



Volunteer opportunities

Below are a variety of ways you can serve through Defend the Fatherless. Our organization relies on volunteers to make us successful and we truly are thankful for our community's support. Please reach out to our Volunteer Coordinator, Marybeth Robinson at mrobinson@defendthefatherless.org or 704-650-1592 to set up a service opportunity. If you are interested in hosting a fundraiser, please reach out to our Executive Director, Caitlin Sund at csund@defendthefatherless.org.

1. Make Frozen Homemade Meals

This is a great way for groups of all ages to serve together. We ask that you make meals that are easy to re-heat and stored in disposable containers. The meals should serve between 5-6 people at a minimum and ingredients and cooking instructions must be clearly labeled. Family-friendly meals are best! Once meals are prepared, please set up a time to deliver to one of our drop off locations around Fort Mill.

2. Host a Giftcard Drive or Sock/Underwear/Pajama/Tennis Shoe Drive

These are items that we are always in need of and bless the families we serve greatly. It's vital to our organization that we receive items we need, due to limited storage. Please make sure to reach out BEFORE hosting a drive for our specific needs. We are only able to accept NEW socks and underwear. We love having new pajamas and tennis shoes to give away as these items get a lot of use with busy children!

3. Sort, Wash, Hang Donated Clothing for the York County Foster Closet

All clothing must be visibly clean. We sort all clothing by gender, size, clothing type, and season. We hang all the needed clothing in the Closet for display. Sorting and hanging projects are most easily completed at the Defend the Fatherless House. We will provide sorting/hanging instructions.

4. Clean the Defend the Fatherless House and the Closet

Help us keep the Defend the Fatherless House an inviting place to welcome families and "shop" at the Closet. Instructions and supplies will be provided.

5. Hold a Prayer Meeting for Defend the Fatherless and Families Served

We can provide you with a Prayer Guide. You organize a meeting of friends and/or family to pray for foster/adoptive families in the community and vulnerable children worldwide.

6. Tutor

We offer a free tutoring program to the families we serve. You don't have to be a teacher to participate. You just have to have patience, a love of working with children, and the desire to make a difference. We work to match tutors with families then give you the flexibility to make the schedule as fits for you and the family you are serving. This requires a background check and a brief training.

7. Volunteer at a Connection Event

We host connection events throughout the year. Some events require larger amounts of volunteers. If you are interested in this, we can add you to our list of interested volunteers and we will email you with details regarding the event to invite you to serve if you are able. This would require a background check.

8. Hold a Prayer Meeting for Defend the Fatherless and Families Served

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9. Lead a Bible Study for Defend the Fatherless and Families Served

Coordinate and lead a Bible Study Opportunity for the families we serve.

10. Reach Out to Your Church on Our Behalf

Our goal is for all York County Churches to know about our organization. Help us connect with your outreach pastors so we can make sure we are serving all of the York County Foster and Adoptive families!

11. Talk to Your Company About Matching Grants and Volunteer PTO

Did you know that many large companies offer matching grants? Does yours? Many companies also offer PTO for volunteer hours. You could use this time to meet the above needs of our organization.

12. Do You Have a Special Skill or Talent You Could Donate to a Foster/Adoptive Family or Our Organization? Do You Own a Business That Could Host a Connection Event?

We have been networking with foster families to find practical ways to serve them. Recently, a family mentioned a need of having all clothes purchased altered to fit their child. Can you sew? Babysit? How can you help?