

“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again, I say, Rejoice.” Phil. 4:4

COMMUNITY SAFETY: 84 NEW HIRES



The Eugene Police Department is hiring 84 new police officers. This is thanks to broad community agreement, along with a fast and focused process to improve community safety, by supporting first responders and the local justice system. This is the first time in years that our community has the recommended number of police officers per capita, compared to other communities of our size. This is a huge answer to prayer for increased community safety.

ARTISTS: PROFITABLE WORK



The word among freelance musicians is that more of them are finding consistent work. Plus, they are getting better pay for what they do – certainly, an answer to prayer for God’s provision for local artists.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD: TO WRAP AROUND FOSTER FAMILIES



“Pray for foster families to be supported and thrive: for community to come around them and for organizations who serve vulnerable families to be strengthened.”

This “answer” is in progress, but worth celebrating all the same! In essence, this prayer request is praying for “the Neighborhood” (a program Every Child plans to launch locally here in Lane County). The Neighborhood recruits community groups to come around a foster family, like a neighborhood community would. Groups provide support through meals, service, babysitting, etc. Wrap-around support is crucial to the longevity of foster parents.

In the last two months, two large churches have expressed interest and commitment to the program. One pastor, even spoke from the pulpit how his life group plans to support a foster family in their church.

Also, organizations who serve children in foster care are being strengthened. In May, Every Child had a very successful fundraiser, and in April, Safe Families had 9 new churches inquire about partnership. God is strengthening those who care for vulnerable children!

STATS: KIDS IN FOSTER CARE DOWN

For the second year in a row, the number of children in foster care in Lane County has decreased, and DHS is taking notice! They attribute the decline to more quality intervention efforts and more families being reunited. Thank you for praying for vulnerable children, God is answering our cry in many ways.