



2025 FOSTERING HOPE IMPACT REPORT

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Our Mission

We believe that family is the primary source of healing for the hurting child.

Our Mission is to equip families, churches and organizations to transform the lives of children.

Our Vision

Our Vision is a loving, healing family for all children in Central Texas.

Meet Our Staff



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Message from the Executive Director

“He’s not done with me yet... There’s so much more to the story... He’s not done with me yet.”

This song (“More than Able” by Elevation Worship) has resonated with me (and my family) greatly over the past 18 months. Personally, professionally, emotionally, spiritually, culturally... you name it. There have been moments of joy and elation, moments of despair and heartbreak, and everything in between. Moments when we didn’t know what was happening, what we needed to learn, why God had us where we were and even whether we’d make it through. Through it all though, we’re continually learning that - He’s not done with us yet.

As I reflect on my first year in this role, it is clear that God has big things planned for Fostering Hope. Through the tenacity, commitment and hard work of our incredible staff and amazing support from folks like you, Fostering Hope has continued to expand our impact and grow each of our programs. In the past 12 months, we’ve served, trained and equipped more than 740 families and 1,330 parents/caregivers - an increase of more than 80% over the previous year. We hosted more than 50 trainings, parent meet-ups and support events - an increase of more than 60% over the previous year. We’ve focused on growing our partnerships and relationships with churches, child placing agencies and other resource organizations and we’re seeing the impact of these relationships.

He’s not done yet with the children and families we serve – and we know He’s not done with growing the impact Fostering Hope can have. As we’ve expanded our programs and impact, we know there is a tremendous amount of still unmet need across our community, and we’re incredibly excited about and poised to see that need met, with your help, into the future.

We’ll share much more here and in the coming months about the changing landscape of child welfare in Central Texas, the needs of our kids, families and the system – and most importantly, where we believe we’re uniquely suited to help meet these needs. As we celebrate Fostering Hope’s 10th Anniversary, we’re working on BIG plans for the future of Fostering Hope and we want you to be a part of this vision!

We need your help – now more than ever! While we’re seeing incredible things happening in our programs, in the churches we equip, in our relationships with agencies, and with the families we serve, funding is continually a challenge. We need your help to continue building momentum as we envision and do big things as we walk with families, churches and organizations to bring hope to every corner of the child welfare landscape. Please join us!

Warm Regards,
Joe Strychalski

FOSTERING HOPE'S PROGRAMS



Parent Development

We create community that feeds the soul. This year we have focused on depth as well as breadth in our parent development. With this focus, we saw dramatic increases in parents who interacted with multiple Fostering Hope gatherings and trainings. As we sit across the table from parents and enjoy a burger at Hat Creek, we can see the shift as they go from a place of despair to increasing hopefulness and empowerment. These same parents have attended our TBRI Trainings and stayed after to ask questions. They feel less lonely as they look around and hear other parents say, "Oh! Us too."

We are reminded that hope is agricultural, and requires time, planting seeds, and more time. These parents who are showing up repeatedly are getting to go deeper, and it is making a difference in ways that will bear fruit for years, maybe even generations.

“ I truly appreciate that Fostering Hope has a hand in every aspect of foster care — from pre-service to church trainings to babysitting support. Amazing ministry!
— Julien G., Divinity Family Services ”

Over 95%

of Parents/Caregivers utilizing Fostering Hope support or training feel more equipped/confident in caring for children who have experienced loss, trauma or separation.

Over 90%

of Parents/Caregivers utilizing Fostering Hope support or training find it relevant and valuable.

Over 90%

of Parents/Caregivers utilizing Fostering Hope support or training would recommend Fostering Hope training/support to others.



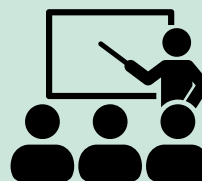
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Parents/Caregivers trained and equipped



741

Families served
(81% increase compared to last year)



52

Trainings and Meet-ups hosted
(63% increase compared to last year)

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Family Recovery Court

Celebrating Healing and Reunification

This year, we celebrated the pure joy of watching parents we've walked alongside graduate from Family Recovery Court. Their courage, resilience, and commitment to healing are powerful reminders of why we do this work — to see families restored and thriving together.

18 parents trained & supported
(200% increase from last year)

5 parents graduated

One community of hope and healing



“Our families have appreciated y'all so much for being a one-stop for caregiver trainings. Thankful and blessed to have this partnership!”
— K. Allred, Settlement Home

Ministry Development

Equipping Churches to Care

We're helping churches take their next faithful step in foster and adoption ministry. Through our growing regional “Churches that Care” gatherings, we're seeing collaboration spark and communities come together to serve vulnerable children and families.

50+

Churches Engaged

5

Para-church ministries received Trauma-Informed Care training

100+

Churches represented by parents/caregivers trained

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Babysitting & Agency Partners

Bridging the Gap Between Agencies and Churches

From Lunch & Listen gatherings to babysitter trainings, we're creating safe spaces for caseworkers and caregivers alike. Together, we're easing burdens, deepening trust, and bringing hope into hard moments.



95%

Of certified babysitters matched with families



15

Partner Child Placing Agencies supported



65

Agencies & organizations collaborated with



“

We've been able to offer the Certified Babysitter Training program as a resource for families in our care. It's helped them get trusted members of their support circles approved as babysitters for their foster or adoptive kiddos.

— Partner Agency Staff Member ”

A Future & A Hope Conference 2025

We celebrated 20 years of A Future & A Hope Conference, two decades of inspiring, equipping, and uniting families and church leaders. From powerful keynotes to heartfelt recognition, this year marked both legacy and momentum for the future.



250+
Attendees



23
Exhibitors



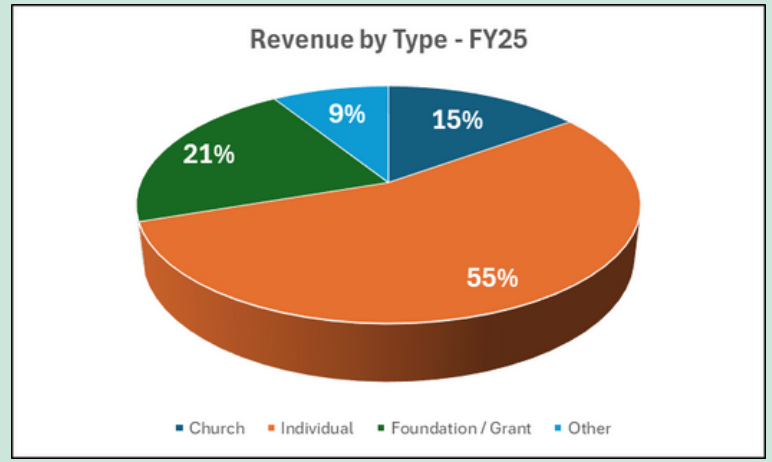
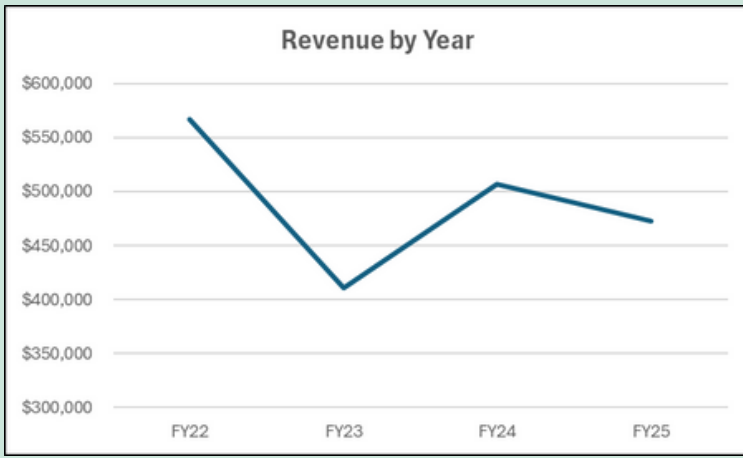
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Breakout
Sessions



1000+ hours
of training
provided

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW + WHAT'S NEXT

Financial Overview



Celebrating 10 Years of Fostering Hope

This year marks Fostering Hope's 10th anniversary! What began in 2006 as a small community of church adoption ministries hosting the first A Future & A Hope Conference has grown into a thriving movement of parents, churches, and organizations united by one mission: to bring hope and healing to families.

Rooted in faith and guided by Trust-Based Relational Intervention®, Fostering Hope has spent the past decade equipping families and leaders to understand trauma and transform relationships through God's love.

As we step into the next decade, we celebrate all that God has done — and look forward with excitement to what's ahead. Stay tuned for special 10-year celebrations throughout the year!



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