



So that
no *family*
walks
alone.



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Offering *hope* through the power of *relationships*.

Day-after-day, we receive calls from parents who are facing a crisis alone. They are often navigating addiction recovery, medical crisis, mental health struggles, or incarceration and they are calling or being referred to Together for Good. We do not give legal advice and have no in-house treatment programs, yet the families we serve regularly tell us that we are the most effective resource they have. Why? Because we offer relationships with people who care and will walk alongside a struggling family – and that makes all the difference.

In 2023, God's faithfulness was displayed through your extravagant generosity. Your gifts have transformed lives by meeting the relational and practical needs of the families that call us – and our community is noticing. Our Twin Cities site was highlighted by the National Public Radio (NPR). The NPR journalist was amazed that our volunteers were donating their time and homes to care for children whose mothers were incarcerated. She could not understand what would drive a person to sacrifice so much for a stranger. We know the reason is incredibly simple: your commitment to love your neighbor as Jesus has loved you.

After six years of ministry, in many ways, we feel like we are just getting started! There has been a momentous wave within the Church as believers are catching the vision of serving the vulnerable in their community.

We are praying that looking back at all that was accomplished in 2023 encourages you, as you see the way lives are being transformed by your investments of time, talent, and treasure. You are making an incredible impact.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Maridel Sandberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Maridel Sandberg
President & CEO

What *Drives* Us

1

Love Our Neighbor

God calls us to defend, visit, and care for widows and orphans – to love those who are socially isolated. We believe Christians are called to walk with the hurting and the rejected.

2

Do Good

We want to help followers of Jesus live out Isaiah 1:17, “Learn to do good; seek justice; correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause.”

3

Mobilize the Church

We want to reignite the vision and purpose of the early Church by providing an opportunity for the Church to love our neighbors.



“TFG has changed our family in ways we are forever grateful. Our children have grown to love caring for and supporting another family and they have adored welcoming a new friendship into our lives.”

- Whitney, Host Mom from Harris Creek Baptist Church



We believe God's call is clear to us as believers to live hospitably and generously to our neighbor in need. TFG gives us the opportunity to answer that call as a family in our home. Our kids need the exposure to the needs in our "backyard" as well as those across the world. We are all at our best when our life is laid down for others. We are so grateful for the opportunities TFG has given our family to engage those in our city in a meaningful way!

Ryan and Megan, Host Parents from Antioch Church

Loving Our **Neighbor**

Adrienne's Story

Adrienne's son, Vladislav, was born while she was serving a sentence at the women's prison in Shakopee, MN. When Adrienne reached out to us, she was alone without anyone to call and preparing to deliver her newborn son in a matter of weeks. TFG was able to find a home for her son to stay during her sentence, but more than that Adrienne and Vladislav were able to find friendship from a family that is committed to loving both of them.

The Hoffner family – Sarah, David, and their three teenagers – welcomed Vlad into their family. When Vlad was just days old, he had to undergo emergency surgery. The Hoffners were with him in the hospital the entire time, providing updates for Adrienne.

Throughout the nine months following Vladislav's birth, Sarah faithfully spent every Saturday taking Vlad to the Shakopee women's prison to visit Adrienne. As the months past, Adrienne was able to build a relationship with her infant son and a beautiful friendship blossomed between Sarah and Adrienne.



When Adrienne was released this fall, it was Sarah Hoffner who picked her up. The two went out for breakfast to celebrate and Sarah helped her get settled in her re-entry program. The re-entry program gave Adrienne permission to leave the program for visits with her son at the Hoffner's home and to spend Christmas day with them!

Adrienne will soon be able to have Vlad with her full-time. As she begins parenting, she will not be alone. Sarah, David, their kids, and their church are all walking alongside Adrienne and Vlad.

At Together for Good, we are not just meeting the physical need of a place for a child to stay, we are providing a community that will walk alongside parents who are facing life alone. This is the hope that we offer parents. This is the hope that your generosity has made possible.



“Adrienne and Vlad have been one of God’s greatest gifts to our family. It has been an honor to be trusted with the care of this precious boy, and has given our family a chance to serve together in ministry.”

- Sarah Hoffner



Doing *Good*

We are amazed at the opportunities to do good that God has given His people who serve with Together for Good.

In 2023, hostings began in Waco, Texas, we held our largest national gala to date, and expanded to more cities in Iowa.

Additionally, each of our sites have fully implemented parent advocates. These volunteers walk alongside the parents we serve in friendship, offering practical support and a listening ear to those longing for relationship.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Parent Advocacy
- Crisis Hostings
- Respite Hostings
- Wrap-around Care



124 **new families**
connected

More than 70% of families served stay connected with TFG Christian volunteers. Our goal is to have 1,000 families connected!



331 **new volunteers**
trained

Our more than 1,000 volunteers had nearly 4,000 personal visits or touchpoints with our participant parents and children!



400
children
served

Each of these children had the chance to hear from a Christian family the good news of Jesus!



84
churches
mobilized

This year, churches made more than 800 in-person deliveries to our participant families, providing meals, diapers and clothing, home organization, gift baskets, and transportation!



90,176
volunteer
hours

If we had to replace the hours donated by our volunteers with paid staff at minimum wage, it would cost \$1,352,640!

For a Good *Future*

In 2022, through the help of a professional consultant company, we developed a strategic plan that will help TFG meet the ever-increasing needs of families in crisis. 2023 saw the implementation of the first set of goals that will ensure that TFG is positioned to effectively help families in need.

TFG STRATEGIC PLAN ELEMENTS & IMPLEMENTATION

1

Known & Trusted

We have grown our social media presence, created a new website, and engaged in PR. Additionally, we created a survey to measure our program effectiveness,

2

Volunteer Excellence

We launched monthly ongoing support opportunities for our volunteers to prevent burnout & fatigue. We developed a new portal to streamline the volunteer process. We designated time for volunteer coaching and training.

3

Employer of Choice

In 2023, we hired five new employees, moved several part-time positions into full-time, increased PTO, and added ongoing educational opportunities.

4

Grow Our Reach

In 2023, we launched our Waco site. At all of our sites we are receiving calls from a greater number of referral agencies (counties, first responders, hospitals, and treatment programs).

5

Develop a Board of Champions

We brought in professionals to advise on fundraising and communications. We interviewed and onboarded two new board members who began in 2024.

6

Financially Strong

Our national gala raised more than \$689,000 of our \$750,000 goal. We engaged the Timothy Group to create a capacity campaign.

Stewarding the **good** that is **given**

TFG INCOME & EXPENSES FOR 2023

INCOME: \$1,573,309

EXPENSES: \$1,500,727

725 DONORS, **358** OF
WHICH WERE NEW
DONORS!

I wouldn't have my
son without you all.
- *Hannah, Participant Mom*



Mobilizing the *Church*



In 2023, we saw an outpouring of interest and momentum at each of our sites.

Churches across the country are catching the vision of loving the lonely and are eager to get involved.

The work we do at TFG reflects the heart of the gospel and we are so thankful for the way believers are responding to the biblical call of loving our neighbors.



2023 has set the stage for **2024**

A NEW TFG SITE IN WISCONSIN

This past year, we began raising funds for a TFG site in Wisconsin that will begin by serving Hudson and the surrounding areas.

EXPANSION WITHIN IOWA

Our Iowa site will be expanding to Marshalltown, Pella, and the Quad Cities this next year! We are thankful for several partner churches who have equipped us to serve more families and provided an office space for us.

HOSTINGS BEGAN IN TEXAS

Our site in Waco, Texas began hostings in July, and has already served 17 families by hosting for more than 158 nights. We are so excited by the interest we have seen from churches and individuals in Waco and are preparing to serve even more families in 2024.



Join the ***movement***, serve with Together for Good

1

Be a host family

Our host families welcome children into their homes for a few days or several months. They share the love of Christ through their actions and words, drawing young hearts to the gospel.

2

Be a parent advocate

Advocates offer friendship to our participant parents, providing a listening ear and helping to meet practical needs.

3

Be a support volunteer

Support volunteers serve both participants and host families. They work within the church to make meals, offer home organization, and prayer for all those serving.



As of 2023, we now have **more than 1,000 volunteers** serving!

"TFG has been an answer to prayer
– having a healthy Christian family
alongside us on this journey. I can
say that we have a community that is
like family for us."

- Candy, Participant Mom



EQUIP EVEN MORE VOLUNTEERS TO LOVE OTHERS THIS NEXT YEAR!

*Your support increases our ability
to mobilize the church which leads
to more parents and children
experiencing the love of Jesus and
staying together as a family.*



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St. Paul, MN 55108*

For the *good* of the **child**.
For the *good* of the **family**.
For the *good* of the **community**.



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