



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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ATTENTION:

Resources of Hope remains OPEN at this time. Please note that there are several temporary changes we are implementing to ensure safety for our staff and the families we serve during the COVID19 pandemic.

Until further notice, The Closet is closed to shoppers. "To-Go" Bags will be available for pick up during open hours. Click [HERE](#) to complete the online form.

To better serve you, please fill out the Pick-Up Form at least 3 hours prior to pick up.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Let us help you make your foster little's special day even more special! You can find the request for Birthday Blessing on our website: www.resourcesofhope.org/birthday-blessings and pick up their wrapped gifts at Resources of Hope during our open hours.



Meet-up with other foster parents to share in the ups and downs of foster care. This group is intended to provide support and education to foster parents. Each meet-up will provide an opportunity for parents to share their experience as well as have an informative topic related to foster care for discussion. Please check our Facebook page for how to be involved virtually.

Got Donations?

We are NOT currently accepting donations. Please hold on to those cute onesies, adorable like-new clothing or gently used toys. We look forward to your donation when normal business resumes.

If you would like to donate financially during this critical time, please do so on our website: www.resourcesofhope.org

We are also happy to accept your handwritten check, made out to *Resources of Hope* and mailed to address below.

UPDATED DATE



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."

Need some ideas for indoor activities?
Try a fun art project:

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/heart-string-art-4174550>

<https://www.hellowonderful.co/post/12-creative-crayon-art-projects-for-kids/>

Watch zoo animals:

<https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams>

Get moving:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YBT7HYqCbbvzu3kKZ3wnw>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5uIZ2KOZZeQDQoGsiqbQ>

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

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Follow us on Social Media:

[Facebook.com/ResourcesOfHope](https://www.facebook.com/ResourcesOfHope)

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Additional Changes for April:

The following are postponed for the month of April: Teen Connect, Afternoon of Hope, Volunteer Orientation and Rock the Block.

Morning meetups will continue virtually from 9:30am – 10:30am on Tuesday April 7th and Tuesday April 21st.

****Please note new time.****

Visit our [Facebook page](#) for how to connect via Zoom.

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

Although we are on-hold accepting in-kind donations, **we still need and will accept new underwear, diapers, and wipes**. Please consider leaving these items outside our suite door during open hours.

Q. Why was the Easter Bunny so upset?
A. He was having a bad hare day!



You are not alone!

We are still here for you! Please let us know by email or Facebook messenger if you are in need of supplies. We know and understand these are stressful times.

Please let us know how we can address your needs.



What is the Easter Bunny's favorite type of music?
Hip-Hop

Ways to Help During COVID-19

Our community is in the midst of an unprecedented time with the coronavirus outbreak and the effects it is having on our daily lives. It is a time to rally together more than ever to serve vulnerable children and those who work tirelessly to protect them. Even in the midst of social distancing, there are practical ways that we can all make a difference.

1. Offer to connect with foster children who you have a relationship with virtually through Facetime, Skype, Google Hangouts, Zoom, etc. You could read with the child, do activities, or assist them with their homework. This gives parents space to breathe and engages the kiddos with other positive influences during this time.
2. Offer to go to the store and/or run errands for foster/adoptive families that have medically fragile children or an elderly parent/grandparent living with them in their home, so that parents don't possibly bring the virus home.
3. Send an encouraging text or note to local Family Case Managers/DCS Leadership. Tell them you are praying for their safety and health, and then pray for them each day.
4. Check-in with foster/adoptive parents in your community virtually to see how they are doing. Be empathetic and compassionate. Ask how you can be praying for them and offer them encouragement.
5. Drop off coloring books, crafts, games, snacks, gift cards, etc. on a foster or adoptive family's porch. Offer to have food to be delivered from a local restaurant to the family.
6. Instead of posting news articles on your social media accounts, post scripture, positive words and encouraging stories.
7. Spend time in God's Word and in prayer each day. When our perspective is shaped by His Truth, it builds our trust in Him.
8. Pray for children in abusive or neglectful situations at home. School may have been their only safe place and their caregivers may have heightened stress levels. They are isolated from people who may have sounded the alarm or voiced concerns during this time. Pray for the Holy Spirit's protection and intervention.
9. Maintain a generous spirit. Continue to support ministries who serve the most vulnerable in our society. Resist the urge to hoard food and other supplies.
10. Donate food and necessities to a local food pantry or school in your community. Many organizations and schools are offering meals to families who typically rely on free or reduced lunches throughout the school year.

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