



2022
IMPACT REPORT





OUR BIBLICAL CALL

“Learn to do good.
Seek justice. Correct oppression.
Bring justice to the fatherless.
Plead the widow's cause.”

Isaiah 1:17



MISSION

We create pathways for the local church to come alongside vulnerable children and families in Christ-centered ministry.



VISION

Bringing hope and healing to one child, one family at a time.



WE ARE A TRUSTED NETWORK OF CARE

A family preservation ministry built through the local Church.

Equipping the local Church to take up its original call to **care for the poor** among us.

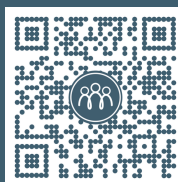
Obeying the call of Jesus to **love our neighbors** as ourselves.

Ministry mobilization with professional oversight - empowering local believers to **live out Isaiah 1:17**.



“When I began to receive support from other families, it honestly felt like a weight was lifted off my shoulders. It felt like I could breathe again.”

- Brooklyn, TFG participant mom



<<< Scan to watch Brooklyn's beautiful TFG story

LETTER FROM MARIDEL

Dear Friend,

On the right I am pictured with Jonathan Bagen, our new Vice President of Operations & Finance. Jon joined our TFG Team in late 2021. His big heart and love for Christ has added so much value to our TFG Family and we are grateful for his leadership.

I recently surveyed some of the mothers we serve. I asked them what they would like to say to you, our volunteers and donors, who make it possible for TFG support to be offered to them free of charge and with open arms.

Their earnest responses both encouraged and surprised me:

- "I don't feel alone anymore."
- "We feel loved and accepted."
- "Please don't quit. My children need this. I need this."

I hadn't even considered that we might quit. Why were they worried? And then I remembered. Almost all of the calls we receive are from hurting families who tell us they have no one else to turn to.

Many programs have come and gone. Many people have come and gone. **But YOU, our TFG family, have staying power! You are continuing to pursue friendships, host children and provide needed resources in Jesus' name to hurting families in our communities.**

For 2,000 collective nights in 2022, your support ensured children were safely tucked into bed by a TFG host family. You amaze me!

You play a critical role in building a community that didn't exist before. Together we have begun the important work of disrupting a system that has kept women and children stuck in fear and without hope, afraid to ask for help.

It was a JOY to tell these precious mothers, "Oh, friend, we aren't going to quit. We've only just begun!"



**TFG Founder Maridel Sandberg with
TFG VP of Operations & Finance Jonathan Bagen**

Here is just a bit of what you will find throughout the following pages:

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In 2022 we received 1,000 requests for help from those in need in our communities.

YOU, our trusted friends, are the ones who make this impact report possible.

Together as the body of Christ, you are disrupting your own personal lives and sacrificing to serve hurting families. Thank you.

Together, let's celebrate all that the Lord did through you in 2022 and all that He will do in 2023 and beyond!

For His glory and our great JOY,

Maridel Sandberg
TFG President/CEO

CELEBRATING WITH YOU IN 2022

We are grateful for all of the ways God is providing!

Picnics

300 people attended our summer picnics in the Twin Cities and Rochester, MN as we celebrated 5 years together! To God be the glory for all He is doing.



New National TFG office

The National/Twin Cities site grew into a new space in St. Paul, MN in the fall of 2022. We are excited to share it with you. Please come visit!



Galas

Our National, Rochester and Iowa Galas were a joyful time of celebration as nearly 800 of our TFG family gathered across 3 locations to continue the work of Together for Good and praise God for the expansion of this ministry.



Thank you, TFG staff!

We want to honor our hardworking staff across all of our TFG locations. They do an incredible job and we're so grateful for the way they serve you and our TFG communities in the Twin Cities, Rochester, Central Iowa and Waco, Texas.



OUR TFG FAMILY IS GROWING

Celebrating all that God is doing across our TFG locations in the Twin Cities and Rochester metros in Minnesota, Central Iowa and our newest location starting up in Waco, Texas!



Every person who called for help and qualified for TFG support was offered a TFG Advocate to check in and pray with them and a TFG Host Family to care for their children. A TFG Church Team also provided wrap-around care with needed resources.



597

Volunteer advocates, volunteer host families & support volunteers are actively serving across all sites



192

*TFG host families: Parents & children serving on mission together is a beautiful thing
80% of host families opened their homes & hearts to host a child in 2022*



70

*NEW host families trained, background checked, equipped, approved & ready to serve!
31 more families than last year = 79% increase over 2021*



241

Strong, brave mothers & their 326 children were served



20

TFG staff (10 full-time & 10 part-time)



50,000+

Volunteer hours



131

*NEW families were served
This year you empowered us to say "yes" to 131 new families asking for help from the body of Christ. We dream of the day we can say "yes" to 1,000!*

SHEREEN'S STORY

Our participant mom, Shereen, shares first-hand how your support has completely transformed her and her daughter Divine's lives!

"Last summer I was walking with my three-year-old daughter, Divine, to a pool to take her to swim. We were crossing an intersection and a distracted driver turned the wrong way on a one-way street.

It happened so fast.

I thank God that the car hit me and not Divine. I was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance and straight into surgery.

Following surgery, I was told that I was going to need to be transferred to a rehab hospital for two months to recover the use of my badly injured leg. **I didn't have a support system here in the Twin Cities.** Our family is just me and Divine. A social worker told me about Together for Good.

I think if I hadn't had Together for Good as a safe option for my daughter, I would have left the hospital, not gone to rehab, and possibly been permanently disabled.

My case manager at Together for Good placed Divine with Jason and Nicole, a TFG host family, and I was partnered with Brenda, a TFG volunteer advocate.



"It was better than I ever could have imagined both for Divine and for me."

Nicole brought Divine to visit me every week at the rehab hospital. **It was such a relief to see Divine happy and healthy, and I could focus on getting better for her.** I was able to transition from a wheelchair to a walker and finally walk out of the hospital and take Divine home.

I did not grow up going to church, so Divine and I were not churchgoers. But I knew that Jason and Nicole took her every week and she liked it. So when my advocate Brenda invited me to her church, I decided that since Divine liked it, we could give it a try.

Being part of a church has been a new and wonderful experience for me. I love having all of these people around me and I am learning so much. Brenda sends me a text every morning with a Bible verse for my day.

Divine and I not only have a whole new community of friends - we have a new faith, too!"



<<< Want more stories of transformation? Scan to watch Keisha's story.

PROVIDING FOR THE PRESENT

There are many ways for you to get involved and support families in your community by saying yes and joining our incredible TFG volunteer family!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

<p>ADVOCATE</p> <p>Volunteer to be an advocate for a TFG participant. As an advocate, you'll meet regularly with a participant to offer prayer, friendship and a listening ear.</p>	<p>CRISIS HOSTING</p> <p>Temporary hosting of vulnerable children to give parents a safe option during crisis, hospitalization, incarceration or addiction recovery treatment.</p>
<p>RESPIRE HOSTING</p> <p>Short-term hosting of children (1-3 days) for parents in need of supplemental support due to chronic stress.</p>	<p>WRAP-AROUND CARE</p> <p>Supporting vulnerable families and host families with meals, diapers, clothing, transportation, prayer and other resources.</p>

Why we serve with TFG...

"We know that God has commanded us to 'look after orphans and widows,' which we believe means anyone who needs others to come around them as family to support them and show them God's love. When we heard about the mission of Together for Good, it exactly matched our desires to support kids and families in need. We are excited for the opportunity to serve as a family to help teach our own children the importance of looking outside ourselves and showing God's love to others in our community."

- TFG host family



3,521 in-person visits or personal touchpoints for TFG participants in 2022!

You don't wait for those in need to come to you - instead, you go to them! Each month TFG volunteers and staff go to where our families are, driving to homes to pick up kids, drop off meals, provide rides to church, talk, pray and offer encouragement.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

In 2022 we underwent a vigorous planning process with the help of a professional strategic planning firm and prayerful input from trusted advisors, which resulted in the identification of six major areas of focus that we believe will help TFG meet the ever-increasing needs of families in crisis over the next five years.

TFG Strategic Plan 2023-2028

1

KNOWN & TRUSTED

To be known and trusted by participants, donors and partner organizations as a Christ-centered leader in Family Preservation.

2

INCREASE OUR IMPACT

To increase our impact by expanding our volunteer base to serve more families, and by the creation of new TFG sites across the country to serve more communities.

3

VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP

To exercise the utmost in stewardship in regard to our volunteers, by recognizing the incredible value of our volunteers in order to fulfill our mission, by creating a streamlined, high-quality volunteer experience, where volunteers are trained, equipped, onboarded, appreciated and fully supported throughout their entire TFG involvement.

4

GROW OUR BOARD

To grow a Board of Directors that will be able to support our expanded vision for TFG. We will do this by increasing the number of TFG Board members and by strategically adding Board Members who are experts in fields that will be necessary to the growth and long-term sustainability of TFG.

5

EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

To become an Employer of Choice by creating systems and developing a culture that cares well for and clearly communicates value to our current staff, and creates an environment that attracts top candidates who are passionate about serving families in crisis and keeping families together.

6

FINANCIALLY STRONG

To become financially strong, by establishing a formal fundraising plan and model that will allow us to develop the necessary resources for TFG's current operating needs, as well as the resources necessary to build capacity for the future growth and development of TFG.



"Together for Good has provided our entire church with a Christ-centered opportunity to meet the real needs of real people in a way I've sought, but never experienced, in nearly 25 years of pastoring." – Pastor David VanAcker



<<< Scan to watch Pastor David share more about his church's experience with Together for Good.

"FOR THE GOOD" SOCIETY

This year we launched a new giving initiative that specifically aims to provide for our immediate needs while preparing for the future and laying the foundation for future growth.

We invite you to make a multi-year donation pledge to TFG by joining the "For the Good" Society!

This will allow us to plan for the future and say yes to more families who ask for help across Minnesota, Iowa, Waco and future locations!

Pledge a 5-year donation commitment:



For the Good of a Child
\$1,000/year for 5 years



For the Good of a Family
\$5,000/year for 5 years



For the Good of a Community
\$10,000/year for 5 years



For the Good of Future Generations
\$25,000/year for 5 years



◀◀ *Scan this QR code with your phone camera to join the "For the Good" Society today!*



Why we give to TFG...

"We trust the heart of the organization. As we have gone through the process of looking at nonprofits that serve those in need, TFG stands out as an organization that not only meets needs, but does so with Christ at the center." - Dr. Scott and Carrie Holthusen, TFG supporters

OUR BOARD & FINANCIALS

TFG receives no government aid. We are funded entirely by your generosity.

INCOME

\$2,134,609

EXPENSES

\$1,311,687

- Net assets at 2022 Fiscal Year-end: \$1,855,695
- In 2022, 939 donors gave a total of: \$2,134,609



We're celebrating 409 NEW TFG donors in 2022!

TFG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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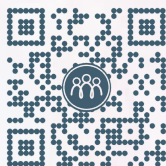
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