



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

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May Update

During the month of May we will extend our current operating revisions due to the COVID virus.

- This includes onsite programs being postponed. -

We will continue to be open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am-6pm for To-Go pick up bags and limited donations of the items listed below.

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

Accepted & Needed Donations

- Summer PJ's – All Sizes, Boys & Girls
- Diapers – Sizes 3-6 (Big Need, as we are out.)
- Wipes – Big Need, as we are out.
- Boys Summer Clothing Size 5T
- Boys Shoes Sizes 9y-2
- Gently Used Summer Toys

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



A FOSTER FAMILY STORY: BY FOSTER MAMA KATE

We used to pass a barn several times a week when our first foster children were in our care.

I commented one day (trying to lighten the mood), “Whatever you do, do NOT sneeze!” I then had to explain the joke... if they sneezed too hard that whole barn could fall down.

From then on, EVERY time we passed that barn (or any old barn), the 7 year old and 4 year old would pretend to loudly sneeze and I would pretend to be so concerned about the barn falling down.

Now when I pass that barn, I smile. I remember the good times and the laughter we shared. And... I am reminded to pray.

When you foster a child, you have daily opportunities to invest, to model, to train and to demonstrate God’s love. You walk through the hard times and the daily struggles and try to give them strategies to manage the big emotions they experience. You try to create memories and positive experiences. You pour out with everything you’ve got and ask God to fill you with His Spirit to do it again the next day. And then one day - they are gone. Often with no additional opportunities to invest or even check in. Often back to a difficult environment, one over which you have no control.

It feels pretty helpless, to be honest. You wonder if anything stuck or if they will even remember you. You wonder if they are using any of the coping strategies you taught them, or if they are still struggling with the things that presented challenges for them. You wonder if they are safe and cared for. The temptation is to worry. My temptation is to believe that they “need” me.

The truth of the matter is, they don’t need me. They need Him. God is more than enough to meet their every need and to be their source. Philippians 4:19- My God will meet all your needs, according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.

The barn prompts me to pray, and place them back into the mighty hands of the One who is able.

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.

May Event Updates

The following are postponed for the month of May: Teen Connect, Spring Fling, CPR/First Aid training.



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



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

Want to learn more about what foster children may experience and how a caring foster parent can make a difference?

** Please be advised that these videos depict difficult situations, caution is advised when viewing.**

Below are links to a short, three-part series entitled Removed.

Part I:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeQUwdAjEO>

Part II:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1fGmEa6WnY>

Part III:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fegRjSgRYXk>

How are foster families being affected during the COVID19 pandemic?

We, collectively, are all impacted in some way by this crisis. Foster families and the children they help are experiencing many challenges. Similar to many families, foster families are struggling to find childcare for those who still have to work outside the home or finding the balance between being a parent, teacher, and employee while working at home. Some families are struggling financially due to a loss of income and feel the stress and pressure of providing for their families. In addition, foster families are still transporting children to spend time with their biological families and worry about the child being exposed or themselves being exposed to the virus. Many of the public locations that families would normally meet are closed. Case workers are also working from home and agencies are cutting workforces to maintain financial stability of the organizations. Due to this, foster families may lack the support from those whose job it is to support them. As a reminder, here are a few ways you can provide some needed support to foster families:

- Connect virtually and offer homework help
- Pick up and drop off groceries or craft supplies
- Spread positivity and messages of hope on social media
- Spend time praying for our world
- Continue donating to food pantries and community organizations that are still serving families

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

Please contact us to check availability.



Do you want to keep up to date with Resources of Hope's latest happenings?

Facebook.com/ResourcesOfHope
Instagram.com/ResourcesOfHope



Saturday June 27th
Center Grove High
School

Walk/Run for a cause.

Please join us on June 27th at
Rock the Block.

Visit our website to Register.

On Step 2 of your on-line registration, please select
Resources of Hope under "Select your charity."

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