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Application / Project Name:

BCS- Safe Families for Children - 224479

In keeping with the grant requirement, does your organization have an updated, reviewed WHEREtoGIVEmidsouth profile?

Yes

To date, what is the amount of GiVE 365 grant funds used?

\$9,100.00

What progress has been made to date in reaching the goals set forward for the above referenced grant? If applicable, include the number of people served and any relevant outcomes.

Safe Families for Children has hosted twenty-eight children since receiving Give 365 grant funds. Referrals have come from the Department of Children's Services, LeBonheur Children's Hospital, Dorothy Day House, Adoption Counseling Services, and Regional One Health. Through involvement with Safe Families for Children, we have seen parents in crisis secure stable housing, apply for and gain employment, pursue educational opportunities, receive counseling, choose to parent vs. placing their child for adoption and expand their support system. With the exception of one child, all children have returned home at the completion of the hosting arrangement to a more stable environment.

The Safe Families for Children base of volunteers has grown to include nineteen new Host Families, six new Family Friends, and three new Family Coaches. We currently have more families that ever available to host children, and Family Friends are positioned to encourage and support parents as they work toward achieving goals they set at the start of the hosting.



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We are currently supporting a young mother who recently moved to Memphis with her two-year-old daughter. After being in Memphis for one month she experienced a domestic violence incident and became homeless. We began hosting her daughter to ensure her safety and partnered with Room in the Inn to provide the mother with temporary shelter. We referred her to the Family Safety Center, and she has since received a referral for Agape Child and FamilyService's Families in Transition program. She has enrolled as a student at Southwest Tennessee Community College where she hopes to earn an associate's degree in Business Management. She is a resilient young lady, and she loves her daughter immensely. We are happy to be part of her story and help her to have a good experience in Memphis with people who want to see her be successful!

Have there been any unexpected roadblocks or challenges? If so, what adjustments have you made to the scope of work and/or timeline?

We haven't made any drastic adjustments to the scope of our work and/or the timeline we have in place. We are actively working to identify and connect with other organizations that can provide referrals that are fitting to our model. We recently met with the director of Young Lives, One by One, and HopeWorks to begin or grow our partnerships with their organizations.

Please note any important changes to board membership or key staff that could affect this project.

There have been no changes to board membership or key staff.

Are there any upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, wish list items, or organizational milestones you would like to share with GiVE 365 members?

We're grateful for your recent support! We recently celebrated the 15th anniversary of Safe Families for Children (national) in Chicago. It was a great experience as we were able to receive further training, meet the founder of Safe Families, and receive encouragement for the work we are doing. It was a reminder that we are a small part of the bigger network of over 100 Safe Families chapters. We were privileged to hear from Illinois DCFS director Beverly Walker as well as motivational speaker Bob Goff.

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