CITY WITHOUT ORPHANS

A CHURCH PARTNERSHIP GUIDE

Helping churches surround foster, kinship, and adoptive families and young people transitioning into adulthood.



MISSION

City Without Orphans exists to connect the local church and community to the needs of vulnerable children and families through awareness, education, and tangible support.

VISION

A city where every child and young person belongs to a safe, supported community and no family walks alone.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Foster, kinship, and adoptive families often begin their journey surrounded by support. But as the road becomes longer and more complex, that support can fade.

At the same time, many young people enter adulthood without the relationships, resources, and safety net most of us take for granted.

City Without Orphans helps our city respond together.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

NO ONE WALKS ALONE
Consistent relationships can change the direction of a life. We build circles of support around families and young people so they are known, valued, and connected.

THE CHURCH AS FAMILY
We believe God designed the local church to be a place of belonging, practical care, and enduring relationship. We help churches live out that calling with wisdom, consistency, and trauma informed support.

WHOLE PERSON, WHOLE STORY CARE
We honor the full story of every person we serve. Our approach recognizes their history, resilience, dignity, and capacity to heal.

PRESENCE OVER PERFECTION
Churches do not need to have every answer. Meaningful care begins when people are willing to show up, build trust, and remain present.

ONE MISSION. TWO AREAS OF SERVICE.

City Without Orphans carries out one mission through two connected areas of work. Whether someone comes to us as a family opening their home or a young person stepping into adulthood, they enter the same community and hear the same message:

You do not have to walk alone.

FAMILY SUPPORT

We surround foster, kinship, and adoptive families with education, practical care, and lasting community throughout their journey.

MOMS GROUPS & PARENT CAFÉS
Welcoming spaces where parents find encouragement, honest conversation, and connection.

RESPITE NIGHTS
Church hosted evenings that give parents meaningful rest while trained volunteers care for their children.

COACHING & TBRI TRAINING
Personalized guidance and trauma informed training for parents, families, and the adoption community.

FOSTER & ADOPTION 101
Practical education for people exploring or beginning foster care or adoption.

CONFERENCE & FAMILY RETREAT
Gatherings that equip the community while giving families opportunities to rest and reconnect.

YOUTH IN TRANSITION

We help young people ages 16 to 25 build relationships, practical skills, and a stronger foundation for adulthood.

THE LANDING & THE CLOSET
Welcoming spaces where young people find belonging, clothing, and everyday essentials with dignity.

FAMILY DINNERS
Consistent meals where young people experience connection, conversation, and community.

FUTURE READY INITIATIVE
School based support that helps students prepare for life after graduation.

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
Leadership opportunities that empower young people to grow, lead, and shape their community.

ONE CITY. ONE COMMUNITY. NO ONE WALKING ALONE.



YOUR CHURCH HAS A PLACE IN THIS STORY

The local church offers something no program can create on its own: a lasting community where people are known, welcomed, and reminded that they belong.

Your church can begin with one clear, meaningful step.

FIND YOUR CHURCH'S NEXT STEP

HOST
Open your space for a Respite Night, Family Dinner, training, support group, or community gathering.

SERVE
Build a consistent volunteer team to provide meals, childcare, hospitality, mentoring, or practical support.

GIVE
Sponsor a Respite Night, Family Dinner, training opportunity, retreat scholarship, or another area of ongoing care.

PRAY
Pray regularly for local families, young people, volunteers, staff, and community partners.

REFER
Connect foster, kinship, and adoptive families or young people in transition with the appropriate CWO programs and resources.

INVITE
Give City Without Orphans an opportunity to speak with your staff, missions team, congregation, or ministry leaders about the needs in our community and the ways your church can respond.

READY TO BEGIN?
Let's talk about a partnership that fits your church, your people, and your capacity.

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