



every child, every family, every moment matters

MISSION UPDATE

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
Together

EXHIBIT C4



every CHILD & teen LOVED

The CALL mobilizes Arkansas churches to care for children and teens in foster care and empowers Christians to invite the mission field into their homes. Together with the Arkansas Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and our partner organization, The Answer Foster Care, we help these families navigate every step of the journey.

“ This is your reminder and encouragement to **say YES to fostering or adopting teens!** I had the incredible privilege of baptizing my daughter. I met her at a bowling alley when she was 14, and she’s now a thriving 17-year-old. We’ve had our share of ups and downs, and the journey hasn’t been without hard seasons. She needs long-term, consistent people in her corner—people who show up, hold her accountable, and believe in her as she chooses to break generational cycles.

Don’t let the perceived ‘scariness’ of teenagers stop you from saying yes. The truth is, they’re often just like the littles, only in bigger bodies. They still need love, stability, and someone who won’t give up on them.”

— Cara Gooch, The CALL in Northwest Arkansas

Our hope is to see a day when no child in Arkansas waits for a family.

The CALL celebrates the over **3,200 families** who have stepped forth through this ministry to care for over **34,000 children and teens** in Arkansas.

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fostering &
adopting





DCFS or 

1 The CALL Recruitment

2 The CALL PRE-CERTIFICATION Paperwork

3 The CALL Training

4 DCFS or The Answer Licensure

5 DCFS or The Answer Placement

6 The CALL WRAPAROUND Support

In 2025, The CALL
Support Centers hosted
4,500+ biological
visitations.

every Family seen



The CALL partners with DCFS to support reunification efforts across Arkansas. Foster care provides a safe home for a child while their family works toward healing and restoration. The CALL families play an important role by offering stability, care, and hope as children grow and move toward a brighter future.

“ We watched as a biological dad flung open the door of the Support Center, waiting for his three children to arrive. Within seconds, the youngest ran into his arms shouting, ‘I LOVE you, Dad!’ ”

The room quickly filled with laughter, stories, and connection as everyone shared weekly updates, played games, ate a meal, learned how to make coffee, and spent time on the playground. Ordinary moments, but deeply meaningful ones.

Later, we found a note in the prayer box written in a child’s handwriting: *‘Please pray that I get to live with my dad again soon.’*

At The CALL, we are proud to come alongside families by supporting, encouraging, and helping create space for healing in the midst of brokenness.

Because behind every visit is hope.”

FOSTER FAMILY HIGHLIGHT:
THANK YOU TO PHIL & KATHY KUMPE
for fostering 130+ children & teens!



every community supported

The CALL Support Centers meet the everyday needs of foster care and provide essential resources like clothing, hygiene items, and beds. They also serve as a safe space for foster families, biological families, and caseworkers to find rest and support. These 38 centers throughout Arkansas are vital to help remove barriers and stabilize placements.

“ A sibling set of three had just come into care. The oldest girl walked in, stopped, and *squealed*. The caseworker and I were startled. Then, she turned to her sister with a huge smile and said, *‘Look! They have clothes with tags!’*

The two rushed to the racks, laughing and pulling out dresses and shoes. Their little brother found a football and rolled his eyes with a dramatic, “Girls!” I couldn’t help but laugh.

We helped them sort through their extensive pile of clothes to find what would fit each of them. Soon, they were heading to their foster home. As they bounced into the car, the oldest girl turned to me in the parking lot, shouting, *‘Thank you for the new stuff!’*

In that simple but powerful moment, the caseworker and I shared a laugh and a silent understanding that this was likely the first time these kids owned anything new ‘with tags.’

I felt a renewed sense of gratitude for our donors who continually gift these kids with dignity and the knowledge that **they are worthy** of ‘clothes with tags.’”

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Find
The CALL in
your area:





every CHURCH EQUIPPED

The CALL works hand-in-hand with local churches, building a network that surrounds foster and adoptive families with encouragement, resources, and care. Together, The CALL and local churches create a community to walk alongside families in their foster care journey.

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I was in my office while a father and his 7-year-old son interacted in the playroom across the hall. I heard them talking about books, movies, and such. Then, the young boy began talking about how he was going to church with his foster family.

The boy became very animated as he described the people he met there and all the activities he had gotten to do. Dad responded with simple, one-word answers. 'Yeah.' 'Really?' Picking up on his father's disinterest, the young boy paused and said, *'Jesus died for our sins. You know that, Dad?'*

The father paused briefly and responded, *'Yeah, son. I do.'*

Enthusiastically, the boy began to drive home the point by saying, *'Really, Dad. Jesus loves us a lot!'*

I sat frozen in my office as I listened to this precious boy share about Jesus with his father. What a testimony to how deeply foster families impact lives! Not only did going to church impact the child, but **being shown the love of Jesus had a ripple effect** that also made it to the ears and hearts of his biological parents.”

Resources
for your
church:



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every Hand extended



The CALL volunteers step into the lives of children and families impacted by foster care, making a meaningful difference right in their community. From supporting foster families and committing to prayer, to helping with training and serving at events—every role matters, and every act of service helps strengthen a network of care for children and teens in crisis.

“ We hosted a booth for The CALL at our church. After the event, as we were packing everything into the car, a young man came up to me and said he wanted to thank me. I asked, ‘For what?’ He told me that when he was 15 or 16, he entered foster care. At the time, we had given him clothes, something he desperately needed then. I teared up and hugged him. I asked what he was doing now, and he told me he was living with his foster parents and going to college. We told him how proud we were of him and encouraged him to finish school.

After years of volunteering, I can’t remember what we gave him. *But he does.* That action clearly meant so much to him, *then and now.*”

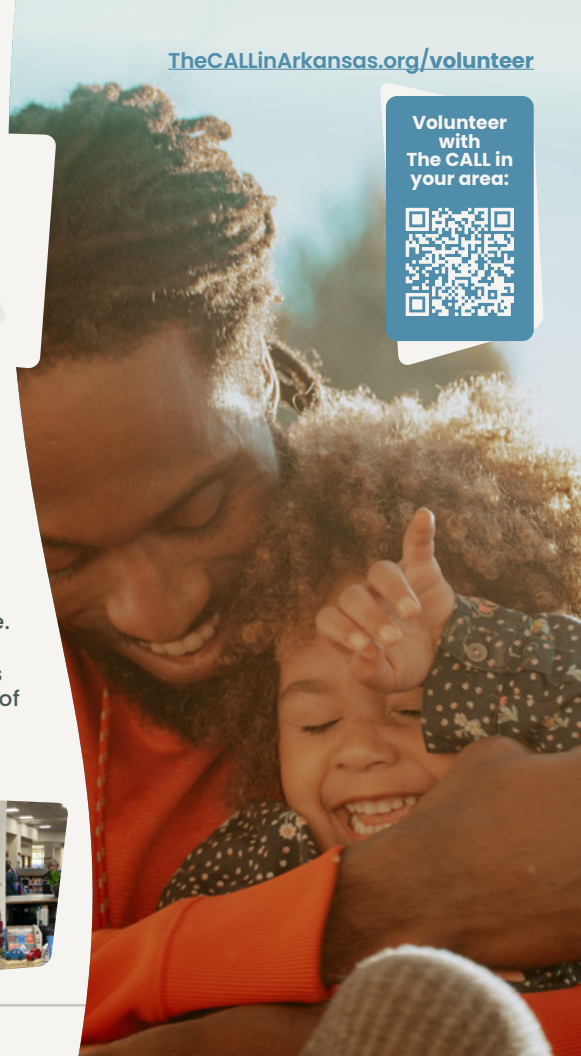
—Phil & Judy Ellis

THANK YOU FOR 12+ YEARS of volunteering
with The CALL in Garland & Hot Spring Counties



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with
The CALL in
your area:





every GIFT multiplied



The work of The CALL is funded *entirely* by our generous donors and provides services at *no cost* to foster and adoptive families. Whether through one-time or monthly giving, donation drives, or creative fundraising efforts, every act of generosity helps equip families, support children, and strengthen communities across Arkansas.

“ Loving and serving God means helping and serving those in need. I can't think of a better group to serve than foster parents and the kids they care for. Involving our own kids has shown them that they are blessed to be able to give and able to have fun doing it.”

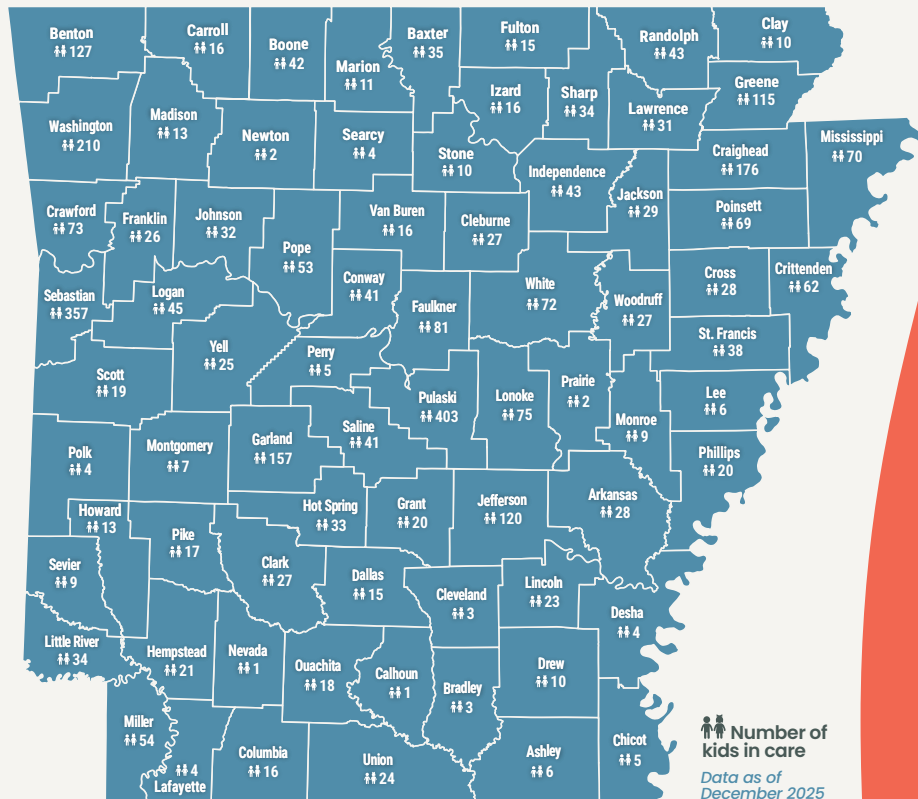
— Jennifer Martin, The CALL in Hempstead & Nevada Counties

THANKS to the generous community support through the **Blue & You** grant, The CALL's mental health program expanded care for Arkansas foster and adoptive families. In 2025, staff provided **414** individual counseling sessions, **156** crisis and supportive guidance encounters, and **28** support groups to strengthen relationships and resilience for **195** attendees. This support has allowed The CALL to **extend vital mental health services** to families in need, offering care, resources, and hope. When families are supported, **healing becomes possible.**

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Children & teens in care

Due to the **lack of local homes**, **60%** of children and teens in foster care are placed outside of their home county.



 Number of
kids in care

Data as of
December 2025



3,381
in care

1,406
open homes

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