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Supporting abused and neglected children in the Ozarks



Ambassadors for Children is an operating agency of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks that is dedicated to supporting abused and neglected children in Greene County.

Vision To be part of a safe and healthy community where children are valued
Mission To enhance the quality of services and supports provided to abused and neglected children in our community

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

“One little boy came to shop at the Kid’s Clothes Closet on one of the hottest days in August and left wearing his winter coat. He was so excited to have a new Kansas City Chiefs coat for the winter and knew he would not have to wear his sister’s hand-me-downs anymore. His smile said it all.”

-Kate Baldi, Former Director

“To me, the Adopt-a-Caseworker program will provide me with assurance, knowing that the children I work with will have their needs met even during those times when our community resources are depleted.”

-Greene County Caseworker

“At the annual foster parent appreciation dinner, a foster parent approached me practically in tears. She explained how she had been searching for tutoring assistance for her foster child with no success, until she heard about Ambassadors for Children. The relief in her eyes meant hope for her foster child.”

-Sondra Uzzell, Ambassadors for Children Director

“Thank you for letting us get some clothes for a certain foster baby. I’m sure, in his own way, he is thankful too. . . Thank you for letting us do this and for helping them out.”

-Sibling of a Foster Child in Greene County

“Thank you for my clothes. I really needed them. I love some of the brands I got - especially Limited Too!”

-Foster Child in Greene County



Adopt-a-Caseworker

The Adopt-a-Caseworker program matches local faith groups, businesses, civic groups, and individuals with caseworkers who work with abused and neglected children in Greene County.

Once “adopted,” caseworkers communicate the needs of the children and families on their caseloads to the group that has “adopted” them, and that group helps provide for those needs. Child & family confidentiality is a priority and will be protected. This program is funded by a federal grant awarded by the Office for Victims of Crime in cooperation with HALOS, a Charleston, South Carolina model program.

The Kid’s Clothes Closet

This program provides new clothing, underwear, socks, and pajamas to Greene County foster children. The foster children also receive 1 coat per year and gift certificates for new shoes at each visit (2 visits per year). This program supplements the modest clothing allowance provided to foster parents by the state. It is completely dependent upon donations and grants and is located at the Ronald McDonald House of the Ozarks.



Tutoring Scholarships

This program funds tutoring services for foster children in Greene County. The foster child’s caseworker must complete a Tutoring Scholarship Request Form (can be obtained from the Director) and the child’s teacher must submit a referral letter indicating specific educational needs. Requests are approved by the Director and dependent upon available funding.

Project Self-Esteem

This program provides funding for items to enhance the self-esteem of foster children in Greene County. The foster child’s caseworker must complete a Request Form (can be obtained from the Director) indicating the need and how it will help improve the child’s self-esteem. Examples of funded items include prom attire, class rings, and glasses. Requests are approved by the Director and are dependent upon available funding.

Pack-a-Bag with Love

This program provides new duffel bags filled with age appropriate items to children who are entering the foster care system in Greene County. This program is also dependent upon donations. Those wishing to donate bags to this program are encouraged to contact the Director to obtain a list of suggested bag items and assess current needs.

Foster & Adoptive Parent Recruitment

The programs of Ambassadors for Children offer support for local foster parents as they open their hearts and homes to children who have been abused and neglected. Ambassadors for Children provides information about becoming a foster parent or adoptive parent and links those interested with local agencies that provide orientation & training.

How can you be an Ambassador for Children?

1. **Adopt-a-Caseworker** (contact Director for more information)
2. **Subscribe** to the Ambassadors for Children free monthly e-newsletter by emailing suzzell@ccoarks.org
3. Donate new children’s **clothing items** or coats to the Council of Churches office or the Ronald McDonald House of the Ozarks (949 E. Primrose, Springfield, MO 65807)
4. Donate a bag filled with children’s items for the **Pack-a-Bag** program
5. Make a **monetary donation** to Ambassadors for Children
6. Become a **Foster or Adoptive Parent**
7. **Call** the Ambassadors for Children Director, Sondra Uzzell, at 862-3586 for additional volunteer opportunities



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YOUR DONATION CAN HELP A CHILD

- \$180-\$252..... 6 new outfits for 1 foster child
- \$90-\$126..... 3 new outfits for 1 foster child
- \$100..... 1 month of tutoring for 1 foster child
- \$60..... 2 pairs of shoes for a foster child 12+
- \$40-\$45..... a new coat for 1 foster child
- \$30..... 2 pairs of shoes for a foster child under 12

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