

Do you want to do more, but
are not called to be a foster
parent?

Become a CASA (court-
appointed special advocate).
CASA's make a life-changing
difference for children who have
experienced abuse or neglect.
Each volunteer is appointed by a
judge to advocate for a child's
best interest in court. CASA's
help judges develop a full
picture of each child's life. Their
advocacy enables judges to make
the most well-informed decision
for each child.

**I used to think you had to be
special for God to use you, but
now I know you simply need to
say yes.**

Bob Goff, "Love Does"

**EVERYONE
CAN DO
SOMETHING.**



**Vulnerable children in Indiana
need loving, Christian families
and these families need our
support.**

**By coming together as the hands
and feet of Jesus we can bring
hope to these vulnerable children
and their families.**

**FOSTER CARE
SUPPORT**



**Learn to do good.
Seek justice.
Help the oppressed.
Defend the cause of the orphans.**

Isaiah 1:17

Are you interested in becoming a foster parent? Contact one of these agencies to get started.

Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS)

IndianaFosterCare.org

The Villages

VillagesKids.org

1-800-874-6880

Bethany Christian Services

bethany.org

1-800-238-4269

Benchmark Family Services

BenchmarkFamilyServices.org

1-855-5Foster

National Youth Advocate Program (NYAP)

nyap.org

1-877-692-7226

WAYS WE CAN SUPPORT CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE (AND THEIR FAMILIES)

1. **Bring food.** A hot meal can bring comfort, even in the midst of chaos. Bring gift cards to restaurants with take-out. Drop off snacks. Bring freezer meals.
2. **Gather supplies when a new placement arrives.** Be proactive and ask what the family needs. Maybe it's diapers and a baby gate? Maybe it's bunk beds and backpacks?
3. **Welcome a new placement.** When an infant, toddler or teenager arrives to a new foster home, many different emotions are involved for the new child, parents and siblings. Talk with the foster parents about how you could help with the transition.
4. **Listen.** Foster parenthood (and parenthood in general), and the busyness that's comes with it, often leaves foster parents feeling isolated or unknown. Regularly check with your friends to see how they are doing. Grieve with them. Laugh with them. Pray with them. Be with them and listen.
5. **Be the "hands and feet" for a family.** Mow their lawn. Wash their vehicle. Wash their laundry (and return it folded in a timely manner). Grab their groceries. Scrub a toilet. Read to a child. Provide transportation to/from school, visits or appointments. Sit and have adult conversation over coffee.
6. **Invite the family over for a play date.** As mentioned in #4 foster families- parents, children in temporary care and biological children- can feel isolated. Warmth, hospitality and welcoming a child into a community is a powerful way to show Christ's love to both the entire family!
7. **Pray first, often and always.** There are many battles going on. Pray for the child. Pray for their biological families. Pray for the other children living in the foster home.