

First Christian's Orphan ministry went all out in service to support our partner families. The picnic included a host of family fun! First Christian contributed the following in-kind items: use of the facility, games, prizes, candy, volunteers to greet, escort, serve food, and monitor for safety of all those participating in the event. Additionally, they were instrumental in assisting with coordination of the event's performing clowns, "Circus Daze", the inflatables were provided by Noahs' Place & Petting Zoo, and their own catering and hospitality services for our food. The appreciation picnic was coordinated by Carolyn Thomas, Licensing Supervisor, and her staff from the Family and Children's Division of the Forsyth County Department of Social Services.

First Christian and the First Christian Church Orphan Ministry offers continual support to DSS with their volunteers who provide quarterly help with maintaining the division's free customer clothing closet. The clothing closet serves families who have child protective involvement and helps those quickly get clothing needs met at no cost. The closet is a valuable resource for families and the social work staff serving families. The clothing closet has served in excess of 400 families since opening in 2009.

Foster parents are concerned, responsible community members who have been licensed by the state of North Carolina to parent children who have been removed from neglectful and abusive homes by the court system.

Foster parents receive monthly compensation and medical coverage to help cover the child's basic needs while they live with the foster parents.

Anyone interested in becoming a licensed foster parent please contact Teresa Bryant at 336-703-3686 or Sharon Porter at 336-703-2445. You may also pick up information at the ground floor at Social Services.