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I am writing on behalf of Austin Ridge Bible Church to express our wholehearted support for Foster Village. As a church committed to serving our community, embodying the love of Christ, and “loving our neighbor as ourselves”, we have been privileged to witness the incredible impact that Foster Village has had on foster families and children in the Austin area and beyond. From humble beginnings working out of a local storage unit to unit to affiliate locations around the country, God has been at work in and through Foster Village.

Foster Village’s mission to bridge the gap between foster families and community resources is one that aligns closely with our values at Austin Ridge Bible Church. Their dedication to provide practical, emotional, and relational support to foster families is truly commendable. Through their efforts, they have filled a critical need in our community and mobilized our church to care for the vulnerable just as Jesus has called us to.

Over the years, Foster Village has made a significant difference through their mission that addresses the statistic that **“50% of foster families quit foster care within the first year because of lack of support.”** Their mission has ensured that foster families are not walking this journey alone and are known and seen by their church and community. Their work in providing essential items, connecting families with resources, and offering a supportive community has been invaluable.

We have partnered with Foster Village in various capacities, from supporting their early on initiatives through donations and volunteer efforts that has moved our congregation closer to caring for vulnerable children and families in our city.

As Foster Village has scaled their ministry to address another statistic of **“25-50% of children in foster care being born to parents who were in foster care themselves.”** With focus on preventative measures further upstream to prevent generational cycles of foster care involvement by creating paths to family restoration. We partnered with Foster Village to help create their Partners in Permanency program that strengthens reunified families by providing essential support, resources and care to see families become whole and healed through their past trauma impacting each family differently. We are grateful to be part of a ministry that ensures families stay together and thrive, that is breaking the cycle of vulnerability and isolation.



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We wholeheartedly support Foster Village and their North Property Capital Campaign project that will bring continued scale for their ministries in a very strategic location in our community. We are committed to continuing our partnership and are grateful to be in the position to provide financial support towards their phase 1 plan. We encourage others in the community to join us in supporting this mission.

Grateful to be in this work together,

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Missions Pastor

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Missions Director