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The children shown represent over 4,900 kids currently in foster care in Virginia who are eligible for adoption



Prayer Requests

BIRTH FAMILIES

God's perfect plan is for healthy, thriving families to care for their children. Pray for birth parents to find support to turn from whatever is keeping them from caring for their children. Pray that more kids are kept home in healthy, stable families instead of enduring the trauma of removal.

KIDS IN FOSTER CARE

The pain of trauma affects kids physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Their ability to love and trust is damaged. Pray for healing, wholeness, and a strong sense of belonging for kids in care. Pray for protection for kids who have aged out of the foster system as they become members of our community, navigating life without a strong support system.

FOSTER & ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

Temporary foster families are needed while birth parents get healthy and stable so that kids can be reunified with their birth families. When reunification is not possible, those kids need adoptive families to care for them permanently. Please pray for more foster and adoptive families who are able to take older youth, special needs kids, and sibling sets.

FAMILY SUPPORT

50% of foster families quit within the first year due to a lack of social support. Kinshp families (grandparents and extended family) need support as well. Pray for faith communities & businesses to come alongside to offer encouragement, relational connections, and tangible support to families.

SOCIAL WORKERS

Social workers are front-line heroes for kids in foster care. The heartbreak they see and respond to takes a toll on them. 75% of Social workers suffer from PTSD and tend to burn out quickly. Pray for strength and encouragement for social workers and for policy changes that will prevent burnout.

Not everyone is called to be a foster parent or adopt, but everyone can do something to help end the foster care crisis.

Learn about more ways you can be involved by contacting your church leaders or visit us at www.vakidsbelong.org or on Social Media @vakidsbelong

