

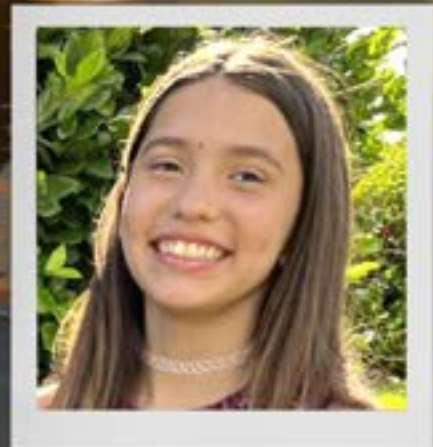
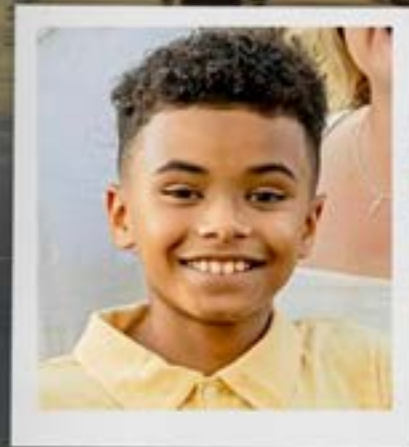
A DOOR OF HOPE FOSTER CARE

ANNUAL
REPORT

A HOME FOR EVERY CHILD



ISSUED FALL 2022



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THE NEED

Currently, more than 9 children in crisis are removed from from their homes everyday in our region of Florida.

THE PROBLEM

With not enough foster homes, many children end up bouncing from house to house, sleeping in offices, or in group homes.

THE SOLUTION

The problem would be solved if one family from each church in our region opened their home to one foster child.

OUR MISSION

To provide hope for children in crisis by fulfilling the spiritual mandate to care for the modern-day orphan.

OUR VISION

To provide a Christian home for every child in crisis.



OUR CORE SERVICES

RECRUIT

We constantly seek out and screen potential new Christian foster families.



TRAIN

Starting with info sessions to parenting classes we prepare each family to foster.



LICENSE

From home visits to extensive paperwork we license each foster home.



SUPPORT

This is our heartbeat. We personally care for and pray with each family.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GODLY DANIEL

I want to share with you about this amazing organization God has built called A Door of Hope. We are a Christ-Centered foster care agency that exists to glorify God by recruiting, training, licensing, and supporting Christian families who have a heart to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to children and families in the foster care system.

We're a ministry that started out with just two people 11 years ago. Now, by God's grace, have grown to 32 people. In that time, we have licensed more than 415 foster families and placed close to 2000 children.

It is mind-blowing to think of all that has happened because of your support and generosity. All we can say is, "To God be all the Glory."

In this Annual Report, I want to introduce you to some of our heroes out of nearly 200 active foster homes. These families serve in the darkest of places. They see some of the most horrible things that humanity can do to vulnerable children. They know that the only thing that can bring about real change in foster care and for these kids is Jesus Christ. So they willingly join the battle to bring hope to kids in crisis.

I am so grateful for our faithful families and partners who make this ministry possible. Thank you for believing in the mission. Please join us in crying out to God to "Break the Nets" in meeting the need. Only through the generosity of time, talent, and treasure can we continue to fulfill the vision of providing a home for every child.



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OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

FISCAL YEAR 21/22 AND TOTAL

LAST YEAR

SINCE 2011

CHRISTIAN FOSTER HOMES

192

52 OPENED IN FY21/22

415

FOSTER CHILDREN SERVED

598

1,973

REUNIFICATIONS

58

279

CHILDREN ADOPTED

47

198

FOSTER PARENT INQUIRIES

382

2,052

POTENTIAL FOSTER PARENT REACH*

494,730

*Reach via targeted social media in six county area.



A photograph of four children sitting on a light-colored blanket on a grassy field. They are all holding hands in a circle, suggesting a prayer or a group activity. The children are of diverse backgrounds. The background shows a body of water and some trees, indicating an outdoor setting. The image has a soft, slightly faded appearance, making the text overlaid on it stand out.

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Religion that God our Father
accepts as pure and faultless
is this: to look after orphans
and widows in their distress...

James 1:27

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WHERE WE WORK

CURRENTLY AND HOPEFULLY

FLORIDA'S SUNCOAST REGION

Has the highest removal rate in the state.

START

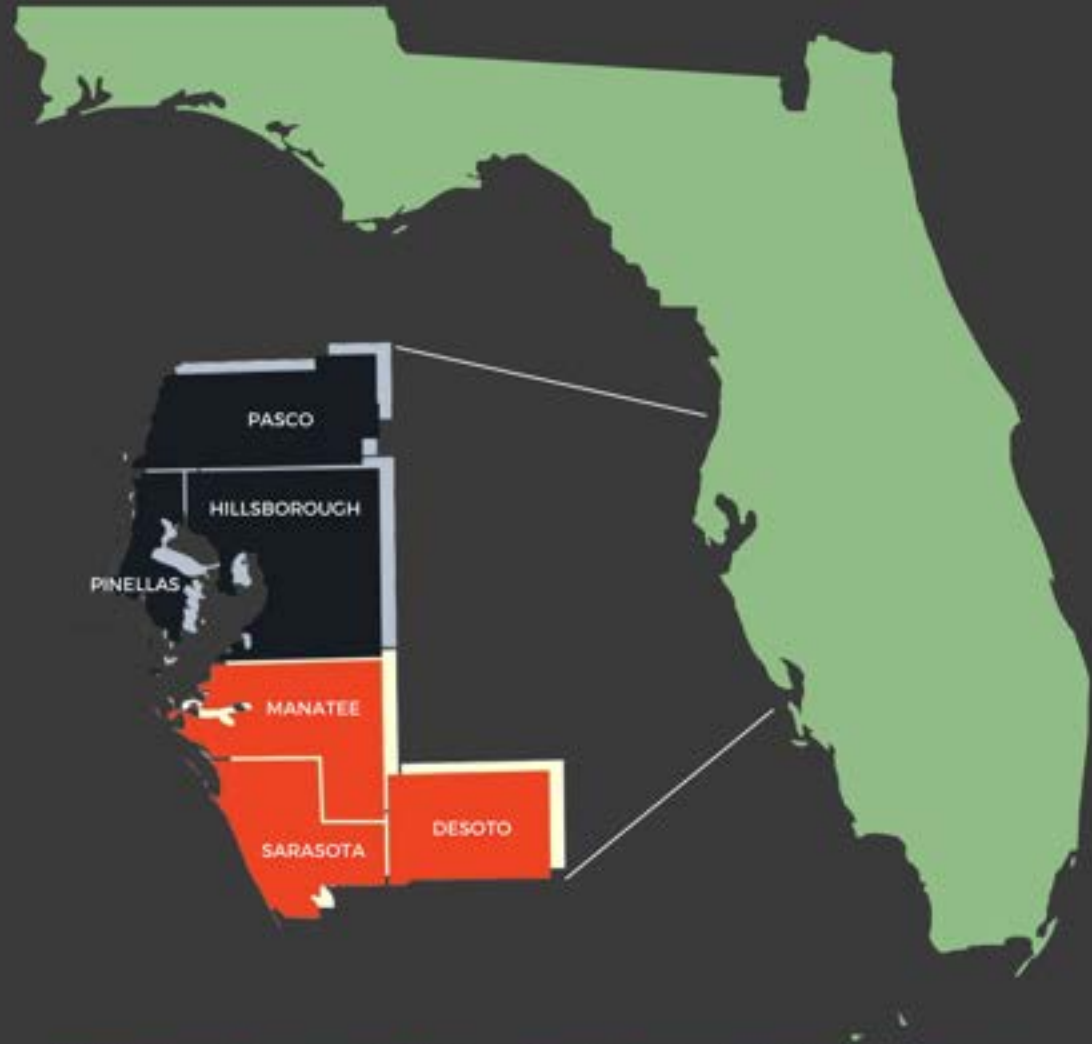
In 2011 we started in the tri-county Tampa Bay area.

NOW

In 2020, God opened the door to expand into Manatee, Sarasota, and DeSoto counties.

FUTURE

Our hope and dream is to cover the entire west coast of Florida.



SOURCE: Florida Department of Children and Families, Removal of children from their homes.

TRANSFORMING

Wade and Tiffany Nagy Began Their Fostering Journey in 2020

Tiffany's heart was moved in the first parenting class, "I remember in training Billy Babbino did this activity. He gave us five sticky notes and said, 'Write down your five most prized possessions.' Of course, for us, our faith—Jesus, and our family were on top.

"Then Billy went around the room without any prompting or warning and picked up a sticky note off the table and just crumpled it to the floor. He said, 'You've lost whatever that said.' He did this throughout the entire room. You could have heard a pin drop because everyone was really feeling it in that moment. When all the sticky notes were thrown down to the floor. He said,

"That's how a child feels when they're ripped from their home and placed in foster care."



God Chose Her for Our Home

In 2019, before they got involved in foster care, Tiffany and Wade were clinging to hope and trying to find God amidst the storm that they were facing. At random friends sent Tiffany an olive green journal and an olive green shirt. Just random gifts of kindness. Then someone sent her a story about olives. It was all about the process of what an olive goes through to be refined and turned into olive oil.

So early in 2020, they felt God calling them to foster care and began the fostering class before the world shut down. When getting the room ready, Tiffany recalls, "We decided we were going to decorate everything in olive green. I bought an olive green crib, and I bought an olive tree, and I wrote on a piece of paper the word olive. It was going to remind us that every child that comes into our home was hard-pressed but not broken."

Right after getting licensed Tiffany got a phone call saying, "Would you like to take a little girl and she has a brother?" Tiffany's immediate response was to say, "No. I didn't enter this to separate siblings. It's a no." However, two days later she was called back about the same little girl. So this time she decided to call Wade. Whom Tiffany says, "Had the best line,

"We didn't go through all of this to say no."

So Tiffany called her back and said, "All right we're going to say 'yes.'" Then she was told that Olivia will be there around three. Tiffany recalled, "I just stopped and started sobbing. I googled it and Olivia means baby olive tree. Two weeks later we had our first phone call with bio mom. I was telling her the story and she started sobbing, saying, 'And her nickname is Olive.' It was like God had chosen her for our home."

LIVES

God Provides and Supports

Wade believes, "It was him choosing Olive, and for the next two years that testimony was the strength that we needed. Because it was going to get hard and it did. What we did was we took a step and we went for it. It turned out to be the hardest thing in our lives that we've ever done. But it has been the most gratifying and faith-building. It has grown us tremendously. You want to talk about being close to the Lord. Get in the trenches."

Tiffany recounts, "Our life got hard, but our life also drastically changed. Our finances turned around. Anonymous gifts were coming for dinner. Amazon gifts were happening. So this isn't a prosperity gospel. It's a promise that he made when we care for the orphan and the widow and the sick. When we do his calling, that he promises to provide what we need."

In fact, Tiffany immediately points out, "A Door of Hope was a great support system. They listened to our frustrations. They listened to our victories. All of it. They were a support system for all of it."

Hard-Pressed but Not Broken

"If we're filled with his love," states Wade. "How do you not do something? We need to stop living for ourselves. That's all there is to it. We've got to live for others."

Tiffany and Wade echo together, "We are called to live less of me and more of him. And we are hard-pressed but not broken."

"No one is too far from the Father's love. Why should they be far from ours?"



"A Door of Hope has walked with us the entire journey...they have been a constant source of encouragement and strength..."

CHUCK AMMONS



"God has called us into foster care at this time in our life."

CHRISTINA HOWARD



Joseph and Christina Howard — 1 year

Christina: We began feeling very convicted about foster care. It became very obvious to us that God has called us to foster care at this time in our life.

We wanted a Christian organization to be our support system. I did a quick Google search and found different organizations around the area and A Door of Hope just stood out. We filled out the inquiry form on the website and then got a phone call the next day. It just started this conversation. Oh, I feel like I have a friend now. A friend who wants to support me in this goal.

When you feel that tugging on your heart, don't ignore it.

"Know that there are resources available, especially the people at A Door of Hope who will completely back you up and guide you through the process."

It was so stress-free with A Door of Hope because they provide you with everything you need. We look forward to our visits when Shannon comes over.

Joseph: When we got this placement we texted Shannon and said, Hey we've got a three-year-old on the way. She texted us and said, 'I have a toddler bed and I'm on the way.' She showed up at our door with the bed, a comforter, some sheets. All the stuff we needed. It's nice to have that kind of support.

Christina: She knows when things get hard and uses the resources that she can — sometimes has dinner ready for us, or a gift card to go out to eat, or a card of encouragement. The team knows what you need. They pray for us every week in their staff meeting. That gives us a lot of peace knowing there are people who get what we're going through and want to help this effort be a success in the end.



Cynthia Lake Farrell — New

Cynthia was licensed in October, right before the Gala. Almost immediately she took in a young boy. Ironically, she decorated the room in pink with girly furniture. She felt so bad for him when he arrived. However, he said, "Don't change a thing, mom, this is the nicest bed and room I've ever had."

We are so grateful for Cynthia and all the years she has served on our board of directors. After the passing of her husband and retiring from leading a local nonprofit, she was looking for a way to continue to make a difference. Well, she's found her new calling and is proving that God can call someone to be a foster parent at any age.



PROVIDING

Chuck and Jill Ammons — Fostering Since 2018

"We always thought we would have three or four kids. We didn't know we were going to have five biological kids and then be called into foster care, as well." Chuck recounts. The Ammons originally thought they might adopt, but then they found A Door of Hope.

"We just didn't realize the crisis of foster children."

"How Do I Get Back to My Mama?"

The Ammons have a five-year-old foster son in their care now who came to them late one night. The next morning he was starting kindergarten so he needed a shower before bedtime.

Chuck recalls, "So as I went back with him we had a back-and-forth negotiation that carried on for 15 minutes. Finally, it got to the place of me saying, 'Listen, it's getting late and we need to do this.' It was at this moment he broke. He looked at me and said, 'But my mama always bathes me.' Then he broke down saying, 'I don't have my mama because my mama did something bad and the police came and took her away. It was all my mama's fault and I don't know how to get back to my mama.'"

"This little kid looks me right in the eye and said, 'Can you please put me on the phone with the police so I can talk to them about how to get back with my mama?' In that moment, it brought back why we're walking and what we're contending with, and what we're praying about."

LOVE AND HOPE

What We're Contending For as Foster Parents

"We're standing with him," Chuck proclaims, "and saying, 'I'm so sorry. We want you to know we're standing with and your mama and we're looking for the day when you can get back with her. Until then we're going to be a safe place. We love you and we're so glad you're here.'"

*"Every child deserves a place to belong.
A place to feel loved. A place to feel safe.
A place to lay at night where they're not afraid.
We have the opportunity to provide that."
JILL AMMONS*

"The reason I think it's so important to provide hope for these children," Chuck affirms.

"Loving a child is ground zero for the Gospel."

Chuck continues, "This is the place where we're going to see every foundational thing in their life. When these children come to us everything is broken. Where else would we be? What else would we do as the church? What could be more important than being there in the moment to show them the love of who the Father is?"

What is Your Calling?

Chuck frequently has people come up to him inquiring, "I don't know if I've been called to be a foster parent.' They almost say it with apology," laments Chuck. "I say there is nothing to apologize for because there are some of us who are called to be a foster parent. That's our lane, but for some their lane is to give. For some, it's to be to an advocate. So what I would call for and what A Door of Hope needs is people who have boldly come in and said, 'Yes,' and not gotten deterred or distracted."

*"To come in and if your gift is to give
then give boldly."*



Thoughts About A Door of Hope

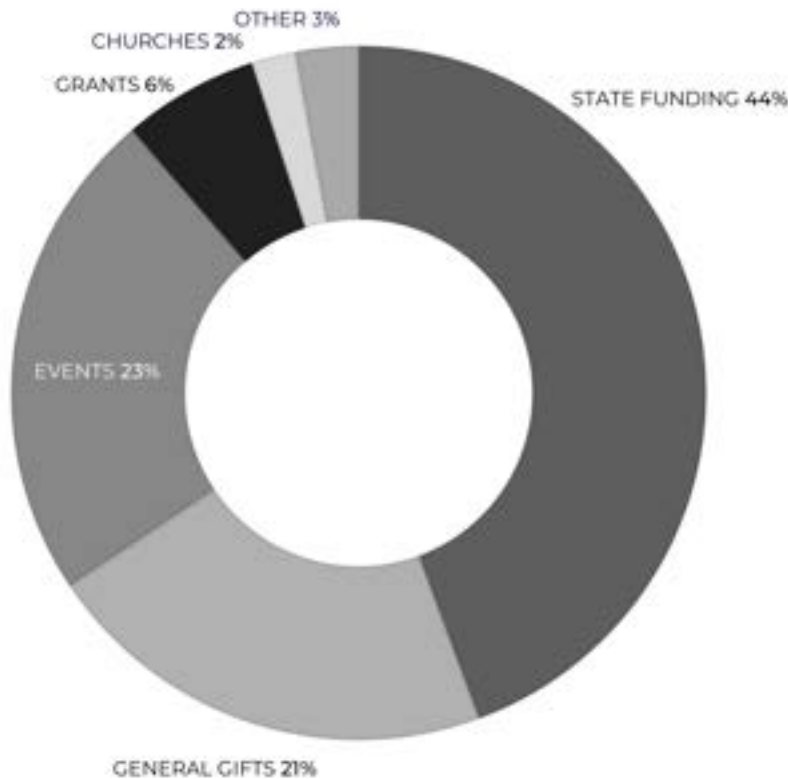
"A Door of Hope has supported us every step of the way," affirms Jill. "When we had questions or concerns or needs they are always there. We do not feel like we're doing this alone. We feel like we have a great family with A Door of Hope's support system."

Chuck adds, "A Door of Hope has walked with us the entire journey. In the midst of going through the pandemic and watching where a lot of the system is just overloaded they've always been there. They've come in at every point and asked, 'How can we pray for your family? How can we come around you?' So they have been a constant source of encouragement and strength for the journey."

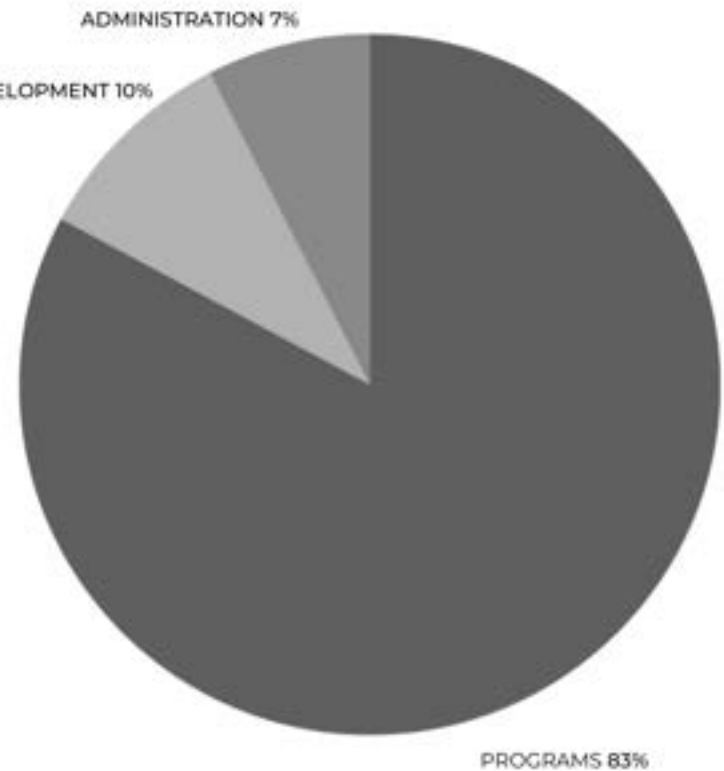
OUR FINANCIALS

2020 - 2021 AT A GLANCE

FUNDING SOURCES



OPERATING EXPENSES



TOTAL REVENUE

\$1,845,524

+\$369,026 (25%)

*Our mission is accomplished
by our dedicated staff who
help kids in crisis.*

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Join us in providing hope for kids in crisis

GIVE



- Become a Monthly Protector
- Sponsor an event
- Become an advocate
- Volunteer

FOSTER



- Become a foster parent
- "Adopt" a foster family
- Recommend A Door of Hope

PARTNER



- Become a...
- Church partner
 - Business partner
 - Prayer partner

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"And I will make the Valley of Trouble a door of hope." Hosea 2:15