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Where it starts



Awareness will not end the foster care crisis
but the foster care crisis will not end
without awareness.

Planning Ahead



1. Date and venue of next Volunteer Orientation/training
2. Dates of ACJFS foster care info sessions or next pre-service training
3. Next awareness/recruitment event
4. Regular prayer time for the Foster Family & Volunteers to come from your church ministry

Types of Events



Foster Care Awareness Event



- ▶ Best overview
- ▶ Lunch/dinner/coffee
- ▶ Live testimony
- ▶ Practice
- ▶ Download videos
- ▶ Print notes version of PPT
- ▶ Plan on 1 – 1 ½ hours
- ▶ Follow-up is key

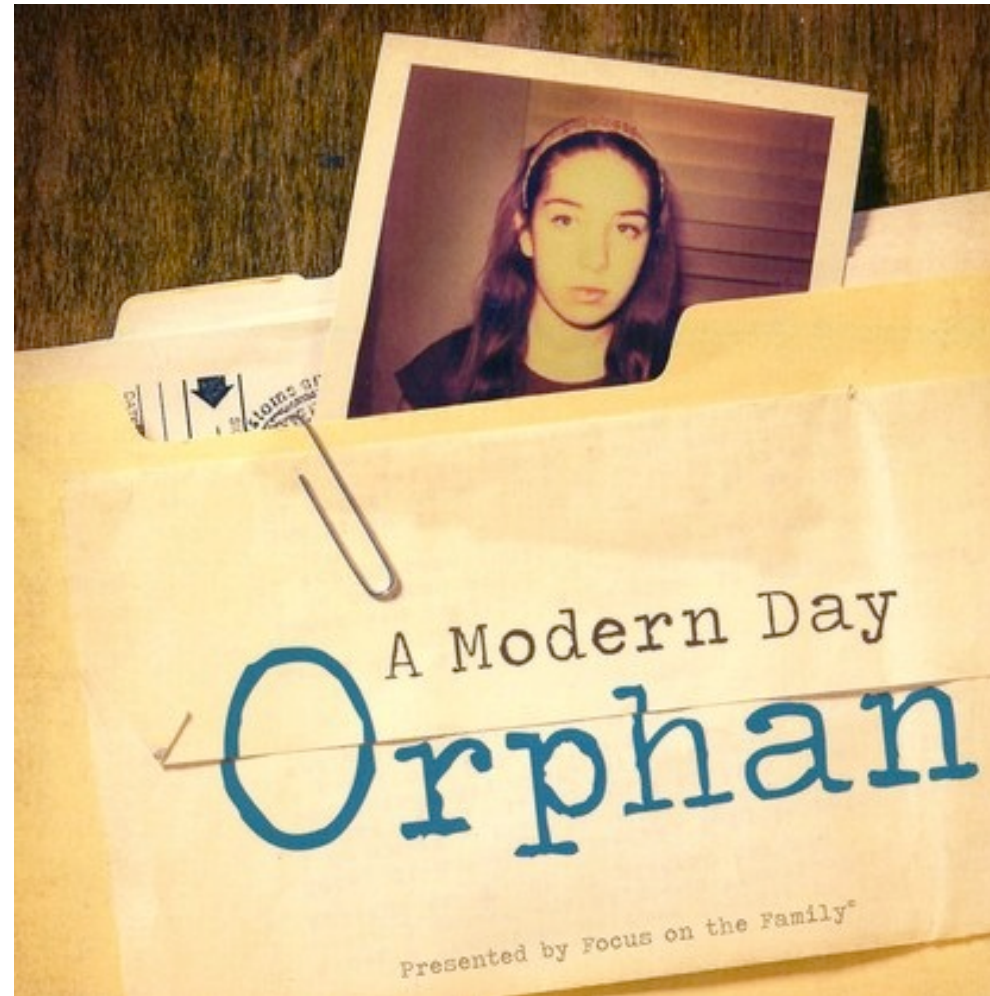


Creating Awareness in Church



1. Show the Good Samaritan or FFM Overview video in service, Sunday School classes or Bible studies
2. Use bulletin insert to gather volunteer interests
3. Invite a foster family to share their testimony
4. Have the pastor endorse the ministry during the service
5. Bulletin or announcement slides & posters
6. Use other events to promote awareness

Modern Day Orphan



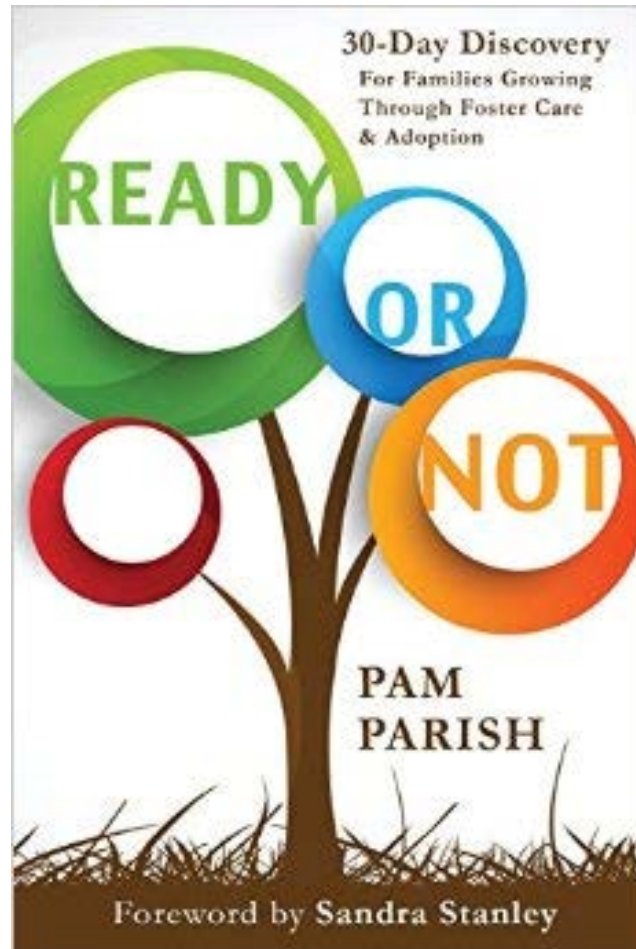
ReMoved Movie Event



Full Length Documentary



Small Group Bible Study



Spreading the Word



Follow up is key...



I am interested in:

Helping in a Care Community

As a Team Leader

As Family Helper

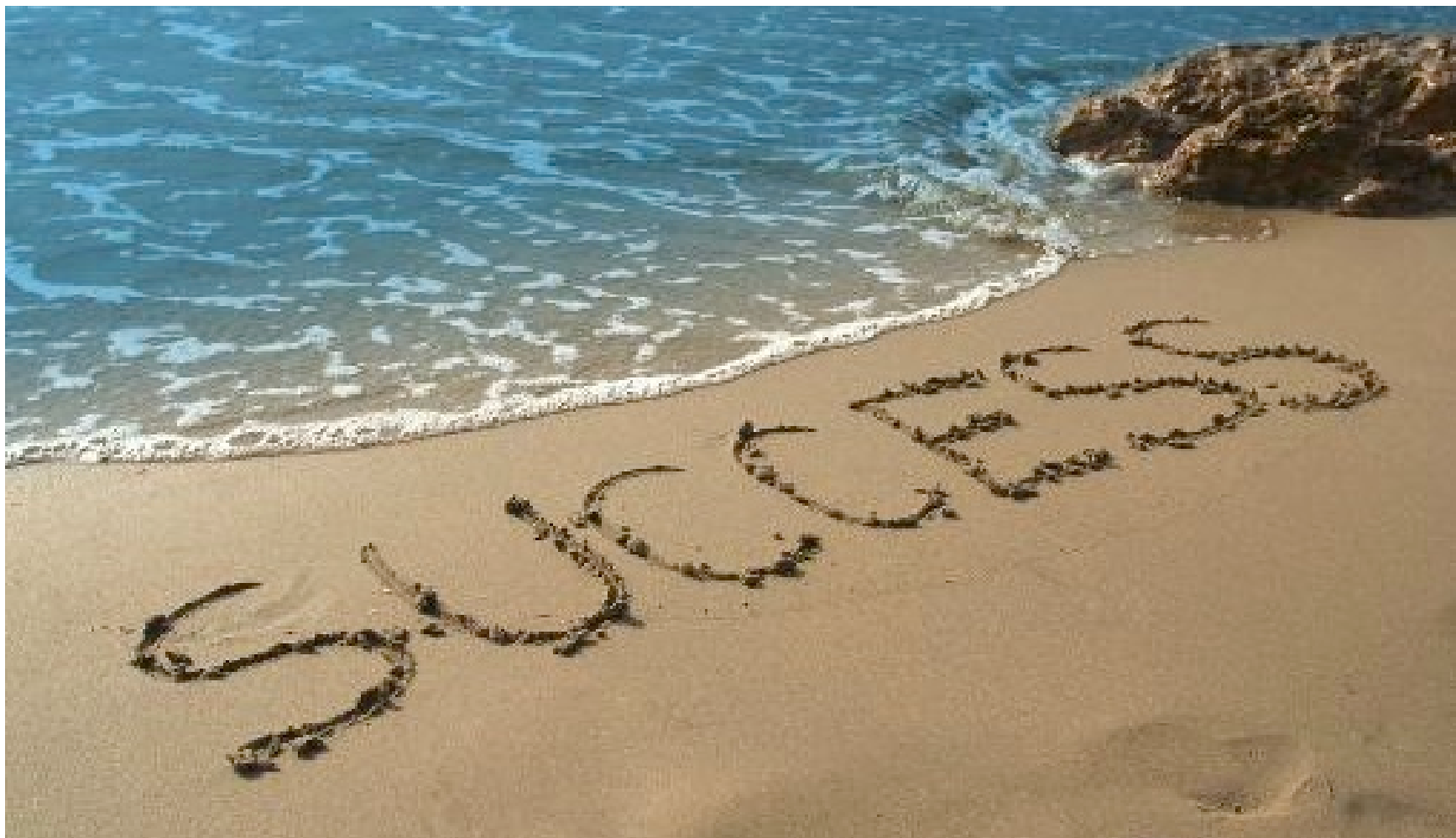
As a Child Mentor

Becoming a foster family

Becoming a respite foster family

Joining a Church Champion Team

The Results



Tracking Your Volunteers



- Excel spreadsheets help you track your volunteers
- www.lotsofhelpinghands.com to help a care team manage their care
- www.signup.com to coordinate signups for events
- www.phonevite.com inexpensive tool to send phone messages to team
- Keep FFM updated on the contact information for your volunteers, name, email, phone number and status
- Allows us to help in communication & to track successes
- Share success stories and experiences for us to inspire others

Next Steps



- Plan Your next Event
- Announce it at your current event
- Helps channel excitement



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