



One Church One Child of Florida

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OCOC partners with Buffalo Soldiers to bring bikes to kids in care

Cheers filled the air as the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Tallahassee brigade rolled into the horseshoe shaped driveway at First Mission Christ Temple Church of God In Christ. The brigade included 15 motorcycles and a 15-foot trailer loaded with shiny new bikes for 50 kids in the Big Bend area. Each bike was gift tagged with the child's name and adorned with tassels and ribbons.



Children, foster parents, caseworkers, church members and staff and board members of One Church One Child of Florida

attended the event held Saturday, December 17 in Tallahassee.

For the past five years, One Church One Child has partnered with the Buffalo Soldiers and Superintendent Richard Ash of First Mission Christ Temple COGIC, to present the Christmas Angel Project. With the support of Big Bend Community Based Care staff, One Church One Child staff builds a list of names of children in care to receive a gift that almost every child has on his or her Christmas list — a new bike.

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National Adoption Month Highlights

One Church One Child of Florida celebrated National Adoption Month in November from Tallahassee to Miami. Staff members joined other child welfare advocates for the statewide kickoff held at Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park in Tallahassee. The keynote speaker was Florida Department of Children and Families' Secretary David Wilkins.

Next stop Miami, Fla. where One

Church One Child participated in the Miami-Dade Community 6th Annual Regional Child Welfare Conference held at the Hilton Miami Airport. While in Miami, staff met with Former National Football League standout Kipp Vickers. Vickers acknowledges the value of partnering with One Church One Child and shares a personal connection to family adoption.

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We are pleased to share with you the Winter 2012 Edition of *One Church One Child of Florida Newsletter*. As a statewide, non-profit organization, One Church One Child staff and Board are moving across Florida, forging faith-based linkages and building community partnerships to help support prevention, intervention and promotion of adoption and support for families. Some of these activities are highlighted in the newsletter.

While we are excited to share the fact that in Florida, Community Based Care Lead Agencies place over 3000 children for adoption yearly, we also share that on any given day there are over 800 children in foster care available and waiting, who have no family identified to adopt them. Thus, there remains a need and opportunity for everyone to play a part in recruitment of families for adoption and foster care services and opportunities to provide support for children in care as well as families in local communities.

Through this and forthcoming One Church One Child newsletters, we hope to keep our faith and community partners updated on services, activities, events and opportunities to get involved in community initiatives.

We also express appreciation to the many current Partners of One Church One Child including Pastors, churches, business leaders, organizations and agencies for successful collaborations over this past quarter.

Blessings to you,

Dr. Arie Sailor, Executive Director



President's Challenge to Become a Partner Church

As OCOC State Board President, I challenge all Pastors to make One Church One Child a ministry in your church. This ministry is for children in your local communities who are in foster care and need a family and permanent home to call their own. As a partner, we simply ask you to:

- Share with your church members and visitors information on waiting children and adoption, that we will provide free to you
- Refer any families interested in adoption or foster care to One Church One Child
- Pray for the children and for the families
- Help OCOC in other ways your church wishes to reach out to the children

As Pastors, we all have a call to provide leadership and to do unto the least ones. We can and must answer this call to help encourage families to open their hearts and homes to make a godly difference for the children.

Rev. Beverly Hills Lane,

State Board President
Pastor, Bethel AME Church, Tampa

Become a Partner Church Today!

Since July 2011, OCOC has signed up more than 50 Partner Churches. Don't wait until National Adoption Month.

Get involved today!

OCOC kiosk with flyers and photos of children available for adoption will be provided to you at no cost (FREE) to display in your church.



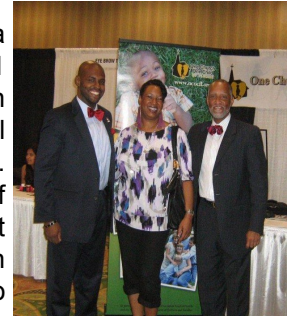
If your church is concerned about permanency for children and support for local families, become a Partner Church. Please contact One Church One Child of Florida, Inc. at:

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Northeast Region hits hot spots to reach potential

One Church One Child setup a display table at the 2011 Natural Hair & Beauty Expo in Orlando to reach potential adoptive and foster parents. The Expo attracts thousands of people each year. Northeast Region Recruiter, Brandon Mack traveled to Orlando to answer questions and provide participants with flyers and information on how to become a partner or an adoptive or foster parent.



From left to right Brandon Mack, potential adoptive parent and Rev. Al Williams at the 2011 Natural Hair & Beauty Expo

WCGL Radio Show partners with One Church One Child to air monthly recruitment presentations about adoption.

One Church One Child presented at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Jacksonville to members and visitors attending the Sunday service October 30 in Jacksonville.

Higher Ground Church of God In Christ recognized One Church One Child Adoption Sunday, November 13, with a special message about adoption awareness.

For information about recruitment in the Northeast Region, call Brandon Mack, OCOC Recruitment Coordinator, at (904) 904-764-3770 or email brandon_mack@ococfl.org.

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One Church One Child kicked off its National Adoption Month celebration at Partner Church, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church of Miami Gardens. In a standing room only sanctuary, Senior Pastor Arthur Jackson, III acknowledged the faith-based community outreach in the Miami area.



Adoption finalization in Jacksonville. Community leaders: Sen. Tony Hill, Judge David Gooding, Guardian ad Litem representative; adoptive parent Rosa Mae Solomon and the 7 adoptive children holding a check donated to purchase a family van.

One Church One Child conducted workshops at the Faith and Community Symposium held November 8 and 9 in Altamonte Springs. The Department of Juvenile Justice and Department of Children and Families sponsored the symposium. The symposium connected resources, highlighted best practices, provided training to enhance faith and community-based programs that serve youth and raise awareness of issues impacting our youth and families in the state of Florida.

Southeast Region: Adoption message heard in 32 churches

One Church One Child of Florida Local Advisory Committee partnered with 32 churches from all denominations in Palm Beach County to promote National Adoption Month in November. Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, where A.C. Evans is the Pastor and Bible Way Missionary Baptist Church, where James Bentley is the Pastor, blessed One Church One Child of Florida with financial donations to support our mission.

One Church One Child took advantage of Cityside Suites' Mix, Mingle and Network event highlights One Church One Child Community Awareness about adoption and foster care. Attendees included Officials from the City of West Palm Beach and 45 businesses in the surrounding area.

One Church One Child Local Advisory Committee (LAC) headed toy drive for children in foster care. OCOC teamed up with the mission ministry at New Bethel Missionary Baptist of West Palm Beach, where OCOC LAC Member, Dr. Fredeva Nelson, is a church member.

OCOC LAC and Cityside Suites sponsored a Christmas Party with all the trimmings for 103 children. Santa arrived bearing gifts for all the children.

Bishop Eustace Douglas, local Chair and Vice President of One Church One Child Board of Directors, is home after a brief stay in the hospital. We ask for your prayers for a speedy recovery. Bishop Douglas has volunteered in leadership roles for One Church One Child for more than 20 years.

Recruitment Coordinator, Cora Perry, took part in Operation Hope's Annual Appreciation Luncheon to reach several community members. One Church One Child was recognized at the event for its effortless work recruiting families to adopt.

For information about recruitment in Palm Beach County, call Cora Perry, OCOC Recruitment Coordinator, located at Cityside Suites, at (561) 209-2770 or email cora_perry@ococfl.org.

Suncoast Region partners on the move to place kids

One Church One Child and Partner Church, St. James AME Church of Palmetto, teamed up to present a program to recruit more adoptive families in the area.

LaKay Fayson, Suncoast Recruiter, participated in a live radio broadcast on WXRJ Radio 1590 AM in St. Petersburg, to reach potential adoptive parents.



From left to right: Rev. Frankie Fayson III, Mrs. LaKay Fayson, Ms. Joyce Cotton-Myrick and Mr. James Oliver

One Church One Child coordinated a special presentation at Spiritual House of Praise in Palmetto to bring awareness to the number of children available for adoption.

Pastor Beverly Lane, President of OCOC Board of Directors and Pastor of Bethel AME Church in Tampa, a Partner Church, held a special service to recognize One Church One Child Adoption Sunday and National Adoption Month. Church members and visitors received flyers and were able to ask questions about the adoption process.

For information about recruitment in the Suncoast Region, call LaKay Fayson, OCOC Recruitment Coordinator, at (813) 985-7831 or email lakay_fayson@ococfl.org.

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Buffalo Soldier Frank Williams says the project is not just to fulfill a Wish List, but to set the example. "In order for them (children) to understand the significance of giving, it's good for them to see it demonstrated," said Williams.

He hopes the children will learn from the soldiers' message that "when they grow up...they too will serve the community and learn that it is better to give than to receive."

One Church One Child is grateful for the Buffalo Soldiers. Without them we would not be able to sustain this event. We are blessed to have their support.



Left to Right Rev. Al Williams, OCOC Deputy Director, presents Certificate of Appreciation to Michael Monroe, President of BSMCT

For more information about the Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club of Tallahassee, visit www.bsmctally.com.



BREAKING NEWS:

One Church One Child of Florida partners with Pineview Elementary School to help keep our highways litter free. The two Adopt-A-Highway signs were posted December 12 along the 2-mile stretch in front of Pineview

located at 2230 Lake Bradford Road in Tallahassee. OCOC of Florida and officials at Pineview agree to remove litter a minimum of four times each year.

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Reggie Williams, Department of Children and Families, Circuit 7 Administrator, Mark Jones, CEO of Community Partnership for Children and John T. Long III, Pastor of Tubman-King Community Church in Daytona Beach, partnered with One Church One Child of Florida to sponsor a Community Prayer Breakfast, December 8, for the children in care in Circuit 7.



Finding at least one family in each church to adopt one child.

WELCOME
Partner Churches
since July 2011

2012
UPCOMING
EVENTS

One Church One Child
of FL
Board of Directors

Love Fellowship Christian Center - Jacksonville
Alexander Temple Community Church - Jacksonville
The Sanctuary at Mt. Calvary - Jacksonville
New Life Evangelistic Center Inc. - Jacksonville
Brethren In Christ Chapel - Miami Beach
Historical Mt. Zion M.B. Church - Miami
Crossroad Bible Church - Tallahassee
Last Days Harvest Christian Church - Tallahassee
Celebrate New Life Tabernacle Church - Tallahassee
Bible Based Church - Tallahassee
St. Rosa Primitive Baptist Church - Tallahassee
Bethel Christian Center of Clair-Mel, Inc. - Tampa
New Life United Methodist Church - Tallahassee
St. James CME Church - Tallahassee
Mt. Zion P.B. Church at Dawrin Pond - Tallahassee
Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church - Jacksonville
True Light of God In Christ - Jacksonville
Greater Mt. Zion AME Church - Arcadia
New Life Ministries and Community Center - Tallahassee
Life Enrichment Center - Tallahassee
Cityside Ministries Internationals - Tallahassee
Christian Life Fellowship - Tallahassee
First Baptist Church of College Hill - Tampa
Tina DeMetro Ministries - Stuart
Eternity Temple-First Born Church - Palmetto
New Life Ministries and Community Center - Tallahassee
First New Zion Missionary Baptist Church - Jacksonville
Bay Vista Church of Christ - St. Petersburg
Destiny Empowerment Center - Jacksonville
Unity Temple Internationals - Williston
Tenth Street Church of God - St. Petersburg

Saturday, January 28, 2012
(Miami)

Town Hall Meeting and special service to honor the late Pastor Arthur Jackson Jr. for his service to New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and the Miami community

MARCH (Pensacola)

Prayer Breakfast for children in care and to reach potential partner churches and community leaders concerned about permanency for children

COMING SOON

The
Power of
Partnership



Next quarter, OCOC will dedicate a page to recognize our partners for their support and service to children waiting for adoption.

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