

August 2015

Safe Families *for* Children

Monthly Newsletter



Events: SFFC Volunteer Orientation

When: Saturday, August 15th 9:00 a.m.—12:00 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 ****

Serving our first family...

Safe Families for Children—West GA served our first family by hosting a sibling group of three while their mother enrolled in treatment close by. The children were placed in two SFFC host homes in our community, where they were able to attend the same church and visit each other regularly. These host homes cared for these children like their own and reached out to their mother to extend support and encouragement. The children are now reunited with their mother; and the host homes are continuing support this family by picking them up for church, planning recreational activi-

ties, enrolling them in school, connecting them to counseling, and extending God's love through hospitality. Even though the SFFC host arrangements have ended, both host homes are continuing their mentoring care by serving as a SFFC Family Friend; truly becoming an extended family-like support to this family. As their mother continues her path toward recovery, SFFC volunteers are close by to help them along their journey toward further success.

Safe Families for Children's average length of hosting a child is 21 days nationally; and it's interest-

ing that our first SFFC hosting in Troup County lasted exactly 21 days. It has also been encouraging to see Christian organizations link together with the Church to serve families in crisis. We are looking forward to helping other families in crisis as we continue to recruit and train more Host Families. God's plan for social service is clear in His Word, and we have witnessed the success of Biblical hospitality. If you or someone you know are interested in helping SFFC, please call us at 706-616-8028 or email us at cgibson@twincedar.org. Together we can be world changers in our community.

Volunteers motivated by their faith...

"Ministering God's love to families in need"

How to connect and serve:

There are many ways to connect with SFFC-West GA. You can visit our website at TCYFS at twincedar.org, visit SFFC's national website at www.safe-families.org; call us at (706) 298-0055 ext 1073; or cell at (706) 616-8028; visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SFFC WESTGA; or search Safe

Families for Children West GA

A great way to serve SFFC is by volunteering as a Ministry Lead of your church or Host Family. Family Friends and Coaches are needed as well. There's a place for everyone to serve.

One of the best ways to serve Safe Families is by tell-

ing your friends and family about us; and by liking and sharing us on Facebook. And if you know a family in crisis that may need help, please tell them about SFFC. By doing this, you are truly caring for children and families. It takes all of us to reach families in need.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Host Family
- Ministry Lead
- Family Coach
- Family Friend
- Resource Partner
- Community Outreach
- Support Groups
- Intake

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For More Information:

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

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