

## Ministry Spotlight

## Foster Care James and Marissa's Story

Since its inception, Thornwell has been a partner to the local church and important part of our ministry. We share the same heart—to love God and love others—and a long history of service to children and families.

Thornwell began in the heart of a young pastor in 1875, and they have continued the legacy of hope and healing ever since. Today, they are an interconnected community of experts, advocates, and caregivers who spend their lives committed to helping children and families in need through a family-centered continuum of care.

Their mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect, to build up and reunite families, and to support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ.

In partnership with Thornwell, we are making a world of difference in the lives of children like James and Marissa.

When James and Marissa entered foster care, they were just one and three years old. Due to neglect and an unsafe home, they both had developmental delays and spent a lot of time in and out of the hospital. It was critical for them to find loving homes to help them heal.

Not only did James and Marissa find loving homes through Thornwell, but they see one another for weekly playdates. It's important siblings continue to live together in foster care, and when that's not possible, our strong network of families makes it possible for siblings to remain connected. Today, they have a beautiful relationship, and thanks to regular rehabilitative therapy, they are improving by leaps and bounds every day.

As we work together with Thornwell, we can serve many more children and families like James and Marissa's. << Insert your church's specific call to action to support partnership with Thornwell (I.e. financial contributions, in-kind donations, or volunteering/service.>>

Thank you for your compassionate hearts, steadfast support, and constant prayers for Thornwell and the children and families we, together, serve. We couldn't do it without you!