



# PS i love you



## the problem

There are 3,497 children in foster care in South Carolina. The state needs 912 more licensed foster homes to meet the needs of these children.

## our solution

PS I Love You Ministries is a faith-based nonprofit organization that exists to support children in foster care by supporting the foster family. We serve as a link between the child in foster care and the community.

A foster parent's calling is to promote the growth and development of a child that they do not know. The trauma, abuse, or neglect that a foster child experiences before being placed into foster care is messy, undeserved, and most of all, no fault of their own. We believe that supporting the foster parent is critical to the success of the child in foster care.

## what we do

### Resource Center

We provide a cost-free, boutique-style clothing closet where foster parents and children enjoy shopping. The child receives 8 outfits, shoes, coats, underwear, pajamas, toys, books, and a care bag filled with toiletries. Families also receive a casserole when they get a new placement.

### Foster Parent Support

We desire to impact the emotional, social, and spiritual well-being of the whole family through supporting the foster parents. We provide Mom's Night Out events and training opportunities, as well as encouraging mentoring relationships within the community of foster parents.

### Family Events

In 2023, we touched the lives of 422 children through events like our Christmas sponsorship, Family Fun Days, Shoe Carnival events, and school supply giveaways. We also surprise families with occasional gift cards to help them create memorable experiences together as a family.

## why we do it

### Restoring Value and Dignity to a Child's Heart

Being placed into foster care can produce deep shame in a child. These children have survived unspeakable abuse and neglect. They often come to The Resource Center with their heads down. It may seem like a small thing to provide clothing, shoes, and a backpack to a child, but to them, it's a big deal. As we support the foster family, PS I Love You helps to restore a sense of value and dignity to each child. Our organization, through its generous supporters, sends a clear message:

"You are valued, and You are loved."

We also point foster families to trauma-informed resources that help them navigate the complex issues that arise while parenting a traumatized child. We want all foster parents to be physically and emotionally equipped to receive a child into their homes and their hearts.