

# CARE COMMUNITY

Mobilizing church communities to care for vulnerable children.



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## Roles in a Care Community | For prayer and consideration in serving...

### Meals Clothing

**Family Helper:** This role is exactly as it says. You will serve in ways that will help your foster family. You may be one of the four families that will supply a monthly meal. However, this role is not limited to just meal-making. It can mean so much more. Perhaps you'll be able to help with errands, extra housework, laundry, yard work, homework or even childcare for the biological children in the family. The possibilities are endless and you may see how your gifts and talents may match well with the needs of the foster family. Keep your eyes and ears open to listen for their unique needs.

### Transportation Childcare

**Child Mentor:** This role can allow you to be more involved in the life of a foster child, offering a great opportunity to pour love and encouragement into them. We ask Child Mentors to commit to providing childcare at least twice per month. Childcare is the area where foster parents need the most support and tend to receive the least. They are hesitant to ask for childcare beyond necessary appointments, fearing they are inconveniencing you. If you commit to being a Child Mentor, ask how you can serve the family once per month with regularly scheduled childcare for a date night or for driving to a reoccurring appointment or practice. Working this out in advance allows the foster parents to know they can count on your consistent help. Then, also strive to be available to accommodate at least one appointment on an "as needed" basis.

### Volunteer Coordination

**Team Leader:** This role allows you to get to know the foster family more closely - usually the foster mother. Generally, tasks will require a time investment of less than an hour per week however a consistency is required when serving in this role. You'll make a quick weekly phone call to the foster family and note their childcare needs and prayer requests. You'll then update the Care Calendar, if needed, and also send a weekly group email to the team. This is a very rewarding role as you have a front row seat into many answered prayers!

### Overnight Care

**Interim Caregiver:** Interim Caregivers serve as overnight caregivers in their home or in the foster home from as little as one night to up to a week, in accordance with the approval policy of the foster care agency. Additional background checks may be required. Respite families also fall under this category of assistance.