

Introduction to Olive Crest

- Founded in 1973 – 50th Anniversary!
- Have served over 200,000 children and families to date.
- Currently, we are operating in 5 regions including the Pacific Northwest and Las Vegas.



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- Dedicated to preventing child abuse by *strengthening, equipping, and restoring* children and families in crisis...
“One life at a time.”
- We help churches serve vulnerable children and families - often touched by the foster care system.



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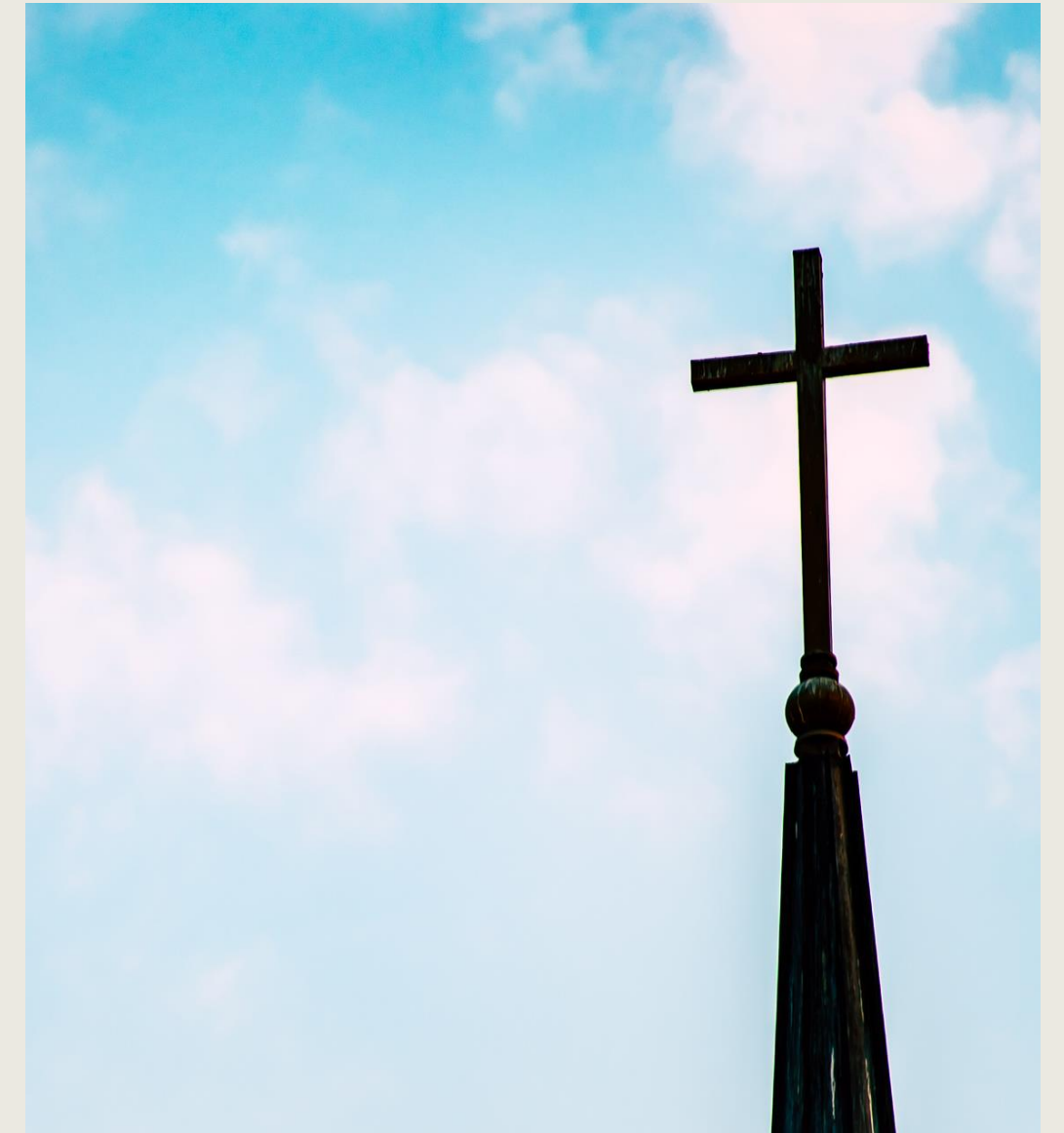
Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

- Matthew 25:34-40

The Church



Everyone can do something.

FAMILY

Invite children into your home through Foster, Adoption, or Volunteer Hosting

FRIEND

Provide support for Foster Families or Host Families as a Family Friend

CHAMPION

Contend for families through prayer, time, and/or resources

What's your something?

Friend

Wrap a family
with burden-
bearing love

The transformational ministry of sharing God's love by supporting children and families in practical ways through Care Communities.

Share one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. - Galatians 6:2

The Crisis



Nationwide,
50% of Foster Parents stop
fostering after the first year.

What is a Care Community?

A team of 6-8 committed church volunteers that act as an extended family to support a foster, adoptive, kinship, host or biological family.



Care Community: Team Roles



Volunteer Host Program





What Is a Volunteer Host Program?

Families in Crisis

- Children 0–17
- Maintain custody

Volunteer Hosts

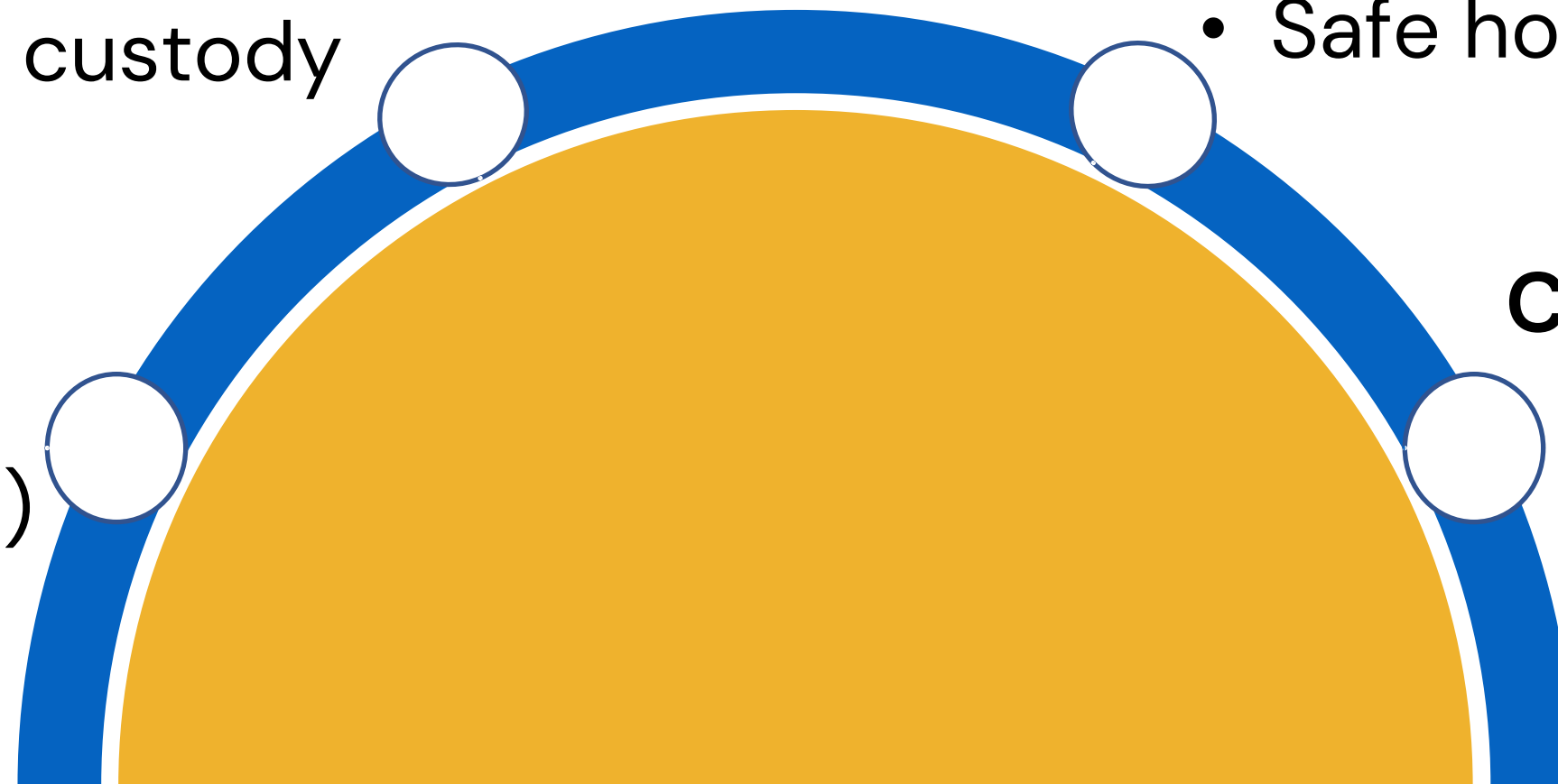
- Screened/approved
- Safe home

Temporary Hosting

- Short-term
(minimum 1–night)
- No cost

Community Support

- Safety Net
- Resources



Why are Volunteer Hosts Needed?

- Medical emergencies
- Substance abuse
- Homelessness
- Mental health care
- Escaping domestic violence
- Financial difficulty
- Incarceration
- Lack of reliable childcare

Social Isolation

“Who do I turn to when I need help?”

Key Distinctives



Supplementary Care,
not substitutionary care



Host Families are volunteers,
no financial compensation



Hosting is voluntary,
custody is maintained

Olive Crest's Three Objectives

Early Intervention

Giving families time to address risk factors.

Child Abuse Prevention

Providing a safe and temporary place for the child without threat of losing custody.

Family Support & Stabilization

Becoming the extended family support that a parent never had.



How do families hear about us?

- Relatives & friends
- Social service agencies
- Homeless shelters
- Drug/alcohol treatment centers
- Schools
- Hospitals
- Law enforcement
- Churches



Intake Process



Referral via 24/7 Helpline or Online Form



In-Person Intake to sign paperwork



Notify Host Families & connect

Processing time varies family by family

Safety is Our Priority

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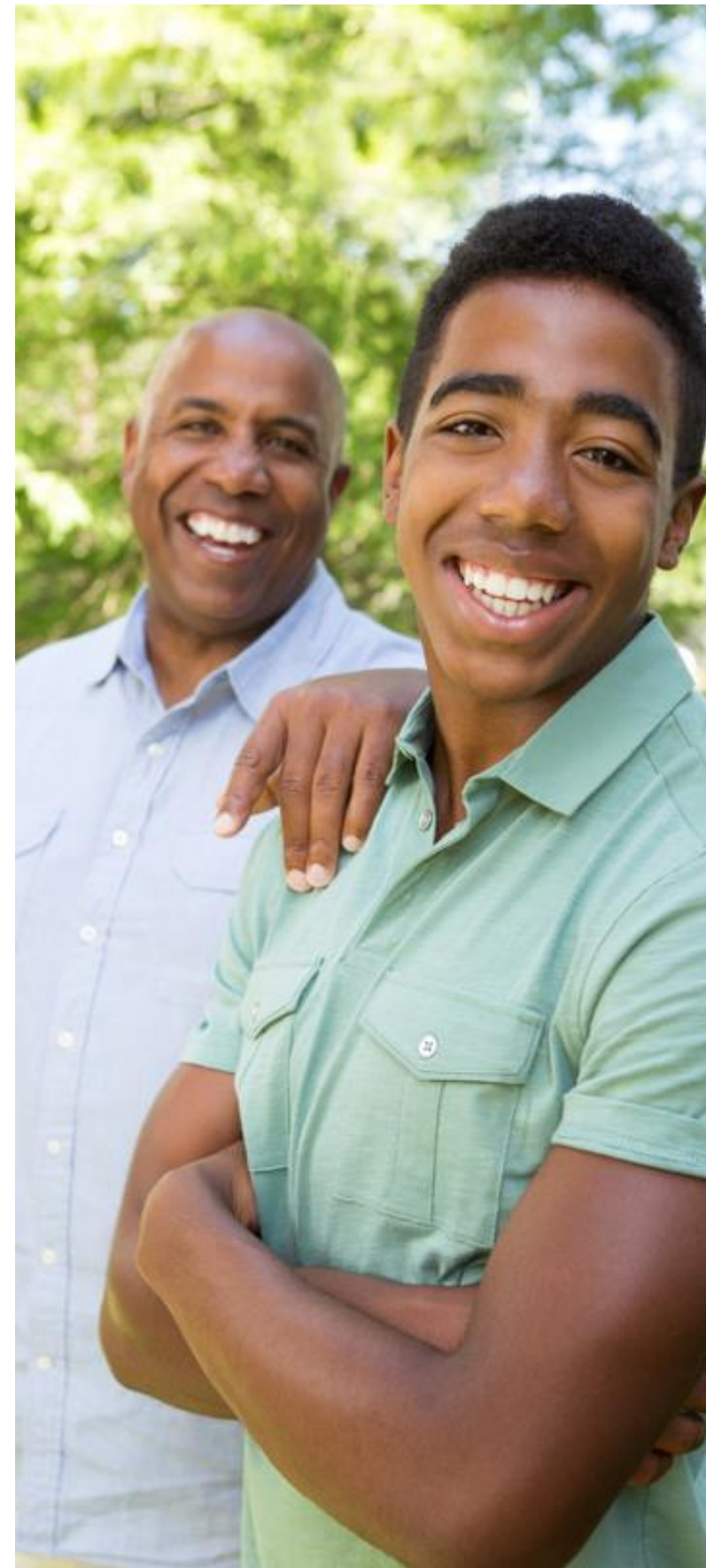
- Live Scan, Fingerprinting, & Record Checks
- Training & Home Study

Parents/Guardians:

- Agreement and Release Forms
- Caregiver Affidavit

24/7 Family Helpline

800-550-2445 x1234



So many parents experience...

- Generational trauma
- Unhealthy relationships
 - Isolation
 - A lack of support
 - Learned mistrust

which makes children at risk of
child abuse and neglect.

But together, we can help!

Frequently Asked Questions

Are children kept in their same school?

Do siblings stay together?

YES, if possible

How long are the hostings?

How often can a child be hosted?

- Case by Case
- Minimum 1 night
- Based on the need and availability
- Paperwork renewed every year

Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the relationship between the hosts and bio family like?

- We prioritize relationship and communication between families

What is unique about our program?

- We are a preventative program
- 100% voluntary

We do not bypass mandated Child Abuse reporting

Community Engagement Contact Info

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