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United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Office Action (Official Letter) About Applicant's Trademark Application

U.S. Application Serial No. 97120197

Mark: BE THE VILLAGE

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NONFINAL OFFICE ACTION

The USPTO must receive applicant's response to this letter within six months of the issue date below or the application will be abandoned. Respond using the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). A link to the appropriate TEAS response form appears at the end of this Office action.

Issue date: August 24, 2022

The referenced application has been reviewed by the assigned trademark examining attorney. Applicant must respond timely and completely to the issue(s) below. 15 U.S.C. §1062(b); 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(a), 2.65(a); TMEP §§711, 718.03.

SEARCH OF USPTO DATABASE OF MARKS

The trademark examining attorney has searched the USPTO database of registered and pending marks and has found no conflicting marks that would bar registration under Trademark Act Section 2(d). 15 U.S.C. §1052(d); TMEP §704.02.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES:

- Informational Refusal
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INFORMATIONAL REFUSAL

Registration is refused because the applied-for mark is a slogan or term that does not function as a trademark or service mark to indicate the source of applicant's goods and/or services and to identify and distinguish them from others. Trademark Act Sections 1, 2, 3, and 45, 15 U.S.C. §§1051-1053, 1127. In this case, the applied-for mark is a commonplace term, message, or expression widely used by a variety of sources that merely conveys an ordinary, familiar, well-recognized concept or sentiment. See *In re Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, 129 USPQ2d 1148, 1160 (TTAB 2019) (holding INVESTING IN AMERICAN JOBS not registrable for retail store services or promoting public awareness of goods made or assembled by American workers because the mark would be perceived merely as a commonly-used informational message); *In re Volvo Cars of N. Am., Inc.*, 46 USPQ2d 1455, 1460-61 (TTAB 1998) (holding DRIVE SAFELY not registrable for automobiles and automobile parts because the mark would be perceived merely as an “everyday, commonplace safety admonition”).

Terms and expressions that merely convey an informational message are not registrable. *In re DePorter*, 129 USPQ2d 1298, 1299 (TTAB 2019) (citing *In re Eagle Crest, Inc.*, 96 USPQ2d 1227, 1229 (TTAB 2010)). Determining whether the term or expression functions as a trademark or service mark depends on how it would be perceived by the relevant public. *Univ. of Ky. v. 40-0, LLC*, 2021

USPQ2d 253, at *25 (TTAB 2021) (citing *In re Greenwood*, 2020 USPQ2d 11439, at *2 (TTAB 2020)); *In re DePorter*, 129 USPQ2d at 1303 (quoting *In re Eagle Crest, Inc.*, 96 USPQ2d at 1229)); TMEP §1202.04. “The more commonly a term or expression is used, the less likely that the public will use it to identify only one source and the less likely that it will be recognized by purchasers as a trademark [or service mark].” *In re Ocean Tech., Inc.*, 2019 USPQ2d 450686, at *3 (TTAB 2019) (citing *In re Hulting*, 107 USPQ2d 1175, 1177 (TTAB 2013); TMEP §1202.04(b)).

The attached evidence from the internet shows that this term or expression is commonly used in the foster care industry and conveys the idea that anyone can BE THE VILLAGE necessary to assist a child in the foster care system. Because consumers are accustomed to seeing this term or expression commonly used in everyday speech by many different sources, they would not perceive it as a mark identifying the source of applicant's goods and/or services but rather as only conveying an informational message.

BE THE VILLAGE is a derivative of the popular African Proverb "it takes a village," which refers to the collective resources of a family and community that are necessary to raise a child. See attached definition from the website reference.com.

The phrase BE THE VILLAGE is directed to individuals who immediately understand that the slogan is a variation of the African proverb, as such the potential donor is moved to donate and thereby become a part of the village.

Accordingly, the slogan BE THE VILLAGE is commonly used in the field of foster care/adoption to convey the message to members of the public that they can be a part of the solution to the problems in the lives of children in the foster care system.

The attached evidence from various internet websites shows that BE THE VILLAGE is commonly used by those in the foster care field as a promotional phrase. Because consumers are accustomed to seeing BE THE VILLAGE used in this manner, when BE THE VILLAGE is applied to applicant's services, they would perceive it merely as informational matter indicating that the applicant is encouraging the public to BE THE VILLAGE by fostering a child. Thus, this slogan would not be perceived as a mark that identifies the source of applicant's services.

Additional attachments from third party websites show that the applied-for mark itself, BE THE VILLAGE, has been used as a promotional phrase for various services in the foster care industry. Accordingly, as shown by the attached evidence, consumers would perceive BE THE VILLAGE merely as an informational statement rather than a trademark identifying the source of the applicant's procurement and distribution to foster parents of in-kind donations or promoting public awareness of foster parenting.

An applicant may not overcome this refusal by amending the application to seek registration on the Supplemental Register or asserting a claim of acquired distinctiveness under Section 2(f). *In re Ocean Tech., Inc.*, 2019 USPQ2d 450686, at *8; TMEP §1202.04(d); see *In re TracFone Wireless, Inc.*, 2019 USPQ2d 222983, at *4 (TTAB 2019). Nor will submitting a substitute specimen overcome this refusal. *In re Team Jesus LLC*, 2020 USPQ2d 11489, at *5-6 (TTAB 2020) (quoting *D.C. One Wholesaler, Inc. v. Chien*, 120 USPQ2d 1710, 1716 (TTAB 2016)); TMEP §1202.04(d).

RESPONSE GUIDELINES

Although applicant's mark has been refused registration, applicant may respond to the refusal(s) by submitting evidence and arguments in support of registration.

Please call or email the assigned trademark examining attorney with questions about this Office action. Although an examining attorney cannot provide legal advice, the examining attorney can provide additional explanation about the refusal(s) and/or requirement(s) in this Office action. *See* TMEP §§705.02, 709.06.

The USPTO does not accept emails as responses to Office actions; however, emails can be used for informal communications and are included in the application record. *See* 37 C.F.R. §§2.62(c), 2.191; TMEP §§304.01-.02, 709.04-.05.

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RESPONSE GUIDANCE

- **Missing the response deadline to this letter will cause the application to abandon.** The response must be received by the USPTO before midnight **Eastern Time** of the last day of the response period. TEAS maintenance or [unforeseen circumstances](#) could affect an applicant's ability to timely respond.
- **Responses signed by an unauthorized party** are not accepted and can **cause the application to abandon**. If applicant does not have an attorney, the response must be signed by the individual applicant, all joint applicants, or someone with [legal authority to bind a juristic applicant](#). If applicant has an attorney, the response must be signed by the attorney.
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The vision of the Be The Village Ministry is to mobilize the body of Christ to be the hands and feet of Jesus in supporting vulnerable children and their families by partnering with groups of believers and community organizations to promote restoration.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

There are many ways to love and serve vulnerable children and their families in our community. One way is to be part of our wrap around teams that support Foster families at DEC. If you are interested in praying, cooking, cleaning, providing childcare, transportation, etc, please fill out our [interest form](#) to help us learn about you and what service opportunities you would be interested in.

NEXT STEPS

- Donate clothing for children moving into foster homes with the [Pass Along Project](#).
- Interested in becoming a foster family? [FACES training](#) is the first step in becoming licensed.
- Become a [Court Appointed Special Advocates \(CASA\)](#)

CONTACT US

If you have any questions, concerns, requests, or just want to say hi please send us a message at
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The mission statement for our Be the Village ministry is "Educate, Support, and Care (children and families in the foster/adoption care system)."

One of our goals of this ministry is to educate our congregation and community about the foster system and their needs. We are grateful for those who have shared their stories and for all who support us in our efforts.

Contact [Brenda Lytle](#) to learn more about this ministry.

Are you ready to join us?

We'd love to hear from you and answer any additional questions you have.

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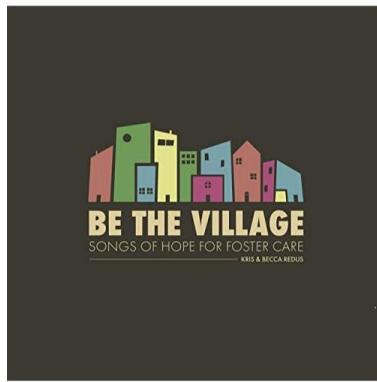
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Abstract

The current foster care system in the United States remains overloaded and overwhelmed. This has led to a foster system that suffers from a lack of capacity, stability, and quality. The Church, however, holds the answer to addressing the crises facing the foster care system because foster care aligns with the heart of God, who mandates the Church to care for the orphaned. When churches properly view foster children and foster families in the way that God views and cares for them, churches will take responsibility by loving, encouraging, and supporting them in response to God's mandate to care for foster families, this project launched Be the Village, a fully operational and highly effective ministry that recruits new foster parents and provides wraparound care for current foster families. To accomplish this, Enid First Assembly partnered with CompaCare, an Assemblies of God Family Services Agency, and developed its foster care ministry under the 4-phase, 17-step CompaCare design. This project also analyzed the effectiveness of the CompaCare model. A pre- and post-ministry online assessment ascertained foster families' reactions to the wraparound support provided by Be the Village. The evaluative measures indicate that the CompaCare plan is well-designed, easy to execute, and highly successful. Our foster families experienced a complete transformation in relation to feeling appreciated, encouraged, and supported. (PsycInfo Database Record (c) 2021 APA, all rights reserved)



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We are a collective group of individuals with diverse backgrounds that want to share our time and talents by offering a variety of resources to the community.

About Us





Be The Village

Our Mission

To strengthen communities through creating partnerships between individuals, families and organizations that create positive impact in the areas of mental health promotion, prevention and wellness.

Principles

Funded through a mini-grant with ADAMH Board of Franklin County





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“We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It’s easy to say ‘It’s not my child, not my community, not my problem.’ Then there are

those who see the need and respond, I consider those people my heroes.” -Fred Rogers

People think they need to be in the trenches housing foster kids, but believe me—that is not for everyone! Instead, imagine using your gifts to help support those families in the trenches. Not sure how you can help? We came up with a mixed list of possible ways to be the village:

- **Welcome a new placement:** Think about when people welcome a new baby into their house after 9 months of preparation. Foster families are still welcoming brand new children into their home, but they did not have 9 months to prepare. So what would you do for a new baby? Do that for the new foster placement!
- **Prayer and Intercession:** Pray for the foster families in your community and for opportunities to serve and use your gifts.
- **Compassion:** Sit and listen without judgement to how a foster parent is doing. A burden shared is a burden cut in half.
- **Lend a helping hand:** This looks and sounds a lot like this—
 - “I’m making dinner for you and your family. Does Tuesday or Friday work better? Are there any dietary restrictions I should be aware of?”
 - “I’m free to watch kids Friday or Saturday evening. Which works better for you?”
 - “I know your kids have soccer on Thursdays. I can drive them home when they get done.”
 - “Send me your grocery list! I’m going to the store and will drop them off on my way home.”
 - Stop by with coffee. There is so much power in small and seemingly simple actions.
- **Invest in their bio kids too!** These kiddos are in the trenches too. Take them for a fun outing, teach them a new skill they’ve expressed interest in, spend time with them.
- **Financially:** If God has blessed you financially, this is a great way to invest in foster families too!

These are just a few ideas. Think about what how God has blessed you and use that! We are stronger when we play to our individual strengths and work as a body, as a village.





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In photo: The SJIS team at the launch event of Foster Care Month.

~ Ms. Sally named foster parent of the year ~

With Mother's Day on the mind, many are reflecting on the impact that parental love and guidance has had on their lives. Many children on St. Maarten are in a difficult situation, and are in need of the same. May is Foster Care Month, and Foundation Judicial Institutes St. Maarten SJIS is inviting you to be part of the village that it takes to raise our children. Whether you're able to provide a fulltime, stable, loving home; spend time with foster children on the weekends; or donate towards the cause, you can make a meaningful difference in a child's life.

Ever thought about it? Throughout the month of May – under the slogan "Be the village, foster a child" – there will be lots of opportunity to learn more about what it's like, what support is available to foster parents or mentors, what the requirements are, and more.

If you're a suitable candidate, you can become a full-time foster parent, weekend foster parent, or mentor – providing not only stability and nurture, but an opportunity and place to heal, and a better chance of success for the child.

Besides meeting the basic requirements, signing up to become a foster parent also entails taking a training programme, allowing home inspections, and maintaining a close relationship with the SJIS/Family Guardianship department. Flexibility is also important, as children have different needs, and need accommodations for undetermined amounts of time.

There is an urgent need for foster families on St. Maarten. Ideally, there would be a home available for every child in need of one, as children usually fare better with a foster family than in a group home. Thankfully, however, capacity to care for foster children is soon expected to increase, with the introduction of a new youth residential home in the upcoming weeks.

The Foster Families Central unit of the SJIS has planned a slate of activities throughout the month in order to raise awareness, reach out to the community, and enlist families that are able to provide safe, nurturing homes to foster children.

Besides community outreach, SJIS will also be showing appreciation to everyone involved, from foster parents to mentors, to workers in the field. A foster parent of the year has been chosen: Veronica Benjamin, better known as "Ms. Sally".

A successful opening event, marking the start of the month's activities was held at the government building on May 3 – Foster Care Day. There will be a family fun day which is open to the whole community at the Emilio Wilson Estate on Thursday, May 26, and a walk-a-thon on Saturday, May 28, from 3:00 to 6:00pm.

Notably, the SJIS team will set up information stands as part of the recruitment drive, where you'll be able to ask questions, collect practical information, access registration forms, and make donations.

Every Saturday this month, these stands will be at major grocery stores, starting with Carrefour on Bush Road this Saturday from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Locations for the following Saturdays will be announced via social media. There will also be information stands from 10:00am to 3:00pm at Carrefour every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this month.

To keep up to date on activities, and for more information on exact locations and times, visit and follow the foundation via Facebook and Instagram @foundationjxsm.

For more information, call +1 721 542-3449/+1 721 526-4310, email info@sjis-sxm.org, or visit the SJIS-Foster Families Central office in Unit 2 F/G at the Yegesh Commercial Complex on the A/C Brouwers Rd. If you would like to donate, transfer to Stichting Justitiele Inrichtingen Bovenwinden, bank account number 21622503 (NAf.), Windward Islands Bank, Clem Labega Square.

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Foster Village bridges the gap.



Foster parents often feel tired and alone. Most families foster for less than a year, citing burnout and lack of support as the reason they stop. At the same time, 85% of people who are not foster parents say they care about vulnerable children and want to help.

Foster Village bridges this gap between foster families and caregivers and those who want to help, meeting practical needs and providing holistic support beyond the system.

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Meeting needs. Bringing dignity to the system.

Together, we can make sure foster families and children have their basic needs met, connect foster families to resources and to each other and advocate for change in the system, creating a better future for our community, our children and the caregivers who raise them.



Foster Village is here for families every step of the way. Through our resource centers and therapeutic coaching and support, we help equip caregivers so they can focus on helping the children in their care thrive.

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Our goal is to create opportunities for foster families – both the children and the parents – to connect with each other. By connecting foster families with other foster families, biological families and trusted resources, families are strengthened and empowered to continue fostering.

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We bring dignity to the children and families we serve, understanding the root causes of why a child ends up in the foster care system, facilitating relationships between foster families and biological families and replicating communities of support around the nation.

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We are here to care for the caregivers and empower children and families to overcome adversity. If you are a foster parent or caregiver in need of resources, please visit our [For Caregivers](#) section to find out how we can serve you.

Be the Village

Our children need more than a system; they need a village. In fact, 90% of the families we serve cite the support they receive from Foster Village as one of the primary reasons they are able to keep fostering.

You can help be the village of love and support for a child in foster care, whether you volunteer, give or start your own location. Get involved today!

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are the heartbeat of Foster Village! As a volunteer, you will be the hands, feet and face of a community of support, helping foster families know they are not alone and meeting practical needs at the moment when support is needed most.

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GIVE

Your support makes sure foster families and children have their basic needs met, connects foster families to resources and to each other and advocates for change in the system, creating a better future for our community, our children and the caregivers who raise them.

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START A LOCATION

After the successful launch of our Austin, Texas location in 2016, Foster Village created an Affiliate Program that allows groups nationwide to launch their own non-profit using the Foster Village model, brand and network of collaboration. Each location is a separate 501c3 organization with a shared mission.

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Grow the Village Gala

The Grow the Village Gala is one of our favorite nights of the year – a moment when our community comes together for fellowship, fun and to support foster families in our city and beyond. We love hosting this beautiful event and connecting with those who are passionate about creating brighter futures for children and families in our community.

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Year End Report - 2021

What a year it's been! Thanks to the generous support of the community beyond the system, Foster Village has met the needs of more than 2,000 local children in 2021. We continue to build the most incredible team of child welfare warriors to make this mission even more sustainable, impactful, and scalable, and we're hopeful as we look toward the future. Here's to continuing to lock arms together to bridge every gap, to see families restored, and to ensure safe and stable permanency for every child. Check out our full year end impact report.

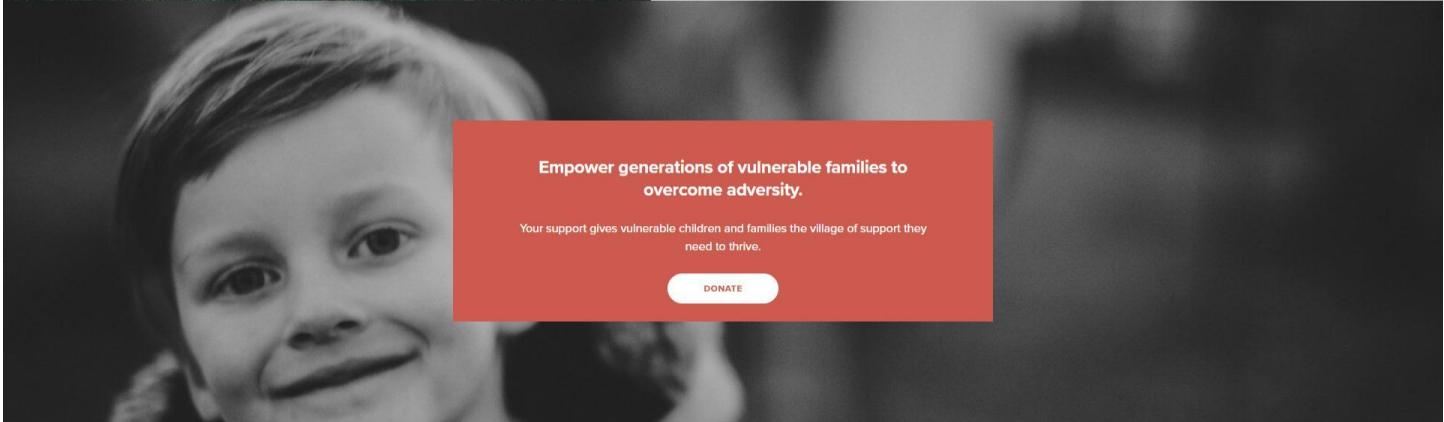


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Our goal is to make your life easier, foster parents. We know first-hand how overwhelming those first days with a new placement can be, and we are here to connect you with the items you need as you welcome a new child into your home. We have child-friendly, trauma-informed Resource Centers in North Austin and Dripping Springs that are home-like havens stocked with basic necessities for children entering your care and available at no charge to you. All you have to do is request them!

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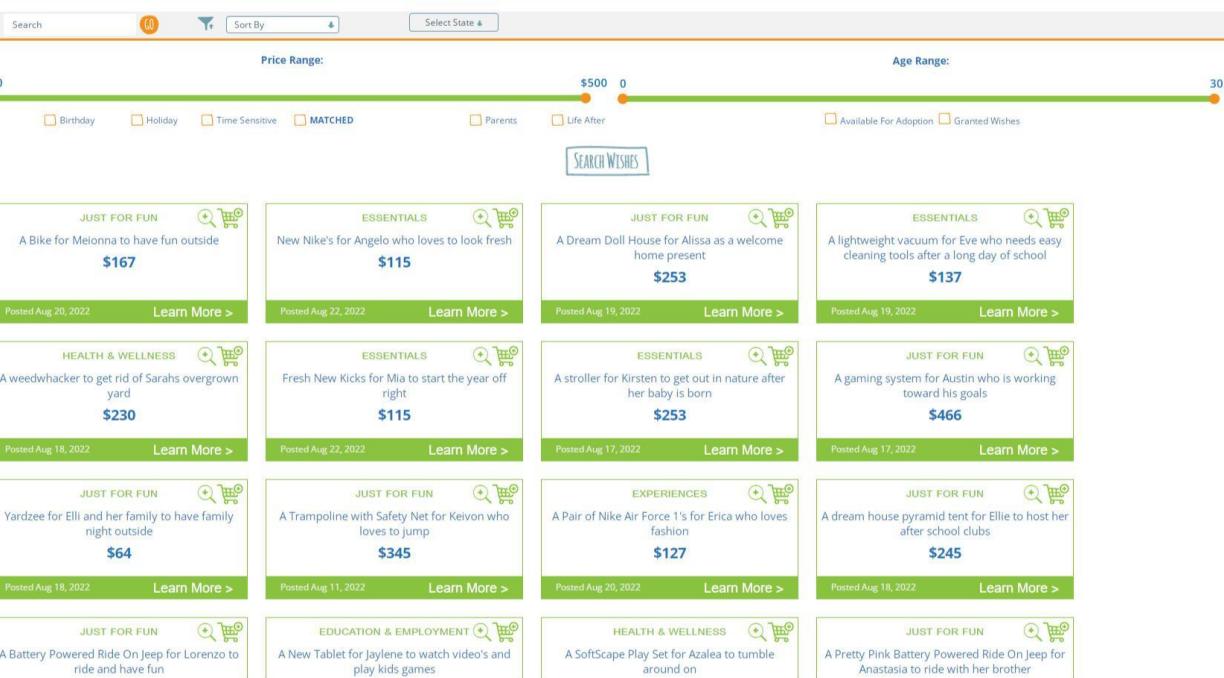
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Foster Care: "Be the village, Foster a child!"

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PHILIPSBURG: During the month of May, many countries, take this time to celebrate and to create an awareness of the importance of the Foster Care System.

It is quite fitting because during this month, many countries also celebrate Mother's Day. Good parenting is essential for the well being of a NATION.

The tier of care begins with the mother. This woman provides loving care, from birth and prior, to the child, often with the support of the resident father, and extended family members, aunts, uncles, grandma, etc. Such a child, raised in this setting, often grows to be confident, strong and independent. He or she, has a better chance to become productive. This is a definite asset to a nation! On the contrary, when this measure of nurturing is negated and at times non-existent a problem arises.

Over the years, there is an alarming need for more FOSTER PARENTS around the world and St. Maarten / St. Martin is not exempted from this need, so the question is, WHO ARE FOSTER PARENTS? Simply put, the village, the community!

To elaborate, Foster parents are adults with a genuine love for children. They have a sense of community responsibility and also a common goal to provide safety and security for children. These individuals show empathy and the desire to nurture a child, which in most cases is not related to that child by blood. Mahatma Gandhi says, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

The Foster Care system, in St. Maarten / St. Martin is responsible for the temporary placement of minors into an approved home, often for a duration of time or until the child reaches the age of accountability. This is in keeping with the United Nations goals for the RIGHTS OF A CHILD.

In 1989, United Nations made a decree that says, in summary, that every country must ensure that children grow as healthy as possibly, that they can learn at school, receive protection, have their views listened to, and to be treated fairly. All children should have the same rights, no matter who they are or where they originated.

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Now, let's go down the veins, to the root of this need for more FOSTER PARENTS. This is my major concern and the reason for penning this article. There are several causes for children having to be ripped away from their homes. While, moral values has lost its place in societies, I would like to pitch a fire and light a blaze a major culprit bundled and called DOMESTIC ABUSE.

As a survivor of Domestic Abuse, this very subject is very near and dear to my heart and for this reason I am illuminating this particular issue.

I want to take this time, to salute all the women, the comrades, who have lost their life as a result of this horrendous act. Now, their children are left, – yes , left to the state, families and the village, whose love and care, even though great, can never match up to the birth mother, when in the right situation. Hats off to them! They do a phenomenal job, filling that gap!

I also would like to salute the comrades, who managed to survive, out of the hands of the fowler and death was not their lot as a result of sexual, mental and physical abuse they endured.

Needless to say, many have died to their dreams, self-esteem and ability to care. They have put on a mask to hide their scars. The mask of alcohol has now become an addiction and they are now called drug addicts. Prostitution, yes, that's another mask because it provides hope and a provision, for their children and this brings about a cycle of abuse.

My heart cries, as the children have eyes to see and they too are torn, bruised and placed in the care of the nation.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL FOSTER PARENTS, MENTORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, TEACHERS AND THE VILLAGE AT LARGE. I was once a Foster Parent and would continue to be an advocate for the safety and the well being of mothers and children.

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Dear Church: Be a Foster Parent or Be the Village

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Many times we struggle with living out what we know. As a church, we tend to gravitate to 'knowing' more but flounder when it comes to transferring our knowledge to action. I mentioned adoption and fostering in last week's sermon in connection to living as a community, a family. As a foster/adoption parent, I can tell you from experience that the following post is a simple, but powerful way to reflect that you not only understand the gospel, but you are choosing to live it out.

- Patrick

(The following post by Katie from [Loving Well Living Well](#) is a practical, tangible way to live out the gospel in the specific area of fostering/adoption.)

Two years ago I ran into a friend who I hadn't seen in weeks. "How are you?" I asked. She had just started fostering a sibling group of three kids about two months earlier. Tears formed in her eyes and she began to weep. "You are the first person in weeks to ask how I have been," she said. I was stunned; partially because this woman was clearly struggling and isolated, but even more so because this woman was an active member of her church and lead bible studies. She was plugged into her church community and it was no secret to anyone she was fostering.

"Has anyone brought you a meal or asked to watch the kids to give you a break?" "No", she said. "But plenty of people tell me they are praying for me."

Where was the church body in this? The body of Christ? The Village? Why was it in a church full of young families, constant play dates, and VBS, this family was receiving no support from the church body?

Unfortunately, this family is no longer fostering and joined the staggering statistic of 50% of foster families who stop fostering after their first year.

Two months later I attended a national adoption/foster care conference. Clones of my friend's story were told over and over by various women from across the country. While they are actively living out James 1:27 in every moment of their life, their church family was playing a meager role in supporting them outside of a fliprant "I'll pray for ya."

Fast forward two years and my husband and I began fostering. It wasn't long before we took in 10 different placements at various times, over a 2 month period. Our first placement was a little boy, and the second another sweet boy, and the third placement was a sibling set of two boys and a girl. The flood gates opened and we were on the front line living life with these kids; all precious and all traumatized. With each placement, we found a member of our church at our door, bringing meals, boy clothes, pull ups, and formula. A friend brought over her therapy dog and bubbles to keep the kids occupied one afternoon, and another friend showed up with a crate of fresh eggs from her coop. Teenagers from the youth group came over and handed my husband Josh and me iced coffee (my personal love language) then stayed for hours playing with the kids to give us a breather. **Josh and I were running a marathon and this love and support gave us the continuous cup of cold water needed to keep running the race.** Our experience is rare; embarrassingly rare, especially when other foster families catch wind of our support that they have been so desperate for.

Is the church filled with terrible and apathetic people? No. But perhaps the church has blinders on and doesn't realize their role in foster care. Not everyone is supposed to be a foster parent, but every Christian is supposed to play an active role in orphan care.

What actions can the church body do to live out James 1:27? First, recognition must take place that taking care of orphans is a commandment, not a calling. James 1:27 uses the word "visiting" when describing orphans. The word visiting is an ongoing word of action, not simply a one-time event. Within this commandment of "visiting orphans" are individual callings. Some people are called to be foster parents and others have a place to support those families.

Here are some specific yet simple ways to be the village and the body of Christ, to foster families in your church.

Create a Meal Calendar- A one-time meal is nice, but this foster family is running a continual race. If you have more than 10 families in your church, each family

can sign up to bring a meal once a month.

Free Babysitting- In most states, there is a "normalcy" clause when it comes to foster children. That means, if you would allow a babysitter to come over to watch your kids for a couple hours, then that is also appropriate for foster kids. Offer free babysitting to the foster family.

Clean the foster family's home for an hour- Tell the family you are coming over for an hour to clean/organize, or do their laundry.

Give Care packages- Diapers, food, formula, kids clothes, car seats. These kids are dropped off at this family's house at a moment's notice with typically nothing besides the clothes on their back.

Send members of the Youth Group over to play with the kids on Saturdays- These foster children will be blessed by the love and the fun with the teens, and this is also a great experience for teenagers to see their important impact.

This is not an exhaustive list but is a good start. These meals, these acts of love are the game changer which keeps foster parents in the game verses throwing in the towel. My hope is that this list is shared and then implemented in churches around the country. It will change and refresh foster families and will also change churches. It's time for the Church to play their part, to be the village and the body of Christ which is so clearly articulated in the Word.

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7 things everyone should know about foster care

MYTH

young adults want their family preserved whenever possible



ACTUALITY

young adults want their family preserved when it is deemed safe for them
(shared from CHO YAll)

A common phrase we all know within the foster care and adoption community is 'it takes a village.' And while anyone involved in these systems know this is true, we want to push the boundaries of this narrative. So, we are calling upon our communities for National Foster Care month to not only be the village, but to also be accountable. [As our new mini-documentary shows](#), even with the most supportive resources in place to serve our youth, we can always do more. Our young people who have experienced abuse and neglect deserve more. Below are seven things we believe everyone should know about foster care:

1. Youth involved in the foster care system are not "troubled" kids; they are kids exhibiting symptoms of a troubling situation.
2. Ohio has a program created specifically for older youth impacted by foster care called **Bridges**. Bridges is a voluntary program available to young adults who left foster care in Ohio at ages 18 – 20 and who are in school, working, participating in an employment program, or have a medical condition that prevents them from going to school or working. The program provides guidance and support as they transition to adulthood.
3. There are endless options to support children and families impacted by the foster care program. Some ways to support our community are:
 - [Helping to advocate for a statewide ombudsman office for foster youth](#)
 - Ensure that resources and services recommended for youth are affirming of their **SOGIE**
 - Uplift a child's voice in court by becoming a **CASA Volunteer**. CASA Volunteers in Ohio spend an average of 5-10 hours a month serving the youth on their case.

4. Some children do not want to remain with their biological family and have to beg to be removed*.
5. Foster care should never be a long-term solution. In Ohio, **approximately 500 youth** (3% of total youth in care) are in a PPLA (Planned Permanent Living Arrangement), which is long-term foster care where there is no longer a placement goal in place.
6. **The average age of self sufficiency is 26 years.** However, in Ohio, young people only have access to foster care services until they're 21.
7. Some of our nation's most accomplished people had involvement in the foster care system — Oprah Winfrey, Steve Jobs, Malcolm X... the other thing they had in common? Having an adult in their life that believed in them and supported their well-being.

Are you ready to help children in foster care? Share this with a friend or family member — awareness and education are the first steps in building a village.

*shared by OHIO YAB



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This proverb is so widely used in Africa that there are equivalent statements in most African languages, including "One knee does not bring up a child" in Sukuma and "One hand does not nurse a child" in Swahili. The widespread use of this proverb by cultures around the world shows its timelessness and relevancy. The saying is used in America to evoke feelings of community on the small scale as well as on the national and even global scale.

The proverb may have its origins in the Bible, since it reflects a worldview regarding unity and self-sacrifice expressed in several passages of the Bible, such as Ecclesiastes 4:9,12 and Isaiah 49:15-16. This worldview is commonly seen in African cultures today. In many African communities it is common for a child to be raised by its extended family, in many cases spending extended periods of time living with grandparents, aunts and uncles. Even the wider community sometimes gets involved, as children are seen as a blessing from God upon the entire community.

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