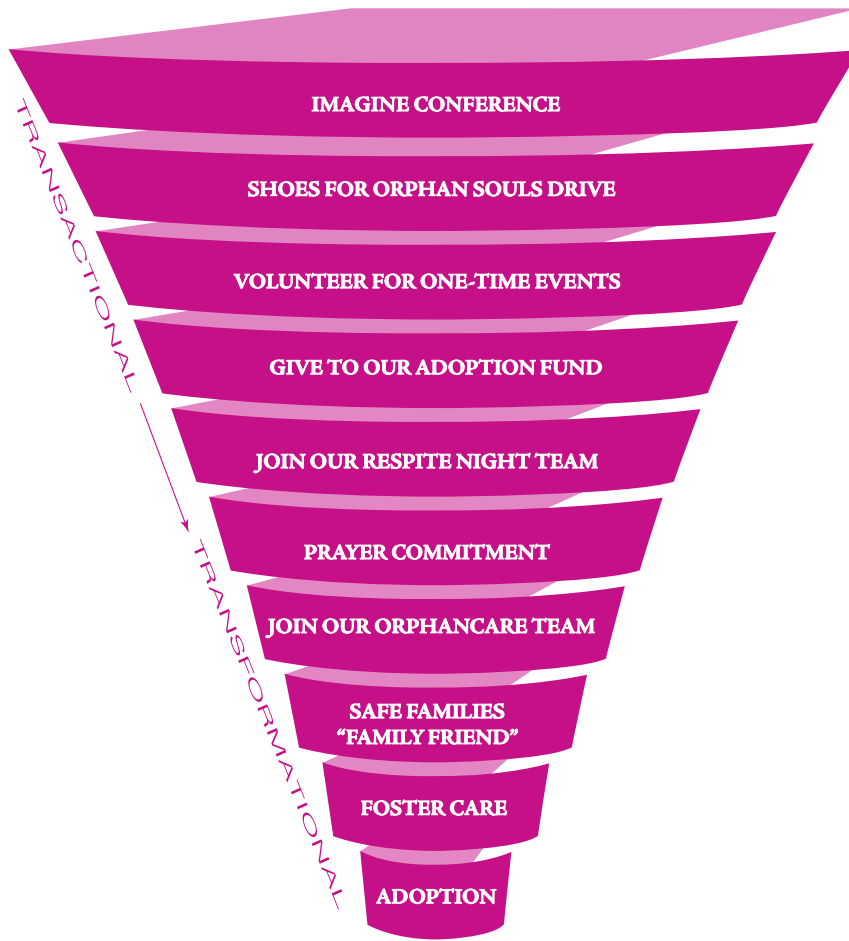


NORTH WAY ORPHANCARE MINISTRY



Prayer Needs: The OrphanCare Ministry of North Way seeks to bring awareness of the needs of orphaned and abandoned children and to educate, equip, and empower families with the support they need to care for these at risk children.

- Pray for the Church to rise up and answer this call to “visit” the orphan (James 1:27).
- Pray for families who are stepping out to provide care for these children through adoption, foster care, and global mission work.
- Pray for the OrphanCare team as they provide support for these families.
- Pray about how your group could participate in God’s work to bring hope to the fatherless.

Descriptions of Volunteer Opportunities:

Imagine Conference – www.imagineconferencepgh.com – *Annual event* – Imagine what would happen if followers of Jesus took a stand for the hungry, the hurting, and the fatherless. The Imagine Conference brings to life what it looks like to serve and love our neighbors near and far through inspiring speakers, educational breakout, and practical ways to engage in caring for the fatherless, the refugee, single moms, and trafficking victims.

Shoes for Orphan Souls Drive – *Annual need* -- Donate new shoes to show the love of Christ and enable orphans to attend school and improve their health. Shoes are shipped to ministry partner Buckner International for distribution around the world.

Volunteer for one-time events – *One-time or occasional need* -- Throughout the year, OrphanCare Ministry hosts events for adoptive and foster families, such as Created for You Adoptive & Foster Moms Retreat or Date Nights. Groups or individuals can help with decorating, baking, or providing donations of snacks/drinks and supplies.

Give to our Adoption Fund -- *One time or occasional need* -- The North Way adoption fund is administered by Lifesong for Orphans. The funds are distributed to North Way families who have answered the call to adopt a child and need financial assistance

Join our Respite Night Team – *Bi-Monthly (6 times per year)* -- Respite Night is an opportunity for adoptive/foster parents to leave their children in a safe and loving environment, giving them a needed break. Respite Team members can serve in the nursery, preschool, craft area, or the gym. This would be a great opportunity for your group to serve together.

Prayer Commitment – *Ongoing need* -- “Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition” (Ephesians 6:18). Commit to praying for the OrphanCare ministry on a weekly or monthly basis as a group. Pray with your group about how each individual can be used by God to bring hope to the fatherless.

OrphanCare Team -- *Monthly commitment* -- This team of people meets monthly to plan and execute all events of the OrphanCare Ministry. If you would like to use your gifts to further serve orphans, please join our team. The team typically meets the third Sunday of every month at 8:45 a.m. at North Way Wexford.

Safe Families “Family Friend” -- *Monthly commitment* -- Bethany Christian Services is looking for volunteers to host a child for a few hours to offer assistance for families who need a little time to recover from the strains of parenting. Doing everyday activities with the child and providing a little individual attention can provide a tremendous benefit to all involved.

Foster Care -- *Long term commitment* -- If you are interested in learning more about foster care, please join us for Exploring Foster Care. This information-packed gathering will allow you to understand the ins and outs of foster care, the requirements for certification, and you will hear stories from foster parents on the front lines.

Adoption -- *Life time commitment* -- If you are interested in exploring the idea of adoption, please join us for our Exploring Adoption Workshop. This one day workshop will equip you to make an informed adoption decision. We will have live teaching, hear from families who have adopted, and spend some time in small group discussion

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