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2022 for PS I Love You Ministries was a year for structure and expansion. As I reflect on the year, I am once again humbled by the outpouring of love and support from our donors and community to provide for foster children. Thank you!

In January, our small staff had a planning day for the year. This is where the “structure” began to take place. We strategically looked at our strengths, weaknesses, areas of opportunity, and areas for growth. Using the gifts and talents God gave each of us, we made a plan, prioritized the tasks, implemented new ideas and He produced results! Yay God!

I knew to resolve our weaknesses, expand our services, and reach more foster families God was calling us to expand our territory. I will be honest, expanding and growing and changing are all exciting, but also a bit frightening.... As a director of a small non-profit, my heart's desire and passion is to serve foster children and provide clothing, shoes, car seats, etc. for kids in foster care that can't help themselves. But to do that to its fullest, I knew we needed more space.

Hebrews 11:1 “Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.” This verse reminded me to trust God for what I cannot see and have faith that He will provide. He opened up the opportunity for us to expand by purchasing our new building, so now we have double the space for growth!

*Blessings, Kay Kirby
Executive Director*



2022 Impact Report is available for download at www.psiloveyouministries.org/impactreport

Goals for 2023

Expand Resource Center with NEW Infant Room
Complete the expansion & Open our NEW Training Center
Increase Community Engagement Opportunities

2022 IN REVIEW

1,388

visits to the
Resource Center,
representing
408 children
from 9 counties
in South Carolina

64,198

essential daily living
items given at no cost
to foster families

20

opportunities for
foster families
(events, giveaways,
and support groups)

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Christmas
Sponsorships



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Immediate Needs:
 Summer Pajamas
 (9 months - 24 months)
 Boys gym shorts
 for teens
 Swim Diapers

 For more, see our
 Amazon Wishlist on
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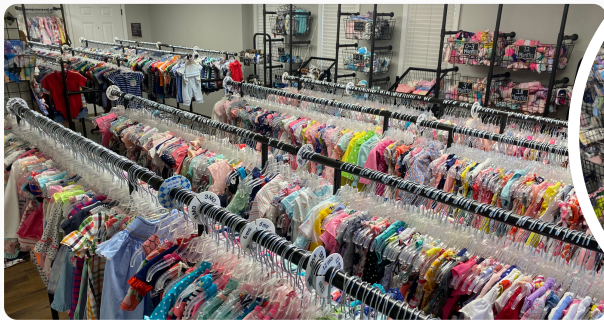
CLOSET SPOTLIGHT:

We have the

Best Volunteers!

This month 106 volunteers have spent over 300 hours transforming our Resource Center, and preparing Spring & Summer items for children in foster care!

Thank you!



CLOSET NEWS:

This first quarter of 2023 has been a busy one! After the flood on Christmas Eve, we saw God move in a mighty way to arrange contractors and helpers. With their help, we were able to keep the Resource Center operational and move forward with our expansion goals during the process!

Our Donation Center moved (next door) and we have completed the necessary repairs to reopen the half of the building affected by the flood. Our offices have been restored and we moved into the NEW Infant Clothing/Equipment space. Families have been so excited to shop in the new area!

This change allowed us to expand our teen clothing area as well. This exciting step of our expansion plan is truly a blessing for our families, who visit the Resource Center!

a lonely journey

Susan's transition into foster care was a whirlwind! She had general training, but very little preparation or information about the behavioral, mental or educational needs of her new foster children.

Their needs quickly became apparent, but there was no clear pathway to services or solutions. Her new normal became a lonely journey of meltdowns, research, and failed attempts to get diagnoses and services. Susan never confided with others about the struggles, for fear that her children would be treated differently.

There was no community.

After 2 years they received an educational diagnosis. It took 7 years to find a counselor, who specialized in children with trauma, and 10 years went by before she found true community within a support group.

Because of that experience, God birthed a deep passion to make sure that foster families have support, education, practical trainings, tools, and connections to professional resources in our area.

At PS I Love You, we are that support! We show foster parents the path and walk it with them.



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Christmas Blessings

This year for Christmas we partnered with DSS to sponsor all foster children from Spartanburg county in foster homes. This allowed us to form a better relationship with the caseworkers in our county, as well as expand the number of foster children that we serve at Christmas. This was a huge undertaking, as we packed 236 bags full of specific wishlist items, toys, clothes, and necessities (socks, pjs, underwear). We also made sure each child received a stocking full of goodies and a stuffed animal.

God provided organizations that held toy drives and sponsors that sponsored a child (\$250 value). God always finds a way to provide for His children! We could not make Christmas possible for so many without the help of our community. Thank you for your help in making this possible!