

“And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” John 14:13

Fewer Kids in Foster Care

Since the start of One Church – One Day in 2015, we’ve regularly prayed for kids in foster care and vulnerable families. Churches have worked diligently to support our local ODHS workers, increase the number of foster families, and care for vulnerable kids in a variety of ways through Every Child Lane County.

Since then, the number of kids in foster care has **decreased dramatically**. In 2016, there were **1,530 kids in care in Lane County**. Now in **2021***, there are **678 children in care!**

*It is important to note that the number had decreased significantly prior to COVID-19. Many feared the number of kids in care would skyrocket when students returned to the classroom and the care of mandatory reporters. However, the 2021 numbers reveal that the spike did not occur! Let’s keep praying for families to be strong, healthy and built by Jesus.

New School Partnerships Develop as 65 Church Leaders gathered with School Superintendents

In June, 60 church leaders gathered to hear from **the 4J, Bethel and Springfield Superintendents**, as they discussed the value of school/church partnerships. The superintendents made it abundantly clear that principals deeply value the friendships they have with their church partners, and partners are wanted by every school. They affirmed the most meaningful person in a student’s life can be a volunteer mentor or reading partner. **God has opened big doors** for His people to be present as servants, full of His love, in our schools.

Last month we prayed for new school/church partnerships to develop, and for churches to plan strategically this summer. This School Partnership Forum was certainly a step in the right direction!



New Community Members Connect with Blue River Church



This spring, **six new people came** to the first gathering at Living Water Family Fellowship’s property since the loss of their building in the Holiday Farm Fire. The visitors came, in part because of the **relationships developed through Sheds of Hope!** Twenty-two churches have partnered with Living Water Family Fellowship to build sheds, and it’s resulting in a new reputation of the local Church upriver.

As you can see, Sheds of Hope is impacting the entire community, along with bringing a measure of healing to individuals. One recipient went so far to say, “The shed was truly the nicest thing that happened to us since the fire.”