

One Church in
multiple locations,
sharing one heart to
serve vulnerable
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families.



upcoming EVENTS

AFC SUPPORT GROUP

November 13 | 9:30-11:00 AM

December 11 | 9:30-11:00 AM

Hope City Church

*RSVP [here](#)

For **female** caregivers of kids impacted by foster care, guardianship & adoption.
2nd Friday of the month we gather for coffee breakfast bites, and conversation.

UPCOMING AFC VIP NIGHTS

For families of vulnerable children

November 14 | 3:00-7:00 PM

December 5 | 3:00-7:00 PM

January 9 | 3:00-7:00 PM

*Register Kids [Here](#)

*Register to Volunteer [Here](#)

AFC CHRISTMAS DINNER 2026

December 13 | 4:30 - 7:00 PM

Abernethy Center is once again hosting adoptive parents, foster parents, & kinship caregivers for an elevated KID FREE evening of dressing up and eating incredible food amongst others who get it.

*Childcare available at Willamette Christian

*Registration for AFC families and sign-ups for volunteers happening soon!

A BIGGER UMBRELLA, THE SAME HEART: INTRODUCING AFC VIP NIGHTS!

Since 2018, our Adoption & Foster Care ministry (AFC) has partnered with Foster Parents Night Out (FPNO) to provide foster families with a much-needed evening of respite and care. We are so grateful for the ways this program has been a lifeline to caregivers and children!

As our AFC community at OneChurchPDX has grown, so has our vision for supporting vulnerable children and the families who love and care for them. We've recognized the need for a bigger umbrella—one that extends the same heart of FPNO to include not only foster families, but also adoptive families, kinship caregivers, SAFE family hosts, families navigating reunification, and teen parents.

And so, **Foster Parents Night Out is becoming AFC VIP Nights!** The heart remains the same, but the circle is growing. Our vision is simple: **everyone is a VIP!** Children deserve to be celebrated, caregivers deserve to be cared for, and volunteers deserve to know how deeply their presence matters.

From 3-7 PM, children will enjoy an evening of fun, friendship, and food, while caregivers receive four hours to rest, recharge, or simply do something that fills their cup. This night isn't just for the kids—it's for the caregivers, too! We want every family to leave feeling seen, supported, encouraged, and reminded that they are not alone.

Caregivers, you are VIPs! You pour so much of yourselves into helping children feel safe, valued, and loved. This evening is for you as much as it is for your kids. Let us love on your children while you take time to breathe, rest, and receive some care of your own.

*Register [Here](#)

Volunteers, you are VIPs, too! Every smile, every game, every meal, and every moment of connection helps create a place where children and caregivers feel welcomed and celebrated. By serving, you become part of a community that reflects God's love in tangible ways.

*Sign Up [Here](#)

Bigger umbrella. Same heart. Every child celebrated. Every caregiver cared for. Every volunteer valued. Everyone a VIP!

A Personal Note

I'm loving getting to know so many incredible AFC families and volunteers! I'm continually blown away by your stories and deeply impacted by your hearts. If you've ever wondered what it might look like to get more involved with AFC, explore new ways to serve, or connect more deeply with this community, I'd love to hear from you! Whether it's grabbing coffee, connecting at your campus, or sitting down one-on-one, I'd love to hear your heart and dream together about what God might be inviting you into.

With gratitude,
Kristina



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A Place to Make a Difference

Jim & Nance McCormack are no strangers to serving vulnerable children and families! They have faithfully shown up for Foster Parents Night Out (FPNO) over the years and continue to serve today as part of the security team for VIP Nights. In June, they also began volunteering at **With Love**, finding yet another way to make a difference.

"My husband and I started volunteering at With Love in June, and we love being a small part of the bigger picture of caring for children in foster care. Being able to help provide clothing and other essential items for these kids is so important!

With Love offers practical support to resource parents by helping meet the tangible needs of children in their care. While we're not in a place where we can foster a child ourselves, we love knowing we can still be part of the process and help provide for these children in a meaningful way."

The McCormacks are a beautiful reminder that there are many ways to come alongside vulnerable children and families. Whether through a night of respite, creating a safe environment, or providing essential items, every act of service helps communicate that these children and the people who care for them are not alone.



A True Team Effort

This Summer AFC Volunteers supported a Free Food Market and provided hot dogs, chips, and drinks to families waiting in line for their food while also helping organize and distribute groceries. It was an effort of all ages and the youngest volunteers even teamed up with the Mayor.



Love in Action: The Hessel Family

The Hessel family is an adoptive family whose heart for serving vulnerable children and families continues to grow! From regularly serving at VIP Nights and through Angels in the Outfield to becoming a certified SAFE Families Host, they continue to find meaningful ways to come alongside families in our community.

Their journey alongside a mom named Shannon was recently highlighted at the annual **SAFE Families** event, celebrating the power of showing up, building relationships, and offering support when it matters most.

Interested in knowing more about SAFE Families? Reach out to [Sharon Hessel](#)



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