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Christian Services Celebrates 10 years

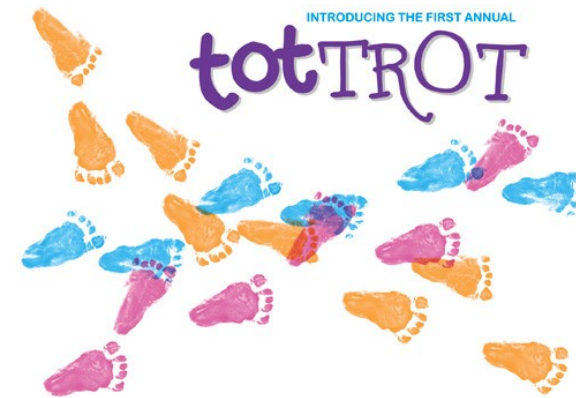


Help us celebrate our 10th Anniversary at our
 Annual Benefit Auction
 Friday, August 27th, 2010
 Memorial Road Church of Christ, Fellowship Central
 6:30-9 p.m.

Ticket Prices
 \$32 per person
 \$35 at the door
 \$250 for a table of 8

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Our Inaugural Tot Trot was a huge success.

Thanks to the over 200 participants and more than 30 volunteers! We far surpassed our goal for the first year. Special thanks to the Lake-homa Church of Christ for sending 50 participants.

The Tot Trot raised almost \$10,000 to help with operation of our programs which benefit women in crisis pregnancies, unborn babies, adoptive families, foster families and infants in state custody. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others!

Mark your calendars for May 2011. We will announce a date soon!



Starting line for the 5K



A few of our 5K winners



Photo by Jana Hill

Baby Brody is pictured above and left with his forever parents Todd and Amy. Your gifts helped Brody go home!



Foster Parent Spotlight

Meet CSO's dedicated foster parents

Names: Brian and Haley
Jordan 4 1/2 and Grant 2

Occupations: Brian — Optometrist
Haley — stay at home mother

What motivated you to become a foster parent? After struggling with fertility issues, we turned to foster care. We knew there were many children in need of loving homes and we had room in our hearts and home for them. God calls us to take care of the orphans and we felt lead to be obedient to His calling.

What is the most rewarding part of being a foster parent? Seeing the children blossom and be happy and thriving. We enjoy getting to know the birth parents as well. Showing them God's love and compassion. Knowing that changing one life, will change an entire generation of people is very rewarding!

What is the hardest part of fostering? Letting the children go home. We miss them terribly because we loved them so much while they lived in our home. But we don't worry about them be-



cause God always has a magnificent plan for each child's life, and will protect them.

What would you say to someone thinking of becoming a foster parent? You will never regret loving a child. God has called us as Christians to do this! Step out in faith. Serving the Lord is not always easy, but always wonderful.

If Christians won't step up to take care of these children....who will?

Matching donations

Many local companies offer matching donations for their employee's charities of choice. If your employer has this program, please consider Christian Services as a recipient. Your generous gifts help us find loving homes for children. Thanks!

New Volunteer Opportunity

We are excited to introduce and launch, Helping Hands, our new volunteer program aimed at supporting our amazing foster families. Fostering a child is a very rewarding endeavor but also can be very challenging for those that care for the children day to day. These wonderful families need all the support that their family, friends and the community can offer.



Helping Hands gives you that opportunity to support and serve a specific foster family on a weekly basis. By becoming a Helping Hands volunteer, you could be serving a family in a variety of ways. Some of those ways might include providing a meal one night a week for the family or helping with laundry, cleaning or yard work. It could also directly involve the children by rocking a baby, baby-sitting, playing with the children or helping create a scrapbook for each foster child.

Through the program, you will be trained and sup-

ported by the staff of Christian Services and DHS and then matched with a family based on their needs and your talents and abilities. You will be asked to commit to serving the family for one year, three hours a week. Those three hours will look different for every family and every volunteer. We desire and pray this opportunity to be a rewarding and edifying experience for all those involved.

If your heart has been searching for a way to serve children in foster care, we pray that this is an answer to that search. Please contact us if you are interested in becoming a volunteer or if you would like more information about the program. We are looking for individuals and families to partner with us as we support our foster families.

"It takes a whole village to raise a child."

African Proverb.

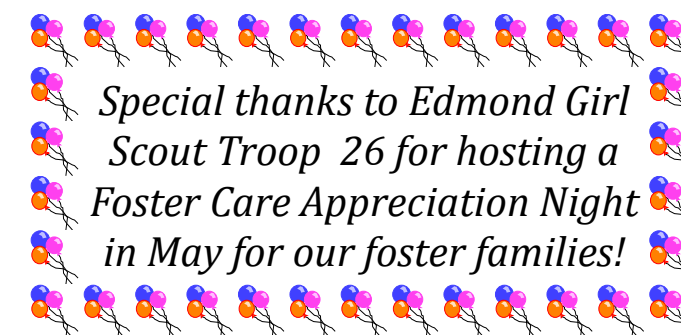
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Special thanks to Edmond Girl Scout Troop 26 for hosting a Foster Care Appreciation Night in May for our foster families!

