

every...

*Christian Family Care...
focused on every.*

Every child has a story...

We envision a future where every child is loved and nurtured in Christ-centered families; therefore our purpose, why Christian Family Care exists is to strengthen the family by serving Arizona's vulnerable children and families in the name of Jesus Christ.



In his 12 years, Jeff had already learned a lot about life. Abuse. Abandonment. Chaos. Anger. Hopelessness. Fifteen foster homes and two disrupted adoptions later, Jeff arrived at Christian Family Care. And Jeff's story began to change.

- A new family. A teacher mom and youth pastor dad, both committed to Jeff and to God.
- A new counselor: A licensed professional skilled in both psychology and prayer.
- A new community. A church that surrounded Jeff with acceptance and love.
- A new life. A new sense of normal for Jeff based on the trust, love, and hope experienced in his new "forever family."

Every child has a story. Every one of them deserves a happy ending.



**CHRISTIAN
FAMILY CARE**

Serving Children and Families Since 1982

Behind every fact is a face...

Ten thousand seven hundred children. Picture the face of every child sitting inside 23 elementary schools. This is how many children make up Arizona's foster care system. Several hundred of these children have no foster family. No plan for reunification with their biological family. No plan for adoption.

Every one of these faces represents a sobering fact about the welfare of children in Arizona...

- There were 32,136 CPS investigations of child abuse and neglect in 2009.*
- That same year, 30 Arizona children died from abuse or neglect.*
- In Arizona, 3 of every 10 children live in poverty, a frequent factor in abuse or neglect.*

More than 22% of all foster children will not be returned to their homes and will need adoption.

Behind every fact is a face. And every face should be more than a statistic.

*Child Welfare League of America





Every child in a Christian family

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It takes more than a new home to bring new hope to a child. Every child needs Christ. His love. His healing. His restoration. Every child deserves a Christ-centered foster and adoptive home through Christian Family Care.

No child should be left waiting. And yet they are.

To meet the needs of every waiting child, Christian Family Care must expand...

- Connections with churches that will view Arizona's vulnerable children and families as the mission field in their own backyard
- Education, certification, and training of Christ-centered foster and adoptive families
- Mentoring, counseling, and support of families parenting children with hurtful pasts.

Every child needs Christ. And every child will meet Him in homes provided through Christian Family Care.

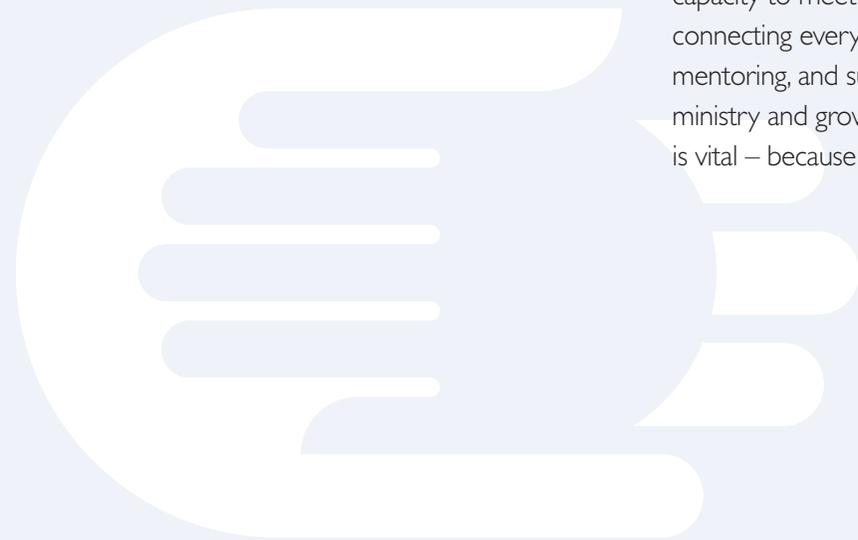


Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.
— Mark 9:37

Connecting with every life

Every life is precious. But children, teens, birth moms, and families in crisis seldom realize this when they first walk through our doors. The desperation and despair they feel is palpable – almost as real as the statistics documenting their plight, at right.

Expanding Christian Family Care's capacity to meet these needs means connecting every life with options, mentoring, and support. Growing our ministry and growing our connections is vital – because every life is precious.



- Currently, **642 children “aged out”** of the foster care system*. Without support systems or significant mentoring relationships in their lives, studies show that **70% of these children will end up in prison**, addicted to drugs or alcohol, or facing mental illness.
- Of the **10,707 children in foster care** in 2011, **only 2,070 children were legally adopted**. Thousands more are still waiting*.
- The most current statistics show **10,271 abortions were performed in Arizona**. More than 8,000 of them were on women 20 years and older – women who didn't believe there were other options.**

Connecting every voice to our vision



No child we serve cares about statistics and systems. Every child simply wants a family to love and a safe place to call home. Every child wants a supportive and accepting community and people to listen. This means Christian Family Care must expand...

- Connections with Christians throughout our state, mobilizing them to become safe havens for hurting children.
- Christ-centered advocacy and vitality in supporting healthy relationships in families.
- Partnerships with our State, increasing the number of adoptive and foster families we provide.
- Relationships with government, churches, businesses, and individuals who will steward sustainable resources into our vision.

Every child should be heard and loved. This will take every voice in our state connecting with our vision.

“... how we deal with children is a signal of our fellowship with God. Something is deeply amiss in the soul that does not ascend to love and hold a child.”
– John Piper, pastor and author

Focused on reaching every foster child in Arizona

Each year, we serve more than 650 foster children, connecting them to Christ-centered, loving families. In our nurturing homes, every child finds healing, help, and love. Every child meets Christ.

But Christian Family Care can – and must – do more! Our long-range plan expands our partnership with the State of Arizona, providing Christ-centered foster care services to more waiting children. Within the next 20 years our plan will enable us to...

- Serve 50% of all foster children within Arizona, connecting them to loving Christian families.
- Increase our capacity in metro Phoenix and Tucson and establish a new base of service in northern Arizona.
- Expand our education and support services for foster families, ensuring 100% of them are in advanced training programs and 70% of families are engaged in mentoring and support groups.
- Establish Life Skill Transition homes and mentors for children aging out of the foster care system.

Every Child - Joseph's foster mom reflects.

“Joseph” came to us from a temporary shelter. He was literally “lost in the shuffle” and had been there for eight months. He was older, aggressive, a completely different race, and drug exposed. But we knew he was supposed to be in our home!

The next few months were a blur. This was probably the first time in our lives where we really had to live by faith minute by minute. How could everything seem so difficult, yet so right? This must be how missionaries feel! All that scripture pertaining to joy in suffering suddenly became meaningful. Thankfully, the suffering was very short-lived.

Joseph has gone from an aggressive, malnourished, hyper child with no social skills, to an obedient, funny, charming, smart, lovable little three-year-old. We love him so much, and Lord willing, may even get to adopt him. We feel honored to be part of God's plan for this little boy!





Christian Family Care... focused on every.

Focused on reaching every birth mother and infant

We have the privilege of holding more than 35 lives in our hands each year, placing every one of these precious babies into the arms of forever families. Christian Family Care knows the joy of these families – the pain and sacrifice of the birth mothers. That’s why we can – and must – do more!

Our vision promotes the sanctity of life by providing Christ-centered pregnancy counseling and infant adoption services throughout Arizona. Within the next 20 years our plan will enable us to...

- Develop strategic and collaborative partnerships with hospitals and pregnancy centers throughout the state, establishing adoption as the clear alternative to abortion.
- Expand our pregnancy counseling and infant adoptive services annually by 10% in metro Phoenix and Tucson and establish a new base of service in northern Arizona.
- Promote education about adoption to a wider community audience and establish a new standard of excellence within the adoption field.
- Establish affordable housing resources for birth mothers.

Every Infant – Amazing Graceson!

Josh and Christine met Graceson and her birth mom while both were still in the hospital. Realizing she could not parent Graceson the way she wanted, this birth mom reached out to Christian Family Care for a family who could. While at the hospital, Josh and Christine knew Graceson was their daughter. Her birth mom knew it as well. That moment was the beginning of a relationship that has blossomed.



Christine, Graceson, and Josh Warren

The two families meet regularly, giving Graceson an opportunity to know her biological siblings and extended family. It’s allowed Josh and Christine to serve the family in ways they never dreamed possible.

Seeing their dire living conditions, they contacted “Angels On Call,” a community service project through Stardust Building Supplies. It resulted in a renovation that took more than a month and countless volunteers, bringing new life to a family in need. Most importantly, it’s a transformation of a family that experienced the love of God through this adoptive couple.



Focused on every child and teen waiting for adoption

Every child, no matter how old, needs a family – needs to be loved. That's why we've established our Connect One initiative, connecting Arizona churches and Christians to the hearts of hurting, waiting children.

But Christian Family Care can – and must – do more! Our long-range plan expands our partnership with the State of Arizona, providing permanent adoptive/surrogate families and mentors for orphaned children and those aging out of the foster care system. Within the next 20 years our plan will enable us to...

- Ensure no child ever waits for an adoptive, Christian home.
- Expand by 50% a collaborative partnership with the State of Arizona to specifically address the unique needs of “hard-to-place” children and teens.
- Establish Life Skill Transition homes and mentors for teens aging out of foster care.
- Broaden our ConnectOne initiative, mobilizing churches to become surrogate families and mentors to Arizona's orphaned children.

Every Teen - Sam's search for a home.

Week after week, Sam came to our office for therapy – and his pain became more apparent. He entered foster care early in life. Through the State, he was adopted – only to have the family give him back after realizing they were not ready to address his challenges.

As a teen, Sam came to us with deep anger and emotional wounds. We placed him in a loving Christian foster family. There, he came to faith in Christ and made progress in school. Through our Christ-centered, licensed counselors, he also made progress in life.

At the age of 17, Sam finally found his home and forever family. It was a moment of joy to pray with Sam and his new family, seeing the transformation God's love can make in the life of a child!

Focused on equipping every community for advocacy and action



Every Family - Supporting safety & hope.

Five children. A mom and dad working a minimum wage job – the ends barely meeting. Imagine the stress on this family. Now think what happens when the mom develops acute appendicitis and needs surgery. Who will care for the children while mom is in the hospital? If dad stays home to care for them, who will pay the bills?

Safe Families offers families facing temporary crisis an extended support system. Working with volunteers enlisted through churches, Safe Families offers parents a safe, temporary place for their children to live without losing custody. This program keeps families together while they get back on their feet – all with the support of churches and Christians in their local community! It's just one more way Christian Family Care is strengthening vulnerable children and families.

Every child needs a voice and advocate. As the largest Christian foster and adoption agency in Arizona, we're privileged to help Christians throughout the state stand up for children.

Christian Family Care is leading this charge. But we can do more! Our long-range plan provides a unified Christ-centered voice advocating for the welfare of children and engaging the Church in caring and serving vulnerable children and families. Within the next 20 years our plan will enable us to...

- Establish a statewide task force of Christian leaders from community groups, churches, ministries, pastors and other stakeholders to address and advocate for child and family issues.
- Connect new churches with the training and resources available through our ConnectOne program, empowering them for missional mobilization.
- Deepen communication with stewards, community leaders, and political representatives, offering education and solutions for issues affecting children.
- Expand training programs for volunteers and community members wanting to engage in advocacy and action for children.



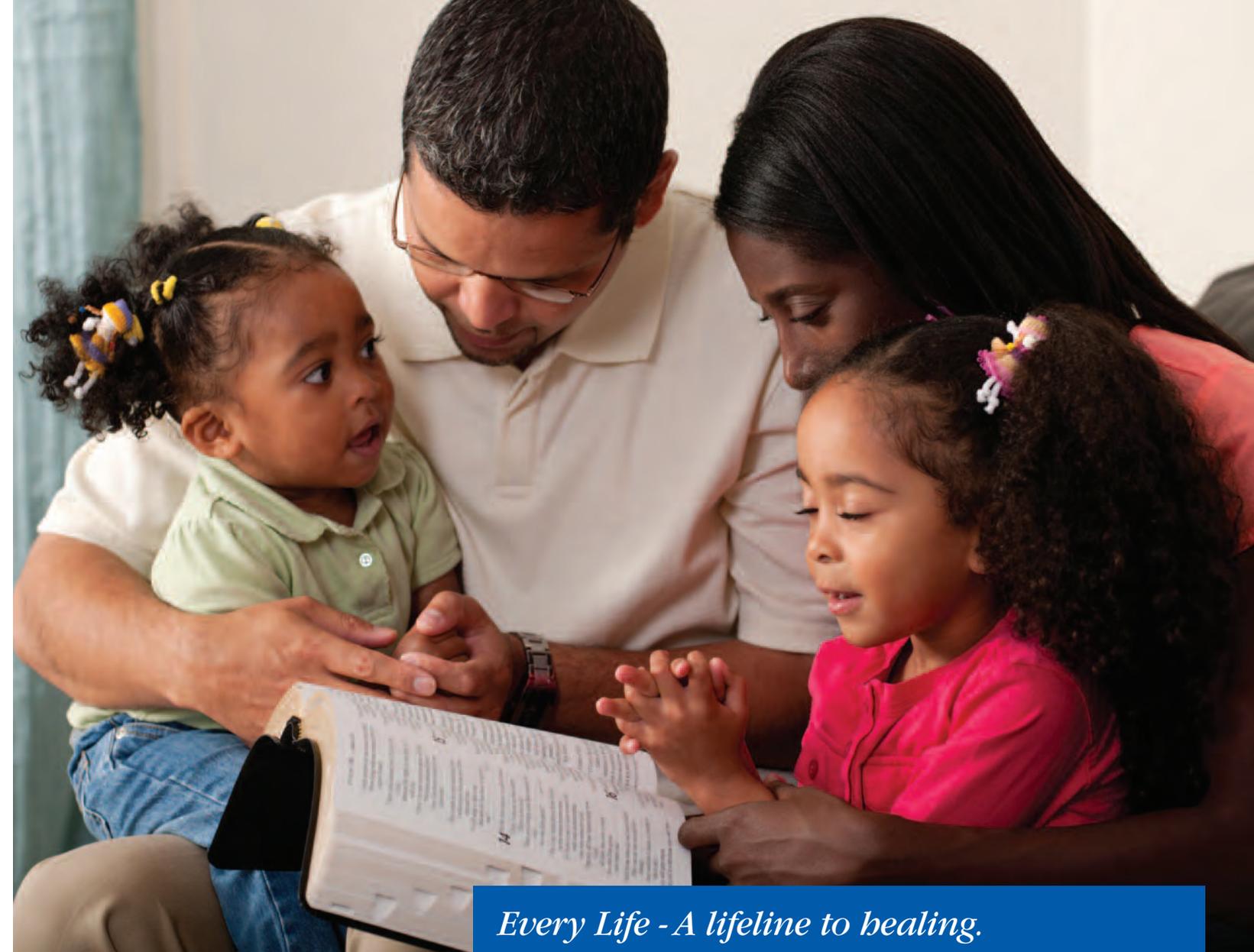
ConnectOneNow.org

Focused on bringing every family renewed health and vitality

Giving every child a happy, secure home means bringing renewed health and vitality to families. Each year we're deeply honored to serve more than 2,050 families through Christ-centered foster and adoptive care and counseling.

Although we're the largest Christian agency of our kind in the state, we can do more! Our long-range plan deepens and broadens our services, creating vitality and healthy relationships in Arizona's families. Within the next 20 years our plan will enable us to...

- Decrease the number of children removed from families into the child welfare system by 35-50%.
- Expand "Safe Families" volunteer care to at-risk families and children through collaborations with churches, volunteers, and child welfare professionals throughout the state.
- Establish a training center and implement on site and online education and support for foster and adoptive families.
- Develop collaborative partnerships with schools, churches, and community centers in high-risk areas, providing child and family counseling services, education, and care.



Every Life - A lifeline to healing.

Even loving families sometimes find themselves overwhelmed by a crisis. This is what our licensed counselor saw when a tearful mom, her husband, and their 11-year-old son arrived for their first appointment.

Through her tears, this loving mom described the trauma her 11-year-old boy was experiencing. A drunken man had entered the boy's bedroom window in the middle of the night. Awakened by the boy's terror, the father apprehended the man until police arrived. The mom was frightened, the boy fearful, and the family had been sleeping together ever since.

With prayer and support, their family began to heal. This withdrawn and quiet boy left the last counseling session smiling and confident. So did his mom. The family has worked through their trauma and learned skills that will help them the rest of their lives.

Focused on reaching every Christian, equipping them for service

Every Life - A child's advocate.

He counsels foster families every day. Prays with them. Hugs them as they cry tears of frustration and pain. And he's the first one they call when the breakthrough comes... behaviors change... healing begins. As one of our foster care specialists, he represents the compassion and excellence for which Christian Family Care is known.

He ought to know. As a result of serving foster families, he and his wife have become foster parents themselves. In the last three years, this couple has cared for five long-term placements lasting six months or more. This firsthand knowledge offers mutual respect and a special bond between him and the families he serves.



Bringing healing and restoration to every child requires expertise and engagement from an entire team of individuals. Christian Family Care is mobilizing and organizing Christ-centered committed people working together as one team in fulfilling our ministry's purpose.

We have done much to build this team committed to helping every child – but we can do more. Within the next 20 years our plan will enable us to...

- Become Arizona's choice for training, equipping, and connection to serving vulnerable children and families.
- Strengthen an organizational culture that attracts, retains, and develops a diverse and excellent staff and leadership, representative of the communities served throughout Arizona.
- Develop social media and technology to better connect volunteers, staff, and stakeholders to the mission of CFC.
- Expand Essential Learning and other professional development opportunities for staff, including implementing and achieving Best Christian Workplace Institute designation.



Reaching every life with sustainable resources

Expanding the vision of Christian Family Care to touch every child and every family also means expanding the resources to sustain this growth. In difficult economic times, we've done a good job of managing our resources. But to secure the future for every child we want to do more. Our vision creates sustainable operational resources through strategic partnerships with government, churches, individual and business stewards, and entrepreneurial businesses. Within the next 20 years our plan will enable us to...

- Decrease reliance on governmental contracts and funding by increasing stewardship from private businesses, individuals, and community partners.
- Pay off our Tucson building and refurbish all buildings for expanded growth and service.
- Resource administration & training cost by CFC enterprises and private business partnerships.
- A sustainable funding for scholarships for pregnancy program.
- Engage all families who have previously adopted through CFC as stewards and active advocates.

"God has given us two hands – one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for giving."
– Billy Graham

A place for every one!

Every child deserves a Christ-centered loving home. And it takes every one advocating and engaging to make this a reality for every child.

It can be done! God has given Christian Family Care both a vision and plan to meet the needs of every child. This vision offers a purpose and place for every one. This vision includes you!

Begin to pray. Learn more about adoption and foster parenting. Become a voice and advocate for vulnerable children. Empower your church to become a loving community for foster children. Steward resources into a vision that will change the life of every vulnerable child.

There's a place for every one. Find yours today! Join Christian Family Care. Become focused on every.

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