FOSTER CARE IS A MISSION FIELD in Your Community



FOSTER CARE. KINSHIP CARE. VULNERABLE CHILDREN & FAMILIES.

Across West Virginia, thousands of children and families face difficult circumstances through no fault of their own. They need safe, stable homes, caring adults, and the hope and love of Jesus.



Not everyone can foster or adopt, but ***everyone can do something.***

THE NEED IS REAL IN WEST VIRGINIA

6,000

CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

West Virginia has one of the highest rates in the nation at four times the national average.

13

PER 1,000 CHILD REMOVAL RATE

The state leads in child removals over four times the national average.

43,000

CHILDREN RAISED BY GRANDPARENTS OR OTHER RELATIVES

Grandparents and other relatives are stepping in every day.

0.5%

OF U.S. POPULATION VS. FOSTER CARE ENTRIES

West Virginia accounts for 2.2% of all foster care entries, despite being only 0.5% of the U.S. population.

40% FASTER

TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

Parental rights are terminated 40% faster in West Virginia than anywhere else in the country.

Sources: Corky Siemasko, "A Foster Care System in Crisis: West Virginia Faces a Legal Reckoning." NBC News, April 6, 2023. "Moving Upstream: Improving Child Welfare in West Virginia." West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, October 2023. Rick Steelhammer, "Grandparents Taking Care of Grandchildren." The Register-Herald, March 21, 2023

THE GOSPEL MOVES US TOWARD VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

GOD MOVED TOWARD US.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

— JOHN 1:14

GOD BROUGHT US INTO HIS FAMILY.

"God sent forth his Son…that we might receive adoption."

— GALATIANS 4:4-5

OUR CARE PUTS THE GOSPEL ON DISPLAY.

"Religion that is pure…is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction."

— JAMES 1:27

THE VILLAGE CAN HELP

Chestnut Mountain Village guides, equips, and connects churches across West Virginia to care for vulnerable children and families in practical, meaningful ways.

We provide training, resources, ministry ideas, and ongoing support so your church can take the next step with confidence.

LEARN MORE

Scan the QR code to visit cmvwv.org and discover how your church can get started.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

PRAY — Pray for vulnerable children, families, and those who care for them.

PARTNER — Invest in The Village and help churches care for children and families.

RAISE UP — Identify, equip, and train people to lead a local ministry for foster, adoptive, kinship, and vulnerable

REACH — Start a ministry at your church to serve vulnerable children and families in your community.

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