



Hope In Action: Fostering Hope Quarterly Newsletter

A Message from Fostering Hope

Every act of kindness—big or small—makes a lasting impact on the lives of children and families navigating foster care and adoption. Whether you're serving, donating, or simply praying, you are part of this story of hope. In this newsletter, we're excited to share highlights from recent events, opportunities to get involved, and the incredible ways our community is coming together to support vulnerable children.

Summer & Fall Highlights

July Parents' Night Out - Kindness Carnival Fun

In July, Fostering Hope hosted a Parents' Night Out with a special **Kindness Carnival** theme! We welcomed around 100 children for an evening filled with games, laughter, and Christ-centered kindness. While our volunteers poured into the kids with fun and care, the heart of the event was to give foster and adoptive parents the opportunity to rest, recharge, and enjoy a much-needed night out. We're so grateful to our volunteers and families for making this joyful evening possible!



Back To School Bash

The Back To School Bash was a great success! In partnership with Haven Retreats, we had the joy of serving 43 Foster and Adoptive Families and 180 children with back-to-school supplies, showing the love of Christ in a practical way and helping them start the year off strong! Thanks to your generosity, we



were also able to bless local teachers with leftover supplies and share the remaining backpacks with our friends at Isaiah 117 House. Together, we've encouraged students, educators, and caregivers as they step into a new school year. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

Child Welfare Worker Appreciation Luncheon

In September, Fostering Hope hosted its annual Child Welfare Worker Luncheon in celebration of Child Welfare Appreciation Week. This year's theme, "Planting Seeds of Hope", was inspired by 1

Corinthians 3:7, reminding us that while we plant and water, it is God who makes things grow. It was a beautiful picture of the work being done every day in child welfare-faithfully sowing into the lives of children and families. Guests from across Northeast Florida enjoyed a delicious lunch from French Pantry and desserts by Amaretti's. Pastor Tim Maynard shared an encouraging message, and each guest received a plant to symbolize the hope they help cultivate. A special collaborative art activity captured the heart of the day-reminding us that we are all in this together. We wanted to take this time to honor and bless the incredible workers on the frontlines of child welfare, who serve vulnerable children and families with such care and perseverance.



Hope Weekend

The weekend kicked off with an incredible day at the Fostering Hope 5K & Fun Run! Saturday, November 5th, was a day full of smiles, love, and community as we came together for a great cause. With almost 400 participants, we raised over \$30,000 to support the Fostering Hope Community!

Our Fun Run was a huge hit, too, as kids raced through a one-mile course and crossed the finish line bursting with color after getting covered in bright powder! Even the Chick-Fil-A Cow couldn't resist joining in on the fun (and may still be finding a little color in its spots)! The next day, in our Sunday worship service, we had the opportunity to pray over foster and adoptive families. The whole weekend was a beautiful reminder of the strength and heart of our Fostering Hope community.

Upcoming Events

- Happy Birthday Jesus Party: December 6, 9:00am-1:00pm. [Register here](#)
- Support Group returns January 6!

Ways To Serve

- Volunteer at our Upcoming Events - [Happy Birthday Jesus Party](#)
- Donate Diapers & Wipes – You can check our Hope Resource Center Current Needs list on our [website](#) or the [Amazon Wishlist](#) for current needs.



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