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**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
THE SUPPORTERS OF
MAGNOLIA MISSION**



We are so grateful for all of our supporters! Thank you for your prayers, your time and your financial donations that allow us to serve foster families in Macon County.

In September, we received recognition from the IRS of our tax exempt status! Since then, here is what we've been able to do:

Due to the wonderful amount of support Magnolia Mission has received so far, we were able to do the following:

- Provide pre-licensing needs to local prospective foster families to bring their homes up to state standards.
- Provide care baskets and gift cards to several families as they welcome children into their home.
- Begin building a network of supporters for foster families (example, people able to help babysit and transport foster children when needed).
- Provide a folder of resources and helpful documents to prospective and current foster families.



How It Started

After decades of friendship, Becky and Jenny found themselves both involved in foster care. Becky and her husband, Kevin, were just getting started with their foster journey as Jenny and her husband, Tripp, were pausing their journey after adopting their eldest daughter.

After Becky's first placement, she was overwhelmed with discouragement. Foster care isn't supposed to be easy—but should it really be that hard to get licensed and to find support while fostering? She couldn't stop thinking about the issues they'd run into and God started laying a burden on her to seek out possible solutions to some of the hardships of foster care. She reached out to Jenny with her ideas and Jenny was excited to jump at a new opportunity to serve foster families. Although Jenny still had a passion for foster care, actually fostering just wasn't an option for her family situation.

Becky and Jenny see a variety of needs in the foster/adoptive world. One area they plan to support families is in the licensing stage of fostering. There are many requirements to bring your house up to code to foster, some of which are expensive. They hope to provide many of the safety essentials needed to become licensed. They also hope to support families during the early stages of placement. Macon County is blessed with a wonderful clothing closet that also provides toiletries and other basic items. Becky and Jenny hope to add in some of the 'extras' that help with the struggle of adding a new family member to the home, like a basket of household items, paper products and a home cooked meal.

Magnolia Mission is named in memory of Jenny's parents, John and Lori Impagliatelli. They were both huge supporters of all of the children Jenny and Tripp have cared for. Becky and Jenny are grateful for an opportunity to give back and keep their memory thriving in the town the Impagliatellis loved. Magnolias were Lori's favorite tree and John planted several in her memory after she passed away.

What's Next?

As we continue to make connections with local churches and organizations, we will be better equipped to serve the families in Macon County. We have big goals for the 2023 year! Here are some of the services we hope to provide this year.

- Provide fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for each prospective family
- Share a paper and digital list of resources for prospective and current families
- Distribute care baskets for families when a new child enters their home which will include household consumables, a blanket for the child, a gas or grocery gift card
- Provide a meal or restaurant gift card for each family as a child enters their home
- Organize a network of support for foster families and children including mentors for the children in care and mentors for the foster parents
- Give a gift card to each child in foster care in Macon County for their birthday
- Host at least 2 Foster Informational Meetings open to the public, to recruit more foster families and respite families
- Send a care package for foster families when a child leaves their home

Becky and Jenny view this organization as a mission to serve those who are trying to love on children in extremely difficult situations.