



Dear Friends and Family,

We have exciting news we are delighted to share with you! Bond County Foster Hope is merging with The Restore Network. The Restore Network is active and growing in Madison and St. Clair counties with a goal of spreading throughout the state and beyond. We believe this is an amazing opportunity for us at Bond County Foster Hope to expand and strengthen our commitment to recruiting, educating and supporting local foster and adoptive families. We encourage you to check out The Restore Network at www.therestorenetwork.org. As we unite our efforts, Greenville First Christian Church will become the home church for The Restore Network in Bond County. Chrissy Matthews and I will still spearhead the Bond County chapter of The Restore Network, as we remain very passionate about this ministry. The Restore Network will allow us to work closely with our counterparts in our neighboring counties to ensure consistent support for our vulnerable children and families.

What does joining The Restore Network mean?

- Our goal remains the same, to ensure our most vulnerable children are not forgotten and are provided for as God calls us to do.
- Every dollar we raise will still go to support our local Bond County children and families.
- We will still function solely through volunteerism.
- All donations will remain tax deductible.
- We will continue to offer the supports we have in the past, such as backpacks and supplies, the Foster Hope Loft, and Christmas gifts; however, we will strengthen our commitment and add additional assistance such as:
 - ❖ **Meals Team** to provide meals to foster families when they receive a new child or children or in times of crisis, and
 - ❖ **Clothing Team** to ensure that each child that comes into care has appropriate clothing to wear, and
 - ❖ **Tutoring Team** to deliver educational support to local foster children that need extra help, and
 - ❖ **Prayer Team** devoted individuals that will lift up our children, families and system in prayer, and
 - ❖ **Local Foster Parent Support Group** to allow local foster parents to come together to share coping strategies, become empowered and share in a sense of community, and
 - ❖ **Additional Events** including **Parents' Night Out Events** to allow local foster parents an opportunity to reconnect, unwind or just find a few moments of quietness, and
 - ❖ **Fostering 101 Classes** which will be held at Greenville First Christian Church and give individuals who are interested in fostering and/or adopting or supporting The Restore Network more information to help them in their journey.

- ❖ **Actively recruiting local churches** to partner with us and join in The Restore Network in that we truly believe the church is the answer to our foster care crisis.

Upcoming Events!

- ✚ Housewarming Party hosted by Mandy Hustedde for local foster child – **October 14, 2016**
- ✚ Fundraising Cookout with Wes Pourchot at HSHS Thrift Store Parking Lot- **October 28, 2016**
- ✚ Gathering of DCFS and private agencies to introduce the union of Bond County Foster Hope and The Restore Network- **November 1, 2016**
- ✚ Christmas Wishes Program start date to match sponsors with local children- **November 3, 2016**
- ✚ Orphan Sunday kickoff event at Greenville First Christian Church to announce merge of Bond County Foster Hope with The Restore Network- **November 5th and 6th, 2016**
- ✚ Foster/Adoptive Parent Appreciation Luncheon at Greenville First Christian Church- **November 6, 2016**
- ✚ Host Greenville Elementary School's After School Movie – **November 17, 2016**
- ✚ Christmas Wrap-a-thon hosted by the Greenville First Christian Church- **December 3, 2016**
- ✚ Fundraising Night at Joe's Pizza, Greenville from 4-8 p.m.- **January 25, 2017**
- ✚ Fundraising Opportunity at Greenville First Christian Church by staffing Higher Grounds Sunday mornings in March 2017

Please note, you can now donate online and make a one-time donation or set up reoccurring donations on our webpage www.therestorenetwork.org. If you choose to donate in this convenient fashion, please ensure you select *Bond County* as the county to receive your gift. Additionally, we are seeking individuals to fill the above-mentioned teams with their giftedness, as well as others to provide additional resources. Please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss any questions or concerns you may have! Likewise, please don't hesitate to contact us to learn more about the upcoming events or to support them! We look forward to serving with you!

We appreciate your past support and look excitedly towards the future as we move forward as The Restore Network!

With much appreciation and gratitude,



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