



Hello!

Welcome to Fostering Hope's newsletters!

Fostering Hope is a community organisation whose work comes from the Bible and the teachings of Jesus to 'visit' and 'care for' orphans and widows, to put the lonely in families, to love the fatherless, to care for children, and to love their neighbours in the communities. We are seeking to find families for children growing up in out of home care that are healing, hopeful, and respectful of everyone on the journey.

We have grown from a staff team of one to four around Tasmania, a state-wide and skilled Board, and funding from a variety of sources.



Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being. (James 1:27)

Join the Fostering Hope Family!

Throughout Fostering Hope's journey we've been blessed with individual and church donations. Most of our individual donors contribute because they care and are not in a position to foster themselves. In October we officially launched the Fostering Hope Family that makes it easier for people to partner with us. Individuals, small groups, churches, or organisations can join the Fostering Hope Family.

Caring for children in care and their carers lasts for a child's whole lifetime, whereas the grants we receive typically only last for a couple of years. We are seeking people to become part of our Fostering Hope Family for the long-term, so we can continue caring for carers, providing mentors, and offering other supports for each child's whole lifetime.

You can join here today:

<https://www.fosteringhope.net.au/fosteringhopefamily>

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The 'F' Factor

Thank you to K one of our carers for sharing the following tongue-in-cheek reflection on the fostering journey and the work of Fostering Hope.*

Did you know foster carers have the 'F' Factor? This Factor enables a physical change in muscle structure, allowing carers to carry multiple tantruming children simultaneously with multiple days' worth of groceries, while training two dogs, and an escaped monkey from a local zoo! It was also found that foster carers, due to the 'F' Factor, have multiple hyper-developed neural pathways allowing them to follow extremely convoluted stories constructed by trauma-formed brains that have no punchline or point. Additionally, the 'F' Factor enables similar conversations with overworked and underpaid people working in the child protection sector.

The 'F' Factor also has side effects: an enlarged heart, super resilient biological children, and incredible friendships with others on the journey.

"F" stands for Fabulously Fantastic Fostering Factor. This Factor allows ordinary people to do extraordinary feats; taking in and enveloping, broken traumatised children, loving them despite the pain and discomfort.

The 'F' Factor also stands for "fragile": carers need sustenance to thrive and for that role we have an amazing organisation called Fostering Hope. Not only do those of us who suffer from the 'F' Factor need this support, it is actually essential for our survival. The Fostering Hope organisation and community is exactly that – sustaining.



Next Mentor Training

Our next training for mentors for children growing up in care is on **Saturday 11 November** in the south of the state. All our mentors are volunteers providing an intentional friendship for children who can have lots of other adults in their lives who are paid to be there. All our mentors say they went into it to make a difference, but they feel so blessed by the relationship. Every mentoring relationship is different, shaped by the child's interests and what works for the carer family and mentor. Mentors are trained and supported by Fostering Hope throughout the journey. We'd love to talk to you if you are interested in becoming a mentor.

[Find out more](#)

KEY DATES

Monday 30 October
Southern Carers
Morning Tea

Tuesday 31 October
Northern Carers
Morning Tea

Wednesday 1 November
Information session on
'Wills' for foster and
kinship carers

Saturday 4 November
Sharing at Christian
Women's Group

Sunday 5 November
Sharing at Wellspring
Anglican Church

Wednesday 8 November
Fostering Hope AGM

Saturday 11 November
Mentor Training Day

Saturday 11 November
Celebration for Carers
Night

Tuesday 14 November
Northern Carers
Morning Tea

Monday 27 November
Southern Carers
Morning Tea

Tuesday 28 November
Northern Carers
Morning Tea

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