



Restore

MANUAL

God, your God, will
RESTORE everything
you lost; he'll have
compassion on you;
he'll come back and
pick up the pieces
from all the places
where you were
scattered.

Deuteronomy 30:3

FAMILY LOVED RESTORED



The Intent of This Manual

If you are considering starting Restore in your community we would encourage you to ask “What are the needs unique to our community? How can we serve?” It won’t always look the same in every community or in every season. For example, in our city, Covid has created the need for a support group for foster parents. Restore also used to do informational meetings, now there is not a need as they do that online. It is important to be able to pivot as needs become apparent.

We offer what we are doing with Restore as an example but desire that you take the time to talk to social workers, foster families and others to see where the greatest needs are in YOUR community. Then tailor your Restore team to meet those needs.

Restore pairs wonderfully as a parachurch mission. It is an amazing connector of the church and the foster/adoptive community. You want to communicate to your church body that they can help in other ways besides fostering. Getting the community involved can be powerful and transformative for all involved.

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Forward

I am such a fan of Restore! From the first moment I walked into the community, I could sense the support families engaged with vulnerable children received. It was coordinated, Spirit-filled, individualized and thorough.

I've since heard testimony after testimony of individuals at all places on the spectrum being ministered to at Sage Hills- social workers, birth moms, foster families, adoptive parents, volunteers, grandparents, and more. There are plenty of opportunities for the church and surrounding community to both give and receive care.

This manual you hold is a guide- with practical examples, job descriptions, templates, even recipes all to make your job easier. They have done a lot of thinking, practice, research and praying and now you can benefit from their experience.

God made promises to vulnerable children in the Scriptures- to extend mercy towards them, to come to them, to lift them up, to make them a home, to be their Helper, to provide them with food clothing and to execute true justice. When the Church stands in the gap of meeting the needs of orphaned and vulnerable children, we fulfill His promises and find ourselves in the middle of His will.

Thank you for the work you do, it's implications are eternal.

Beth Guckenberger

(foster and adoptive mother, author and missionary to vulnerable children)

About the Author

Writing the Restore Manual was such a journey into the heart of God. Adoption, and caring for those who can't advocate for themselves is such a reflection of His Kingdom in action. It was such an honor to learn, ask questions, and work to put this information into a format so that others could also build a Restore Mission. - Sarah Smith

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Releasing hope
to the
**foster,
adoptive &
relative caregiver**
community
in Jesus name

Mission Statement



How Restore Started:

Restore came from the journey of Pastors Mike and Cassie Wilson as they walked out their own foster-to-adopt journey. The adoption of their daughter was finalized shortly after moving to a new state and beginning to pastor at a new church. Cassie came with a heart to come alongside the foster/adoptive community and support and help in any way she could. She felt called to care for the orphan with the understanding that it's not just bringing orphans into your home, but so many other ways that were needed to be Jesus' hands and feet. RESTORE began organically as Cassie put together a team of like minded volunteers who looked at the needs in our community and made a plan to help however they could.

What Restore Does

Delivers Welcome Bags containing toys, supplies, etc to new foster placements. Oftentimes children are placed without many belongings. Restore creates a bag specific to that child's needs and delivers it. It is a blessing to the child and also to the foster parents

Delivers Birthday Boxes on a foster child's birthday specific to their wants and needs

Blesses and supports social workers with appreciation coffees, lunches, and gifts

Hosts events to support, bless, and educate Foster families

Invites our community to partner with the foster community in whatever way they can

Delivers meals after a Foster placement

Continues to bring **education and awareness** in our community

A family who is receiving a foster placement can go on our website sagehillchurch.com/restore to sign up to receive a Welcome Bag, or if the child they are fostering has a birthday coming up, they can request a Birthday Box. They can also register for one of our upcoming events. Our web page also has a link for anyone in our community who wants to get more involved or to get more information. This link gives them an opportunity to sign up to: be on our Prayer Team, serve with kids during special events, help manage donations, make and deliver a fresh meal, or volunteer for special events. They can also volunteer to do something unique for foster families, sponsor a Welcome bag, or donate to Restore.



Our Team

We have developed an amazing team of people to work together to meet the needs of our community. We gather monthly for a meeting to pray together, to discuss current needs, and plan future events. We also do a yearly retreat to do longer-term planning and connect as a team. Every year before our retreat we ask our team to pray and decide if they can commit to the next year of being on our staff. Each team member commits for 1 year at a time.

The following is a list of what we are looking for in all of our team members.
The person who is a good fit for Restore is:

- **Passionate** about helping as many orphaned children and their families as possible in our church and community.
- **Connected** to Christ releasing His abundant hope in Jesus name
- **Believes** Jesus is crucial in truly loving and leading people to a life-changing connection with Him
- **Attends** Restore leadership meetings and Restore events
- **Supports** the mission and vision of our church, and actively invests in church body life
- **Committed** to being a team player and supporting other job duties as needed

Pastor / Director

20 hours a month

This person is a visionary, driver, and connection to the department. They need to be a current licensed foster home as they are the heartbeat of knowing what's happening in the foster community. They lead and build the team in vision and oversee all the different roles. They need to be courageous in making hard choices in developing the right team. They need to structure the team around what they want to do, and have clear job descriptions.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Support and encourage team leaders with their various responsibilities, delegating and assisting as needed. This happens at monthly meetings and individually throughout the month.

Plan for the future of Restore. We have a 5-10 year plan as well as an 18 month plan.

Develop and lead a gospel saturated vision for Restore

Encourage leadership team members in their job duties and ensure that all processes are in line with the mission and vision of Restore and our Church.

Performs family dedications at our church for the Restore community. Becoming a foster family can be like stepping onto a spiritual battlefield. We love to take the time to dedicate our foster families and pray over them as a church body. (this is done apart from the foster placement to protect their privacy)

Pastoral oversight of Restore mission and directly report to pastor of mission at our church

Collaborate with the team to organize and cast vision for the annual celebration of Orphan Sunday* and Mother's Day.*

The design and ordering of Restore merchandise. Merchandise is a great way for people to hear about Restore and also raises a small amount of money for Restore. We have Restore t-shirts, sweatshirts, earrings, and necklaces.

Plans Restore Leadership Retreat/team building.

- **Orphan Sunday:** see note under Event Coordinator
- **Mother's Day:** During our church service our Pastor and Director takes the time to honor all women - foster, adoptive, those who have no children, those who have lost children.
- **Restore Retreat:** The Pastor/Director of Restore plans a two night retreat every fall. It's a time to get away as a team to cast vision, renew, and plan. A few things our Pastor has done to make this time meaningful are: 1) brings a gift that symbolizes the theme for that year 2) implements a "no talking until 9AM" to give everyone time to be with the Lord and have quiet 3) schedules time for each member to share their testimony 4) A night out to dinner. *See sample retreat agenda. Each person comes with their job duties plan for the coming year and they go over it together and brainstorm. It's a precious time to build unity and vision.

What our Pastor, Cassie, would say to someone starting out in this role:

“Prioritize your connection with the Lord and pray for the right team. You can't do it all, but HE can! Be courageous in the hope the Lord has called you to and be generous with your appreciation. Give yourself grace and remember that seasons change.”

Cassie's favorite part of her role:

“I love seeing the Lord do more than I can ask or think. I love seeing the impact and ripple effect, not just in the lives of foster children and families but also in my team. We are the blessed ones. Watch the promise of Acts 20:35 come to life.”

Administrator

15+ hours a month

This person administrates our team meetings, to-do' lists, helps assist the director with needed tasks and help with oversight of the budget.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Partners with Care Coordinator to organize Welcome Bags and their delivery and freezer meals with church database updates following each action.

- Coordinate purchase of items needed for licensing on an individual basis (fire extinguishers, mattress pads, cabinet locks, etc)
- Work alongside Events Coordinator and leadership in order to meet fundraising goals.*
- Helps Director with oversight to the budget for each role and department. Our finances and donations are managed by our parent church Sage Hills. This role receives our budget and donations updates from the church accountant.
- Sends hand written thank you cards to donors
- Give updates for balances and spending/availability at each leader meeting.
- Coordinate with the Communications Director to provide admin support for printing documents flyers.
- Sends out reminders for monthly meetings, meeting agenda, create schedule for monthly meeting snack rotation
- Puts together team binders for retreat
- Supports needed tasks assigned by director

What our Administrator Jenny would say to someone just starting out in this role:

“Be patient, communicative, & organized! Ask for help if you don't understand something! Put systems in place to go through a checklist of your duties each month so nothing gets lost! There are a lot of moving pieces all the time!”

One of Jenny's favorite parts of being the Administrator is:

“Learning about the foster care system, giving freely to express the love of God, and being in community with strong, like minded women in leadership!”

Events / Volunteer Coordinator

10+ hours a month

This person oversees and manages all of our events and the volunteers involved.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Plan and organize Restore events, including community events, training, and events held at our church*

Create and implement a strategic 18 month plan for events to be facilitated by Restore for the upcoming calendar year. Strategic plan could include opportunities such as parents night out, training hours, and general equipping in the coming year and beyond

Work alongside the Finance Coordinator and leadership in order to meet fundraising goals

Coordinate hospitality needs for events and speakers. Our Event Coordinator is the point person for speakers we may have. If they have travelled from out of town, the Event Coordinator makes sure they have their food and lodging and everything they need

Coordinate training we host through the Department of Child and Youth Families. For example, the Core Caregiver Training and parenting training hosted by our church. (Currently the Core Caregiver Training is all online, but Restore is actively hosting in person parenting classes)

Oversee events hosted at our church for CASA, CHS, Together for Youth, Real Options, Foster First, etc

Manage donations closet and volunteers

Coordinate Birthday Box assembly and delivery

Plan and organize Restore events: The Events and Volunteer Coordinator organizes and coordinates all the Restore community events, trainings, and church events. Some examples of these could include:

Parents Night “In”: This is a time where foster parents can bring their kids and drop them off in child care and watch a movie hosted by the church complete with snacks. This event is designed for parents to get some time together and to give them a break

Parents Night “Out”: Similar to Parents Night In, this event is designed for parents to have a break and spend some well deserved time together. They can drop their kids in childcare and go out for dinner.

Training Classes: Continuing education classes. We have hosted CPR classes, Love and Logic Parenting Classes, and the Journey for Hope Conference simulcast conference

Orphan Sunday: Orphan Sunday happens every November and it's a time when Restore gets to share and do the offering time during the main church service. This is one of the main ways Restore raises funds. It is a 3 part work. 1) Sharing from the stage during the Church service and sharing a specific way our church can come alongside orphans. This last year we shared about widows and orphans in Burundi, Africa and gave people the opportunity to sponsor a Christmas box. 2) Having a booth in the lobby where people can connect and get more information about Restore 3) A brief informational meeting held between services where people can learn about how they can be involved with Restore. Our Event and Volunteer Coordinator organizes the logistics of all the above. For more information about Orphan Sunday visit www.cafo.org.

Events at Church: when our church does events, Restore will occasionally have a booth to raise awareness, educate, and recruit volunteers. We also sometimes will sell food to raise funds.

Support Group: This is a monthly meeting where Foster parents meet together for support and community

***Manages Donations Closet:** This is where we keep all the donations. We have a donation drop box in our church parking lot and volunteers that empty and organize the donations. Our donation closet holds diapers sizes NB-6 and bins of clothes categorized by size. We also have had companies sponsor items. A local chiropractic clinic donated water bottles, and a dentist donated toothbrushes and toothpaste. All items donated are new or very gently used and are available for putting in Welcome Bags. The donation closet and its volunteers are managed by the Event/Volunteer coordinator. If we get low on certain items our Event/Volunteer Coordinator has an Amazon Wish list set up for Restore and she will send a link to our Communications Coordinator who will post it on Social Media and the need is usually filled very quickly.

***Coordinates Birthday Box** assembly and delivery: For any foster family who requests it we deliver a Birthday Box for the foster child. The box is usually decorated appropriately for the age and gender of the child. We put a Target Gift Card, a Grocery gift card, and a card with a birthday blessing in it. The box is also packed with party poppers, balloons, candles, and party supplies. The Events/Volunteer Coordinator recruits small groups to assemble the boxes and write the Birthday Cards. The gift cards are kept in a locked closet. Birthday Boxes are sometimes delivered and sometimes picked up at the church front desk.

What our Events Coordinator, Nichole, would say to someone just starting out in this role

“Be prepared to love, serve, and have a heart for the orphan. Be in this position with nothing but gratitude, and you will be very surprised at where the Lord will take you. Think outside of the box, and know that community is vital.”

One of Nichole's favorite parts of being the Event's Coordinator

“My favorite part of my role is honestly working on a team with the girls that I do this with and seeing the gratitude from the Foster parents and adoptive families that are affected by what we do. Truly we do the smallest thing, but to them it means the world. To know they are seen, heard, and loved. This is such a gift for me.”

Social Media Coordinator

15 hours a month

This person leads us in creating and managing our social media presence and content. This is the front door to many in our community being in touch with who we are and what impact we are making. The goal is to post content that brings excitement and motivation to community members, supporters, and volunteers. This role manages all of our social media platforms including posts and our webpage content. This person will partner with the Communications Coordinator on overlapping

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Plan social media content strategy and implementation. Our goal is to post 3-5 times a week using Creator Suite to connect to all our platforms. (We have Instagram and Facebook). We strive to have a consistent theme in our presentation to engage our community. Our posts consist of scripture, Welcome Bag deliveries, encouragement, upcoming events, resource & equipping, testimonials from Restore families, info about who we are, and occasionally a link to our Amazon wish list if we are running low in an area of supplies.

- Connect with your church Communications Director about upcoming Restore events and needs in order to schedule outgoing information to your church family
- Video announcements, bulletin, website, church calendar, bathroom placards, tv slides, church communications via email
- Create and implement a plan for developing marketing.
- Creates a strategy for online presence (FB, IG, church website, Restore page)
- Radio outreach (often free for nonprofits)
- Flyer development and distribution for upcoming events. These are distributed around town in different businesses
- Manages social media messages and disperses requests to the team as needed supporting and confirming that all communications get a quick response.

Communications Coordinator

15-20 hours a month

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Gather info from the team to send quarterly email updates. We use Mail Chimp and it has been an amazing, easy way to communicate with our supporters. Our newsletter usually includes encouragement, an update on what Restore has been doing, any events coming up, volunteer opportunities, other ways to be involved with Restore, prayer needs, and current supplies needed.

Uses our church database to send out prayer requests for new placements and ongoing prayer support for the Restore community. This email goes out to our prayer team twice a month. It includes any specific prayer needs for placements written in a way that protects the privacy of the placement.

Manage Restore email inbox and pass on information to pertinent team members.

What our Communications Coordinator Kristi would say to someone just starting out in this role:

“Believe what you’re selling. Our main job as communications coordinator is to present a compelling vision for why the Foster and adoptive community is worthy of time and attention. Give yourself deadlines and commit to communicating with your social media audience regularly.”

Kristi’s favorite part of being the Communications Coordinator

“My favorite part of my role is sharing stories that have happened through the Restore mission and seeing marginalized people lifted up both here in our community and with our mission partners.”

Fundraising Coordinator

10+ hours a month

This person leads us in recruiting, communicating, appreciating, and engaging our financial supporters. They manage fundraising projects, goals, strategy, etc.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Plan fundraising goals in conjunction with leadership team. This will incorporate annual planning and long-term sustainability strategy and implementation.
- Plan fundraising strategy in conjunction with Communications Director about upcoming Restore events and needs to schedule outgoing information to your church family
- Create and implement a plan for developing marketing.
- Provides influence and input on social media fundraising strategy for online presence (FB, IG, church website, Restore page)
- Develop and distribute needed letters and tax deduction receipts for donating corporations
- Gather info from the team to formulate partnerships with financial donors.

Things we do to Fundraise:

Most of our finances come in through donations and through the “Orphan Sunday” offering. (see Orphan Sunday under the Events Coordinator role on pg 11). Our church supports us \$100 per month. We also occasionally will do a food fundraiser (selling food at a church event), and we do sell Restore merchandise.

Care Coordinator

10-15 hours a month

This person represents Restore in the Social Worker community as they plan Social Worker appreciation events and also attend Recruitment and Retention meetings. They also manage buying, assembling, and delivering Welcome Bags and meals to new foster placements.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Creates and implements an 18 month plan for Department Children Youth and Families (DCYF) appreciation.*

Attend Recruitment and Retention meetings as scheduled to be the face and voice of Restore in the Social Worker community. These meetings are so helpful as it gives us an opportunity to brainstorm with social workers and other foster organizations to best meet the current needs.

Relays information gained at the RDS meetings with Restore Leadership Team in order to discuss opportunities and commitments with these entities

Coordinates and schedules meal trains for new placements.

Create and implement a freezer meal schedule and volunteer plan for making freezer meals. This is usually done every 2-3 months depending on current needs.

Contacts new placements via phone call as requests come in through the church database. Gathers details, prayer requests, and Welcome bag* specific needs. When a placement is made, the family can fill out a form for Restore. When this form comes in the Care Coordinator will call and connect with the family, gathering information about the needs of the child that has been placed. The Care Coordinator then shops, assembles a welcome bag, and arranges for meals (either meal train, or freezer meals, depending on families locale and preference).

Updates church database and process queues with information on new placements.

Welcome Bag includes: Restore card - a handwritten note and prayer for the receiving family, Domino's Pizza gift card, Coffee Card, Blanket, Journal, Book (age appropriate), stuffed animal or toy (age appropriate), diapers and wipes if needed, water bottle, tooth brush, jump rope

Creates and implements an 18 month plan for Department Children Youth and Families (DCYF) appreciation: This is one way that we support the social workers in our city. We quarterly do something to show our appreciation for all that they do. We have catered lunches, brought them succulents, or done a coffee drop. The Care Coordinator organizes and oversees all of this.

What our Care Coordinator Karin would say to someone just starting out in this role

“My heart for the position is that the care coordinator would first and foremost remember that the kids we are talking about are “the least of these” in our community. Remember that we are seeking to serve the adults who we hope will pour into them and in the process show our community what (who) Christ is for - not what he is against. That the adults working with these kids need care and support. That fostering and adopting is far harder than what people realize from the outside and these precious people need some care and tenderness shown to them in the name of Jesus.”

Karin's favorite part of her role:

“I love making the Welcome bag calls and connecting with families. I also enjoy meeting with a team of volunteers to make freezer meals. There is a sense of community and purpose!”

Community Relations Liaison

10+ hours a month

The role of the Community Relations Liaison (CRL) is to support the mission of Restore through connecting with current and future mission partners.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Communicate the vision, mission, priorities and activities of Restore to mission partners.
- Establish consistent lines of communication with existing community organizations, ministries, and agencies to learn of their needs and share how Restore can support their purposes when possible
- Enhance relational connections with current donors to Restore and look for opportunities to invite others to support the mission of Restore
- Other duties and needed with the ongoing development of Restore at Sage Hills 5) communicate regularly with updates to the Restore team and Pastor Cassie.
- Identify current donors giving to Restore from both Sage Hills and in the community in order to update them with current wins and future opportunities for partnership. Identify and connect with potential donors.
- Support events and other team needs as assigned.

Specific Assignments:

Identify foster, adoptive and relative care agencies, organizations and ministries in the Wenatchee region and get an understanding who is actively involved in meeting these needs. Subsequently, identify and meet the key individuals who are active in the foster, family, and adoptive care communities. Specifically but not limited to:

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| • Brave Warrior Project | • Youth Sports |
| • North Central Washington Friends of Foster Families | • Safe Families Wenatchee |
| • CASA | • School Advocates |
| • Royal Family Kids Camp | • Hope Chest Wenatchee |
| • Alliance Cares | • Althea Riding Center |
| • Real Options/Life Choices | • Rhea Lana |
| • Together for Youth | |
| • Dept. of Child, Youth and Families | |

Our Vision for the Future

It's exciting to look forward and dream about all that Restore could be in the future! We have lots of ideas and foresee that Restore could be an umbrella for a lot of different ministries to come. For example, we see that when a child is removed from their home and put in foster care, the situation is dire. Our heart and passion is to meet the needs of that child and family but also to look up the line and have resources available so that we can prevent a child needing to be removed from their home in the first place. Parenting classes, resources, sponsoring expectant mamas etc...

One thing that has been awesome is that as the years have gone by our heart and passion has grown to include not just the orphans and foster children in our community but also those in other countries. We have partnered with an organization who helps widows and orphans by providing business loans and training to women who would otherwise be left with no way to support their children in Burundi, Africa. This has been tremendously fruitful and we hope to send some of our team on a mission trip this coming year to visit some of these widows and their children and to learn more about their needs.

We encourage you to dream big and ask God for His vision for your Restore mission and all that it could be. We can't wait to hear about how God uses you to restore and bring life to your community!

Greetings from your RESTORE team! We hope you had a great Christmas with your families and that the start of 2021 is bringing renewed hope and joy. As followers of Christ, we believe that the darkest times can often provide the best opportunities for us to shine brightly with the love of Jesus!

God has continued to be at work in amazing ways through the foster and adoptive families and community in the Wenatchee valley. Throughout a season of holiday celebrations, national upheaval, and the continued complexities of covid-realities, the need for foster, adopt, and caregiver families has not been placed on hold. In the past several months we have had many opportunities to come alongside these families in a variety of ways!

We are always looking for more people who will commit to PRAY for RESTORE and Foster, Adopt, and Caregiver families!

If you are wanting to take a new step of faith in prayer, service, giving, or support, please click the link below to explore a variety of ways that you can partner with RESTORE, and kids and families who need extra love and care!

>I Want to Get Involved with Restore!< (link)

We are gearing up for another Parent's Night In! We are making plans to deliver some FUN to some very special families!

WHO: All Adoptive, Foster, and Suitable Other Caregiver Families in the Greater Wenatchee Valley

WHAT: Dinner, Movie Night for Parents, and FREE Childcare!

WHERE: Sage Hills Church

WHEN: Spring 2021

Mark your calendars and spread the word!

Orphan Sunday was a success!

November 8th was Orphan Sunday. We heard from Pastor Cassie during Sunday morning services at Sage Hills Church, as she invited the Sage Hills family into asking God if there is a specific way he might be calling each one of us into caring for the orphans among us. We hosted serve briefings after each service and we were excited to meet some new RESTORE supporters and families!

This year we partnered with Sister Connection in order to build a partnership between families in the Wenatchee Valley, and families in Burundi Africa. For \$25 we were able to send a Christmas package to a widow's family in Burundi. These packages included dry food staples to toys and personal hygiene items, fabric for making clothes, school supplies and more.

In all, Sister Connection was able to give nearly 300 gift baskets, with approximately 160 of those coming from Sage Hills Families through RESTORE! This is AMAZING and we thank God for his faithful giving through so many families!

Here are some things that the widows had to say:

"I was in great need of clothing and food. Praise the Lord that I got it now"--Cecile

"I thought I was forgotten. It's a great honor for my family to rejoice and celebrate Christmas now"--Pauline

"My children are so happy to be able to play soccer with their friends now that they have a soccer ball. May you receive more as you give and help those in need"--Emmanueline.

We continue to celebrate and are beyond grateful for everyone who partnered with us in prayer for the orphan through the month of November through our prayer devotionals that we shared on Instagram and Facebook. A special thank you to Pastor Mike Henry for writing out this month-long devotional guide for us! If you missed out, be sure to follow us on social media so you can stay up to date on everything happening with RESTORE!

>Follow us on Facebook< (link)

8 year old Talon Garcia heard about the need for homes to be built for widows and orphans through the mission of Sister Connection in Burundi, Africa. He decided that he could be part of the solution! Since November he has been hustling hard. He has sold hot wheels, old shoes, Legos, stuffed animals, and anything else he could find! His mom Nichole helped him out too, by selling some of her things. They raised the full amount needed for a home in just 8 weeks! He definitely took seriously the challenge of finding his piece of the puzzle in the world of orphan care! We are thankful for you Talon! Funding for homes is needed on a continual basis, and currently there are 1,100 widows still in need of monthly sponsorship. Sponsorship transforms the lives of a widow's family and costs just \$35 per month!

>Sponsor a Widow in Burundi< (link)

We have another freezer meal cooking day coming up! One of the biggest blessings for any parent is a home cooked meal that you didn't make yourself! We love getting to deliver these meals to our foster & adopt families.

We also deliver fresh meals to families with new placements, and we are always looking for more people to join that team.

Want to help bless families in transition?

We currently need:

Freezer Meal Prep Shoppers

Volunteers for fresh meal cooking & deliveries

>Sign up to be the cook!< (link)

Our RESTORE Care Coordinator Karin, has been busy making deliveries to foster & caregiver families! Over these past 3 months, RESTORE has had the privilege of delivering 14 Welcome Bags to families with new placements, prepped 8 Birthday Boxes, and provided 71 fresh and frozen meals!

Many kids have a birthday while they are in foster care. We love to

hear from families who have a birthday coming up, because we get to assemble a little box of fun complete with toys, a gift card for a cake, a gift card for Target, and other birthday essentials to make their day extra special! NCW Friends of Foster Families has partnered with us to provide these fun boxes!

WE NEED SPONSORS! We are looking for more sponsors for our welcome bags! For just \$75 you can fund a bag that lets a child know that they are loved and celebrated upon arriving in their new foster home. These bags have everything from clothes to hygiene products, to toys and books. Bonus: you'll get a post card notifying you when your sponsored bag was delivered. Don't miss out on following us on social media so you see images of the bag that was delivered. Just match up your delivery date with the post!

>I Want to Sponsor a Welcome Bag< (Link)

We frequently have items that we are in need of. These items are handed out on an as-needed basis to new placements or kids who have an unexpected need. We are always in need of diapers, non-seasonal blankets, new soft stuffed toys, and new children's books. We have a drop box outside of the RESTORE house, AND we are excited to announce that we have set up an Amazon Wish List! Shopping and donating and shipping items to RESTORE has never been easier!

Just last month we realized that we were almost completely out of diapers. We put out an ask on Instagram and Facebook and WOW! Our community delivered way beyond what we could have imagined! We are so thankful!

Click the link if you would like to purchase blankets, toys, books and other fun things that will bless these sweet kids that we get to serve!

>RESTORE Amazon Wish List< (link)

Prayer Team Letter

Example

Hello RESTORE prayer team,

Summer is whizzing by! We have been busy keeping up with some awesome families so continue to open their hearts and homes to receive foster kids from around our valley. I have several updates and prayer requests to bring to you today:

- Family 1 is currently fostering 2 girls, 1 is elementary aged and the other middle school. This family also has a toddler in the home and mom is pregnant.
- Family 2 has received a middle school aged boy, and this foster mom specifically has asked that we would pray that this boy knows that people care about him. Restore was able to deliver a welcome bag that was full of things that we hope have made him feel seen and loved.
- Family 3 has a total of 4 foster placements, with 2 of them being girls who have recently been separated from their other 3 bio siblings. The foster mom in this home also has a bio infant and toddler, so there is a total of 6 kids in this house. Please be praying for the hearts of the newest placements, as they are quite sad about being away from their siblings. Please also pray that a home would open up that could take all five children together. Meals, welcome bags, and a birthday box have been provided
- Family 4 will be receiving an infant placement tomorrow, who is the bio sibling of a child they have already adopted. Meals and a welcome bag will be provided.

•Family 6 needs prayer for stamina and favor with the courts as they've been falsely accused by a bio parent who is very unhealthy. Please pray for justice and for the best, safest home to be clearly seen by the people in power who make decisions.

Thank you so much for your faithful partnership in praying for these families! Your commitment to pray makes such a difference!

We are so thankful to be in this community with you!

—your RESTORE team



Recipies

Taco Soup

Serves 6

(from Six Sisters Slow Cooker
Eight-Can Taco Soup)

90 oz (15 oz) Can black beans, drained and rinsed
90 oz (15 oz) Can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
90 oz (15 oz) Can diced tomatoes, drained
90 oz (15 oz) Can sweet corn, drained
75 oz (12.5 oz) Can chicken breast, drained
65 oz (10.75 Oz) Can condensed cream of chicken soup
60 oz (10 oz) Can green enchilada sauce
84 oz (14 oz) Can chicken broth
6 oz (1 oz) taco seasoning

Mix all ingredients in a large pot. Divide into 6 portions and place in gallon ziplock or Tupperware to freeze.

Tomato Hamburger Vegetable Soup

Serves 6

6 lb (1 lb) lean ground beef, browned
6 (1) small onion, finely chopped
8 t (1+t) garlic, minced
6 t (1 t) salt
12 C (2 C) peeled and chopped Yukon gold potatoes
174 oz (29 oz) beef broth
60 oz (10 oz) condensed tomato soup
90 oz (15 oz) petite diced tomatoes, undrained
96 oz (16 oz) frozen mixed veggies
2 T (1t) Worcestershire sauce
2 T (1t) dried parsley
2 T (1t) dried basil
Salt and pepper to taste

Simmer potatoes in part of beef broth for 10-20 mins
Combine all ingredients in huge pot
Divide into Gallon ziplock bags, label and freeze



Abbott's Favorite Chili

Serves 6

6# (1#) Ground Beef
6 (1) Yellow Onions
6 Orange or Yellow Peppers
12 T Minced Garlic
180 oz Can Black Beans
200 oz Can diced tomato
6 C Water
6 Beef Bouillon Cubes
12 T Worcestershire Sauce
6 T Basil
6 T Oregano
6 T Thyme
2 T Crushed Pepper
12 T Chili Powder
8 T Cumin
2 bunches Cilantro

Brown beef with onion, garlic and pepper. Drain and put in a pot with all the remaining ingredients.

Cabbage Roll Soup

Serves 6-8

Ingredients:

4 T olive oil
12 # ground beef
Salt and Pepper
8 large yellow onions, chopped (12 C)
40 C packed chopped cabbage (128-150 ounces)
16 large carrots, chopped
232 ounces low sodium beef broth
192 ounces tomato sauce
232 ounces petite diced tomatoes
1 C brown sugar
1/2 C Worcestershire sauce
1/4 C dried paprika
3 T Oregano
2 T Thyme
8 T dried Parsley
(6 C long grain white rice) - Do not add to the recipe. Will put
1 C rice in sandwich bags to be delivered with soup to families)

Instructions:

Cook Hamburger with salt and pepper
Saute onion and carrots for 2 minutes in oil. Add cabbage and saute another 2 minutes. Add garlic and saute 1 more minute. Add to a large pot along with beef broth, tomato sauce, tomatoes, brown sugar, worcestershire, paprika, oregano, thyme, bay leaves and beef.
Season with salt and pepper - consider adding more beef broth if necessary.
Split into 6 containers. Label and freeze.





Beef & Broccoli Teriyaki

Serves 6

Gluten-Free and Dairy-Free
Freezer Skillet Meal

Ingredients:

9 # thinly sliced steak
2 C (1/3 C per Bag) Cornstarch
4.5 C Soy Sauce
2 C Brown Sugar
8 t Garlic, minced
4 t Fresh Ginger, minced
8 t sesame seeds
4 t toasted sesame oil
1.5 t red pepper flakes
24 C broccoli florets, frozen

Divide steak and cornstarch into 6 gallon sized freezer bags. Shake bags so steak is coated. Seal bag, removing air. Combine soy sauce, brown sugar, garlic, ginger, sesame seeds, sesame oil and red pepper flakes. Divide into 6 quart sized freezer bags. Seal well.

Make it a Freezer Meal. Label a new gallon-sized freezer bag. Add to labeled bag the sealed steak with cornstarch bag, sealed sauce bag, and add in broccoli florets (4 C each) on top. Seal bags together and freeze.

Cilantro Lime Chicken

Serves 6

Gluten Free, Dairy Free

Ingredients:

6# boneless, skinless chicken breast - cooked and shredded
6 C Orange Juice
6 C Chicken Broth
12 fresh limes - juiced
12 t minced garlic
3 C Cilantro Leaves, chopped
6 Cans (approx 90 oz) Black Beans, drained and rinsed
12 C frozen Corn
6 T ground Cumin

Make it a Freezer Meal: Add all ingredients to six - 1 gallon sized freezer bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal. Label and freeze.

To use: Thaw and heat in a crock pot for 2-3 hours or heat in a pan on the stove.

Serve over rice or in a tortilla. Possible topping: sour cream, cheese, guac, and cilantro



Chicken Enchilada Casserole

Serves 6

Freezer Meal

Ingredients:

9 C brown rice, cooked
15 C shredded chicken (15 Chicken Breasts)
90 ounce (5.6#) mild green enchilada sauce
90 ounce diced tomatoes
4 C sour cream
180 ounce black beans
3 T Cumin
3 t salt
2 t pepper
12 C shredded cheddar cheese

Instructions:

Spray 6 pans with cooking spray
Cook Rice and Chicken and shred chicken
Drain and rinse black beans
In a bowl combine shredded chicken, enchilada sauce, tomatoes, sour cream and seasonings
put rice at the bottom of the prepared baking dish, spoon chicken mixture on top of rice. Sprinkle the cheese on top. Cover with tin foil and tape label on top





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