

Together, We Can Change a Child's Life Forever.

There are more foster children in the system right now than there are foster homes.

Our mission is to change that single fact...



Thornwell
Building Tomorrow's Families Today

No child should be without a home.

At Thornwell, we know you want to help a child return to their family. Disrupting your home can feel scary, but you're not meant to do it alone. That's why we come alongside you.

With nearly a century-and-a-half of ministry on behalf of children and families across the Southeast, we understand a healthy foster program is built on a foundation of support.

That foundation looks like community, experts, resources, and training.

Many precious children face growing up without the love and support of a stable family. They need foster parents who are willing to share their homes, hearts, and lives to keep them safe.

That can be you.



Community

for foster families to connect with other foster families



Experts

to guide you through the process and advocate for your needs



Resources

to lighten the burden and grow your support system



Training

to help you and your foster child make the most of your time together

You aren't alone.

By partnering with Thornwell, you receive 24/7 support and encouragement you need from our professional staff, which enables you to create lifelong, positive change for a child and their family.

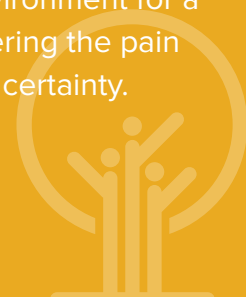
A Thornwell family specialist will walk alongside you every step of the way and be available whenever you need help with anything: from obtaining a Medicaid card, to teaching you strategies to help the child (and you) cope with your new situation together.

Thornwell helps you manage the case logistics, serves as a DSS liaison, and supports family reunification and adoption transitions to give your family and fosters the best life possible.

Can I foster?

Anyone over the age of 21 can become a foster parent: single or married, divorced or widowed. No income threshold is required, just an ability to meet all the normal household necessities.

All you need is the desire to provide a safe, nurturing home environment for a child or teen who is suffering the pain and confusion of life's uncertainty.



Together we're better.

You can be part of a growing **community** of foster families who are committed to loving children from hard places.

Attend quarterly **family fun days** and participate in a **private Facebook group**.

We offer a number of **monthly trainings** and **events** with topics ranging from Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI), attachment, trauma, and sex abuse prevention to parenting, sex trafficking, and grief and loss.



Did you know more than 2500 children in South Carolina are shuffled county to county because we don't have enough foster homes?

Resources to help you succeed.

As a foster parent, you are choosing to pour out your heart for the life of another. This not only comes with an emotional cost, but a financial one. We hope to lighten that burden from you.

We provide resources ranging from family fun nights at the movies, bowling alley, or zoo, to gift cards for gas and dinner. When you partner with us, your kids will have free access to sports, therapy, and academic tutoring. A strong respite system is also available to give you a special date night or time away to recharge.

What's next?

You can request a time to meet with our team to discuss your unique and specific desires and situation. The process is simple:

- *Initial Paperwork*
- *Background Checks*
- *Home Inspections*
- *Home Study*
- *Training*

- A monthly stipend to offset the cost of everyday childcare expenses
- Household readiness assistance (smoke detectors, bunkbeds, mattresses, etc.)
- Clothing and toiletries
- Diapers and formula
- Bookbags and school supplies
- Sponsorships for academic tutoring and counseling
- Meals in times of need (such as during initial placement or court dates)
- Gift cards for dining and gas
- Family fun nights (movies, trips to the zoo or museums, etc.)
- Respite care when you need rest

Foster a child and give them the hope we take for granted.



Contact Thornwell to learn more about how we can help you make a difference in a young life.

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