## Connecting waiting children with loving families

Since 2015, Zoe's House has served as a bridge between expectant mothers who want the best for their child and loving adoptive families who have room at their tables. The stories of lives changed become the rewards of our service, and we look forward to continuing our work in private domestic adoption, serving expectant mothers and adoptive families with dignity and the love of Christ.

Even so, we have wondered, "Is there more we can do to further the mission?"

As it turns out, there is.

State foster care systems are at capacity. In some cases, these are children who will eventually be reunited with their biological parents, but in other cases, reunification is not possible. There are children - usually older, sibling groups, or those with special needs - who remain in foster care long after parental rights are terminated. There is literally no place for them to go back to, and sadly, sometimes there is no obvious place for their future.

These children are beautiful to the Lord, and their lives matter. We began to ask, "What if we were to provide another way home? What if we were able to connect these children with loving, Zoe's House families?"

*Another Way Home* will work closely with state agencies to place adoption ready children in families who will care for them and give them what every child deserves - a home. Belonging. A place at the table.

## Waiting Children

The waiting children in the *Another Way Home* program are foster children who are legally free for adoption. The parents of these children have already had their parental rights terminated, leaving the children in search of their forever home.

The children available are generally age 8+, or a member of a sibling group. In many cases, the children have moderate to high behavioral and/or medical needs due to the trauma and challenges they have faced in their lives. The initial goal for all children who enter foster care is reunification with their biological family. Because of this, infants and toddlers are rarely available for adoption unless they are part of a sibling group that includes older children.

## Learn More

<u>Click here</u> to read our Adoption Services Overview which outlines the eligibility requirements and process.

## Next Steps

Listen to these podcasts here (you can listen with a free Spotify account). These are required before orientation and will help your family determine if the *Another Way Home* Program is a good fit.

<u>Contact us</u> to request a full information packet on this program.