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In 2022, we focused on fine tuning our Welcome Pack process, working to ensure each pack has the contents needed to support and encourage children and families and is delivered within 24 hours of request.

We welcomed three lead volunteers to help grow our organization. These women have helped to balance the work of maintaining the HUB, coordinating volunteers, connecting with caregivers, and so much more!

We hosted 90 kids at our first birthday party, a fun family event at Menagerie Farm where families were able to “just be families.”

Our summer was FULL with our first annual Growing the Village is Sweet Campaign and our Black Tie Bowling Gala.

Moms Gatherings were hosted monthly and offered a time of recharging and connection through fellowship with other like-minded mommas.

As we close out the year, we hope to continue to grow our financial ability to serve children and families well.



# WHY WE CARE



OVER  
**400,000**

children in the U.S. foster care system



**50%**

of licensed foster homes stop fostering after their first placement



At least **80%**

of foster youth suffer from mental health issues such as PTSD and depression



**80%**

of human trafficking victims have intersected with the foster care system

**40%**

of our homeless population are former or current foster youth





# *the solution*

## community beyond the system

By bridging the gaps between a vulnerable population and a caring community, we believe that we can see these troubling statistics shift and witness generational changes.

# the impact

**378**

children served

**114<sup>+</sup>**

Welcome Packs  
provided

**170**

families served

**70**

families received  
Welcome Packs

"The children came in with almost nothing and their eyes and hearts lit up to be able to have some things to call their own. The backpacks were perfect and I could tell the items were well thought out. They helped us not have to get out to shop for necessities with little ones in tow. It was very encouraging to receive gifts to help support these kids. "

"FVM provides so many practical ways to serve these children and come alongside foster families and it has been a real joy to personally do that...From providing meals, packing welcome packs, or just sharing about FVM with family and friends it's so cool to see how this organization makes an impact!"

**19**

monthly donors

**307**

unique donors

**2070**

volunteer hours clocked

**3514**

new in kind items  
donated

"Through Foster Village Memphis, I became more aware of the practical ways that I can support foster families in the Memphis area. From providing spaces for connection to other families to child care on a weekend or emergency needs, there are things I have seen FVM provide that I will continue to support."

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"The Welcome Pack was thoughtfully packed and included more than we could have asked!"

"The Welcome Pack was very helpful. He loved the toys and it helped me get the basics for him because he came into care with nothing and I'm a new foster mom so I didn't have everything he needed."

"I love that FVM shows up at my door and checks things off the list when the list is a mile long and the urgency is yesterday. Kids always love having brand new things to call their own. New backpacks and water bottles for my teens were a HUGE hit! Thanks for supporting these kiddos!"

"I was overwhelmed with joy to see strangers step up to help me in a time of need being a new mom. My kids felt so loved and full of joy to receive "presents" as they say."

"The girls were so thrilled to have their own blankets to use on their beds and when we watch movies!"

"This was exactly what we needed. Premie was the only age I was unprepared for and Foster Village filled that gap for us!"

# 2023 vision

In 2023, we have a big dream of moving into a home-like resource center to better serve children and families in our city. Our ability to carry out our mission will be drastically impacted as we move into a home-like space that brings comfort, belonging, and healing to those who spend time there.

We will continue to grow our Welcome Pack Program and will be adding a new program to cater to the needs of children who need sensory support within their home.

We will be tweaking our gatherings to include all caregivers. Our Caregiver Support Coordinator will continue to encourage community and connection amongst caregivers.

We hope to grow our Village Partner Community made up of monthly donors who have caught the vision of FVM. These donors allow for sustainability within our mission.

We look forward to celebrating our second birthday next Spring with our annual family gathering and we'll be hosting both our Growing the Village is Sweet Campaign and our Black Tie Bowling Gala again! If you missed out on any of these events this year, make sure you're watching for the 2023 dates, you don't want to miss them!



# Join the Village

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to help us continue work for children and families in our city.



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