

May 2015

Safe Families *for* Children

Monthly Newsletter



Events: *SFFC Orientation & Training*

When: Saturday, May 16th 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Where: Twin Cedars' Coleman Center, 701 Lincoln St., LaGrange

Who's invited? Anyone interested in SFFC ministry

**** Please RSVP by email to cgibson@twincedar.org ****

Volunteer or Recruit for SFFC

Safe Families for Children (SFFC) is a ministry of the church to care for children and families in need. Based on Biblical hospitality, SFFC helps equip the church by providing the tools, resources, and training; while also removing the burden of cost and liability.

SFFC is recruiting host families, family friends, and coaches to partner with us in ministry. Host families minister in the convenience of their own home and on their schedules, while also teaching the ministry of Biblical hospitality to their own children. Host families make a huge impact in the lives of

children and families, by truly being Christ's hand and feet. The effects of their service last a lifetime.

Placements are short term and average from a few days to a few weeks. SFFC works with lower risk families to strengthen them early on; and is committed to reunifying families as quickly as possible.

Will you consider partnering with SFFC? Families need your help; and change is most effective through relationship. God gave His church the answer. Will you answer the call to care for a child for a few days?

There are many ways to Partner with SFFC:

- Become a Host Family
- Serve as Ministry Lead at your church.
- Become a Family Coach or Family Friend
- Recruit Volunteers
- Attend the Orientation and Training May 16th
- Pray for SFFC ministry and volunteers
- Volunteer in outreach, marketing, and social media...

There's a place for everyone!

Church & Community Partners:

- New Community Church
- Franklin Road Baptist
- City Light Church
- The Good Seed Bookstore
- Troup Co. Baptist Assoc.
- Troup Co. Interagency
- Troup Co. DFCS
- Troup Transformation
- Troup Co. Sheriff's Dept.

For More Information:

To become a SFFC Volunteer or to refer a family to SFFC, please contact:

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Volunteers motivated my their faith...

"Ministering God's love to families in need"

Biblical Hospitality

Biblical hospitality is very different from the occupational role of hospitality. True hospitality is sacrificial, uncomfortable, and does not impress others. It's more about our open heart and home, not our entertaining skills.

The Greek word for hospitality is *philoxenia*, meaning the love

of strangers. (Rom.12:13) Hospitality shows we love and honor God, by meeting the needs of the poor. (Prov. 14:31) It's to be practiced without grumbling, complaining, or thought of reward. (1 Pet. 4:9) It's the love of strangers, (Heb. 13:1-2), serving widows and orphans (1Tim 5:1-16) caring for the poor and

needy (Luke 14:12-14), and serving the foreigners, immigrants, and refugees (Gen. 18:1-22)

Hospitality is bigger than just meeting the needs of food and shelter. Hospitality seeks to 'minister.'

Hospitality is love...