



Resource of Hope Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing resources to help meet the physical and emotional needs of foster youth living in Johnson and surrounding counties.

The Resource

June 2020

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June Update

During the month of June we will extend our current shopping revisions due to the COVID virus.

- This includes onsite programs being postponed. -

We will continue to be open: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am-6pm and Saturday June 6th, 9am-12pm for To-Go pick up bags and donations.

To request items needed, please fill out the Pick-Up Form on our website: www.resourcesofhope.org

Resources of Hope, Inc. is asking for financial support.

With the current pandemic, several of our fundraisers have been postponed or canceled. If you are able to give during this time you can simply text GIVE to (833) 997-2113.

Donations will help with operational overhead, including rent and utilities for The Closet to help meet the physical needs of children in foster care.

For more information, contact Summer Huber at S.Huber@ResourcesofHope.org

Donation Needs

- Summer PJ's – All Sizes, Boys & Girls
- Diapers
- Wipes
- Summer Clothing- Boys & Girls 9mo-8Y
- Summer Clothing- Women's Large
- Summer Shoes- Boys & Girls 9Y-2
- Crib Sheets
- Gently Used Summer Toys

For questions regarding donating items, please contact Renae at R.Furnee@ResourcesofHope.org



A FOSTER FAMILY STORY: BY FOSTER MAMA "K"

Becoming fosters parents has been one of the hardest and most challenging things we have ever done. E and I have always dreamed of helping children in need, but we never thought it would be like this. We have been together for 8 years and recently married in May of 2019. The beginning of July 2019, we decided we wanted to be foster parents. Then boom! Just four short months later we were a licensed foster home. We have had six total placements, and currently still have three kiddos.

The story that has truly changed us started the end of January. Our third placement, a three-month old baby, was leaving us to go to another state. The phone rang four days later with a respite request for two sweet little girls. All I remember is them walking into the door with a sack of clothes and a bag of crackers. The one-year-old was beyond confused. She looked at me and began screaming and crying, while the two-year-old was beginning to fight with my current placement, a five-year-old boy. The first thirty minutes I tried everything to just defuse the situation and calm everyone down. We ended up with more stress and tears. I was overwhelmed to say the least. My husband was at work and I had three kids in my home by myself. After an hour I called my husband in a panic and in tears saying, "I can't do this." The four words I never wanted to hear myself say, especially to these kiddos that needed me the most.

Three days later- the day the girls were going back to their foster home. I sat by the phone waiting for the call saying DCS was on their way to pick them up. It was finally 3 pm when DCS called me and asked if we could keep the girls for just one more night. With no hesitation we replied, "absolutely!" The caseworker proceeded to tell us how they were needing to move homes for the 9th time. At this point E and I knew we needed to volunteer to keep them with us since everything was starting to run more smoothly. After a couple of hours DCS called us back to inform the girls needed to be placed in a pre-adoptive home just to be prepared if their case takes that direction. My husband and I looked at each other when the caseworker said that. We didn't know what to think because we had not taken RAPT IV or even had intentions of adopting.

Here we are six months later, extra classes taken and our intentions clear, all for these two sweet little girls. The amount of love, compassion, fear, stress and beauty these kiddos have brought into our lives is remarkable. Each and every day we wonder how we became so blessed. We are firm believers that God is a miracle worker and everything happens for a reason. At this point all we can do is pray. We pray that no matter what happens with this case that God will watch over these children each and every day.

*Do you have an experience you'd like to share? We'd love to hear it!
Please send your story to R.Furnee@ResourcesofHope.org.*

June Event Updates

PIZZA!

Monday June 8th, 4pm-7pm.

Use code: **GIVE25**

We hope you'll join us in ordering from Papa Murphy's Take 'n Bake Pizza in Greenwood.

Papa Murphy's has been an amazing sponsor in our Teen Connect Program. This is a great way of showing Thanks and supporting a local business, while also assisting Resources of Hope.

Please order online if you're able to: www.papamurhphys.com or place an order over the phone by dialing: 317-889-8888.



Morning meetups will continue virtually via Zoom. Dates and times will be announced on Facebook.



Birthday Blessing will continue. Please complete the form [here](#).

Do you know of a foster kiddo that needs a suitcase?

Please contact us to check availability.



Fourth of July Fun

Cardboard Firework

Materials:

cardboard tube, paint, paper plate, and paper

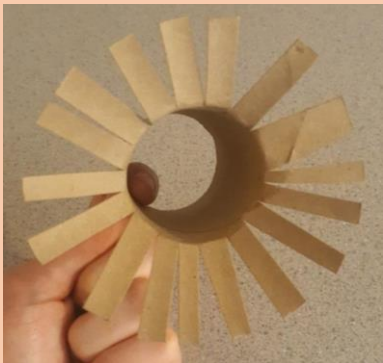
Step 1: Cut one end of the tube all the way around, approximately 2 millimeters apart.

Step 2: Flatten out the frayed ends. It should look like the image on the bottom.

Step 3: Pour your favorite paint colors onto separate paper plates.

Step 4: Dip the frayed end of tube into the paint and stamp the tube on a sheet of paper

Step 5: Create a firework show on paper. Wait for paint to dry before moving.



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Fun Forth Food Ideas!

Rocket Dogs:

<https://www.radacutlery.com/blog/rocket-hot-dogs-fourth-of-july-recipe/>

Patriotic Pizza:

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/218358/patriotic-fruit-pizza/>

Striped Strawberries:

<https://www.thespruceeats.com/red-white-and-blue-strawberries-521034>

Independence Punch:

<https://www.bigbearswife.com/independence-punch/>

**Join Us for a Fundraiser
on June 8th!**



Closet Hours

Monday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
1st Saturday each month	9:00 am -12:00 pm