a child, and you will create memories that last a lifetime. The best part? It's a lot of fun! Create some art with our Free Arts program. Go on a hike. Read books. Learn a new dance together. Or just hang out and talk. Whatever it is you enjoy, odds are you'll enjoy them even more with your Little—and you'll be making a life-changing impact. Youth who are mentored do better in school, have stronger relationships with their parents and peers, and are less likely to engage in risky behavior.
● **GET INVOLVED** Volunteer to mentor a child in one of two ways: community-based (movies, model airplanes, rollerblading or just hanging out), school based (meet at the same time and place each week to shoot hoops, play checkers or work together on homework).

New Life Family Services
nlfs.org

At New Life Family Services, our mission is to honor the sanctity of human life by assisting clients in life-affirming decisions with the love and compassion of Christ. We believe each person should have the ability to receive physical, emotional and spiritual support as they face pregnancy-related situations and circumstances. Through this care we are seeing God change hearts, save lives, build families and restore hope.
●● **GET INVOLVED** Direct service volunteer roles (various ways to mentor, lead small groups, provide medical services {degree/license required}, intern). Support volunteer roles (administrative office help, baby item and equipment donors, clothing closet assistant, church ambassador, cleaning and maintenance, cooking and baking, marketing and outreach assistance, prayer partner, special events).

Far

Opportunities to sponsor a child in another country and make a difference in their life in Jesus' name.

Compassion International
compassion.com

Compassion's mission statement is simple: "releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name." It's a mission about love. We love God and we demonstrate our love and live out our faith by extending care to others. We offer our programs to the poorest of the poor, to the children in greatest need, without ulterior motive. We devote ourselves to helping children of all faiths, cultures, backgrounds and race—without imposing any religious obligation or conversion requirement upon them. We simply aspire to be like our Savior, Jesus Christ, in who we are and what we do.
● **GET INVOLVED** Sponsor a child internationally.



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Foster
- Adoption
- Wrap around
- Global