A MINISTRY OF CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RANCH

chestnut mountain village



TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE STORIES

Guiding, equipping, and connecting West Virginia churches to care for vulnerable children and families.

THE CHALLENGE

The need is great.
West Virginia has the *highest per capita foster care rate in the nation.*

Families need support.
Before, during, and after foster care

Churches want to help, but they don't always know how.

A SIMPLE CHURCH RESPONSE

WHAT IS A FAMILY ADVOCACY MINISTRY (FAM)?

A church-led, volunteer-driven ministry that organizes people to care for vulnerable children and families in practical, meaningful ways.

Each FAM is built around the church's people, gifts, capacity, and community. That allows the ministry to begin in a manageable way, remain sustainable, and grow as the church is ready.

The FAM model is used by thousands of churches across more than 40 states and have a proven track record of success.

THE VILLAGE HELPS CHURCHES TURN COMPASSION INTO ACTION.

GUIDE

We'll help you clarify your role, identify a realistic place to start, and develop a practical plan that fits your people and community.

EQUIP

We provide training, resources, mission-specific software, and ongoing coaching so your leaders and volunteers can serve with confidence.

CONNECT

We help you build relationships with families, child welfare professionals, and community partners so you can serve well alongside others

WHAT CAN A CHURCH DO?

- Care Communities
- CarePortal
- Foster Family Recruitment
- Family Events & Respite
- Practical & Financial Assistance
- Prayer & Spiritual Support
- Mentoring & Tutoring
- Transportation Support
- Child Welfare Professional Support
- Awareness & Education

EVERY CHURCH CAN DO SOMETHING.

You don't need to do everything. Start with what fits your church and your community. The Village will help you figure out where to begin.

"The Village always has our best interest at heart."

– CHURCH LEADER

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