

Mobilizing the church to create a family for every child in need

What is Spokane127?

Spokane127 is a program of the **Spokane Fatherhood Initiative** that is rooted in the biblical principles of adoption and hospitality found in **James 1:27**:

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. (NLT)

The goal of **Spokane127** is to connect families within the Church to agencies that serve the needs of broken families so that there is **a family waiting for every child in need**. Additionally, **Spokane127** seeks to connect, encourage and equip those families called to serve. It is our passion that the Christian community serve lost and broken families in Spokane by sharing the love and hope of Christ.

Spokane127 believes that **God has chosen at least 100 families** in Spokane County to serve as a safe family, a foster family or an adoptive family. With over 400 churches in this region, the goal of recruiting 100 families will be easily met if just **one church in four** lifted up a family to answer this call. **Spokane127** seeks to convert the current shortage of supportive families into a surplus. We believe Spokane will become known as **a community with more families than children in need**.

How does Spokane127 work?

Spokane127 encourages Christians and churches to connect to local agencies that serve children and families in Spokane. These three organizations have been selected as key partners:

- **Safe Families** – temporary, emergency care for children; family coaching.
- **Fostering WA** – recruit and retain state-supported foster families.
- **A Child's Hope** – A Spokane-based Christian adoption agency that does not charge fees for its services.

Both *Safe Families* and *A Child's Hope* are private, Christian organizations that provide valuable public services at no cost to the government. These organizations represent God's call to the church to serve through Biblical adoption and Biblical hospitality.

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25% 
**of foster kids
will become
homeless**
by the time they turn 18

What can your church do?

Spokane127 is asking churches for the opportunity to share our message so the Holy Spirit can move and reveal the families God has already chosen. We pray that churches adopt a church-wide culture of orphan care, rather than create a new ministry that appeals to just a few. While not every family can serve children in need by opening its home, every member of every church can do something. Within a culture of orphan care, those families that host children are supported by a team that offers financial help, transportation, respite care, child care, home repairs and assistance in many other ways.

To learn how your church can build this culture, email Spokane127 at info@spofi.org. www.spofi.org



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