

# TO SUPPORT ORPHANS & VULNERABLE CHILDREN

- Hold a collection drive for items needed by the local foster care system, children's home or orphanage.
- Distribute cards advocating for children awaiting adoptive families, needing sponsorship or hosting.
- Set aside a time of intercessory prayer or fasting.
- Volunteer your church or workplace for foster parent training.
- Write letters of encouragement to orphaned and vulnerable children.
- Encourage your small group to read an orphan care-related book and discuss it together.
- Present curriculum related to orphan care to a small group of adults, youth or children and discuss.
- Prepare a sermon to highlight the needs of vulnerable children locally and internationally.
- Plan a set of worship songs that reflect God's heart for the orphan and include the church youth or children's choir.
- Commission the families in your church who are taking steps to engage in orphan care.
- Plan a child dedication or welcome shower for recently adopted or foster children in your congregation.
- Invite a former foster or orphaned youth to speak to your group. Invite an adoptive, foster, host or respite family to speak to your group.
- Invite a nonprofit organization working with vulnerable children to speak to your group.
- Plan a fundraiser to benefit orphaned and vulnerable children.
- Become a safe family to support an at-risk family during crisis.
- Gather a small group and watch an orphan care-related documentary and discuss.
- Plan a service project to benefit an adoptive or foster family or local children's home.
- Host a breakfast for local Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers or Department of Family Services social workers.
- Host a date night for local adoptive, foster and host families.
- Sew dresses and make other handmade items (dolls, jump ropes) for overseas orphans.
- Take a meal to a local adoptive, foster or host family.
- Show an orphan care-related video to your community group or congregation.
- Host an orphan care forum to recruit and educate your community on the needs locally and globally.
- Setup info table to share opportunities at a church, concert, festival, workplace or school.

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- Host a live webinar on social media to educate others on the issues that burden your heart.
- Lunch and Learn in the workplace to present orphan care needs locally and globally.
- Donate a portion of your business proceeds to raise awareness and support vulnerable children.
- Begin an adoption grant in your church or workplace to financially aid adopting families.
- Setup a college scholarship fund through your church or workplace to support aging-out foster youth.
- Volunteer to be interviewed on local radio stations in support of the organizations you serve.
- Encourage your church to participate in Orphan or Stand Sunday.
- Mentor a local foster youth or child residing in a local children's home.
- Setup a tutoring schedule for local foster youth residing in a local children's home.
- Write letters to your local and state politicians requesting their intervention on behalf of the vulnerable.
- Visualize the 143 million orphans worldwide by setting 143 pairs of shoes on the church stage, for example.
- Include a bulletin insert one Sunday that educates the congregation on the needs of the vulnerable.
- Serve on a mission trip to help vulnerable children.
- Host a birthday party for children in foster care or in your local children's home.
- Kickoff or relaunch and orphan care ministry in your church.
- Volunteer for a nonprofit organization serving vulnerable children.
- Volunteer at your local children's home.
- Volunteer at your local Department of Family and Children's Services to supervise visitations.
- Become a local Court Appointed Special Advocate.
- Sponsor a child.
- Make a donation to enable vulnerable children to attend summer camp.
- Host a child from an international orphanage.
- Provide respite care.
- Become a foster family.
- Adopt a child.