



# The *my faith FAMILY* Approach

*Churches caring for those who care for orphaned children*

## **The *my faith FAMILY* Mission Statement**

The churches that participate in the ***my faith FAMILY*** program will surround each foster family with volunteers—we call them “Villagers”—who embrace the missionary call to care for those who care for orphaned children.

## **my faith FAMILY Belief Statement**

*“To care for widows and orphans in their distress.” - James 1:27*

## **my faith FAMILY Core Values**

- **Church**—the body of Christ is called to love through relationships
- **Children**—every child longs for and deserves a loving family
- **Foster families**—provide orphaned children a safe and nurturing home environment
- **“Villager” support groups**—foster families need help, and healthy foster families ensure healthy foster children
- **Prayer**—helping foster families provide safe and nurturing homes—this is God’s work

## **my faith FAMILY Program Elements**

1. Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services (PCHAS) has initiated ***my faith FAMILY*** to create stronger foster parents and healthier foster children.
2. ***my faith FAMILY*** becomes the church’s ministry, providing leadership, volunteers and funding for its program.
3. The ministry is focused on foster families.
4. The church provides an intergenerational culture of care, surrounding each foster family with “Villagers” trained to offer care, prayer, and community.
5. The ministry is woven into the outreach, evangelism, youth, and congregational care ministries of the church.
6. Prayer is the foundation of ***my faith FAMILY***.

***To further explore becoming a my faith FAMILY Congregation,  
call 972-923-3393 and ask for the Church Engagement Coordinator***

# What are the benefits of my faith FAMILY?

## Short Term Outcomes

Church is informed and aware and helps recruit foster families

Church resources are identified and put to good use

Emotional and spiritual support helps to strengthen foster families

Proactive "Villagers" support foster families

Consistent respite renews foster families

Prayer! Prayer! Prayer!

## Long Term Outcomes

More foster families

Healthier foster families

Healthier foster children

Increased church awareness

Increased church involvement

Church advocacy on behalf of foster families

