

Clement Care

FAM Impact Report

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Message from Christal Gavin, Clement Care Director

At the end of Q2 Clement Care has a total of 27 churches all working to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families. We are so thankful for the dedication of each church, advocate, and volunteer.



Every FAM may look different, but they all have one thing in common: needs are met, and lives are changed!

Q2 brought two new programs to Clement Care: Families Count & CarePortal.

We're excited to have 9 churches trained for the Families Count program and 10 churches scheduled to launch CarePortal.

Both of these programs will be essential to helping vulnerable families in the areas of prevention, intervention and reunification!

Ministry Highlights

Clement Care empowers churches working toward one common goal: to care for vulnerable children. We carry out this mission by equipping churches to support local foster & adoptive families, and biological families in crisis. Our churches do this through Family Advocacy Ministries (FAMs). Our network of FAMs serve in the areas of prevention, intervention, connection and reunification. **Two new tools that will help your church serve in these areas are CarePortal and Families Count.**

CarePortal

Take meaningful action on the platform that's connecting the largest network of caring people to meet the needs of kids and families in crisis. A child or family in need requires help from a child-serving professional. The child-serving professional vets and types the need into CarePortal. CarePortal alerts nearby churches and community members to the needs. Churches and community members partner to ensure that the Child and Family is helped. Additionally, the CarePortal point person for your church can enter requests for anyone within the church body, as the church sees fit. These requests can be disseminated to your church body, allowing your members to care for those within and outside of the church walls.

Families Count

Through Families Count, local churches have a platform to minister to and walk with broken families to help them be restored and preserved. Families Count is a 6-week biblically-based parenting class that focuses on family strengths and purpose. The class is facilitated by a husband and wife team from the local church.

The church then helps with potential obstacles for families attending

- Transportation is provided for the whole family
- A meal is provided for the whole family
- Childcare is provided
- Mentorship opportunities are given for families to be matched with a church-approved & trained mentor

Q2 Network Efforts & Activities

Together we have made a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families through gospel-centered support and creative experiences!



Awareness

We are thankful for our 25 partner churches. Every Clement Care Network church commits to providing Family Advocacy awareness at least two times per year. Here are a few ways that our network churches have created awareness this quarter: **(1)** By sharing the monthly prayer prompts with church members. **(2)** Promoting opportunities for families to serve families through social media, in church bulletins, from the stage, or other communications. **(3)** Promoting opportunities to support Clement Arts during our Chick-Fil-A spirit night. **(4)** Recruiting and sending volunteers to help with the Clement Arts studio renovations. **(5)** Sharing about the need for more foster families in our community through sermon series and special events.



Care Communities

Care Communities and Primary Care Communities are volunteer teams who serve an individual family for six-months to one-year. Support is provided through a variety of relationship building opportunities. These can include: providing weekly/monthly meals, monthly babysitting, monthly yard care and mentoring. Care Communities are specific to families who are fostering, while Primary Care Communities support biological families. **During Q2 the Church served an average of 97 children per month, with an average of 20 care communities, and an average of 46 volunteers.**



DFCS Support

A group of 6 Clement Care Network churches provided lunch this quarter for over 50 of our local DFCS case managers & social workers. The turnover rates of frontline workers swing between 20-40% across the country. High turnover rates mean that children experience multiple case managers, even in short periods of time. If a child has only one case manager during his in care, he has a 74.5% chance of achieving permanency decreases to a mere 17.5%. Serving child welfare workers not only helps them know they are appreciated and supported, but it also has a direct impact on the lives of children in care.



Family and Child Support

(1) A group of 5 Clement Care Network churches hosted playground days every Friday in June. This allowed area families to fellowship. Over 50 children attended these events and were provided popsicles by the host church. (2) One Clement Care Network church partnered with Adventure Bags which will provide youth coming into care with a bag that has overnight essentials and comfort items.



Freezer Meals

A total of 6 Clement Care Network churches either contribute to a freezer housed at Clement Arts, or they have their own church campus freezer. These meals are available to foster families as needed. **Over 100 frozen meals have been provided in the first half of 2023.**



Group Homes

A total of 4 Clement Care Network churches have members who regularly serve in a local Group Home. This quarter's activities have included teaching life skills classes, hosting bible studies, hosting a traveling clothing closet, providing meals, playing games, starting a garden and having meaningful conversations. **Over 50 children were impacted this quarter by the dedicated volunteers who visited the various group homes at least once a month.**



Trauma Informed Care

This quarter we had one partner church host a TBRI® (Trust Based Relational Intervention) conference, and one church who hosted a TBRI training for parents and church staff. TBRI® is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. TBRI® uses Empowering Principles to address physical needs, Connecting Principles for attachment needs, and Correcting Principles to disarm fear-based behaviors. This important teaching is essential for parents, caregivers, church staff and any one else working with children who have a trauma background. **Over 30 individuals have received trauma informed care this quarter.**

The Impact of your FAM

We are grateful to have St. Mark Church as a partner church, in the Clement Arts Network. We ask that your FAM host a minimum of two opportunities a year, so that your church can be intentionally engaged in assisting the foster care crisis. It's always a joy to see the creative ideas and service opportunities that each church comes up with on their own! Below is a list of your individual activities & impact for Q2.

Prayer

Prayer is the cornerstone of all we do. We appreciate you sharing the monthly prayer prompts with your team & the Clement Arts prayer guide with the church body.

Freezer Meals

This quarter you contributed 16 meals to the freezer housed at Clement Arts. We've been able to provide a meal to over 25 children with your generosity. This has been a continuous blessing to the families in our community who do not have a consistent care community serving them!

DFCS Lunch

St. Mark Church was one of 6 churches who provided & served lunch this quarter for over 50 of our local DFCS case managers & social workers. Thank you for helping us support these hard-working men and woman on the front lines of child welfare.

Families Count

Thank you for sending 2 volunteers to be trained for Families Count. Your future efforts will help fill a void for families looking to reconcile and help those trying to stay together.

CarePortal

We are thrilled that you will be joining the 10 churches who are piloting CarePortal. CarePortal is a platform that's connecting the largest network of caring people, the Church, to meet the needs of kids and families in crisis. Your efforts will help preserve or reunite families in our community.

Clement Arts Studio Renovations

We are thankful for the volunteers from St. Mark who have assisted us with our studio renovations. We host classes for over 400 children a year. Clement Classes provide quality children's arts instruction in a fun and uplifting environment with instructors who love children as much as their craft. Thank you for your support!

TBRI Training

Thank you for providing trauma training to a group of 12 individuals this quarter. Having trauma informed adults is essential to providing quality care and building trust with vulnerable children.

The Church at the Center of Care



Acknowledgements

The following churches have a signed partnership agreement with Clement Care. They are a part of our growing network of churches. Each one is committed to working together, creating bigger impact for our community. These churches cross denominational lines, span across any racial divides and work as a one unified body of Christ- Being the hands and feet of Jesus to children from hard places.

Calvary Baptist
Christ Community Church
CityScape
Cornerstone Baptist Church | Hamilton
CrossPointe Church
Eden Church
Edgewood Baptist Church
Evangel
First Free Will Baptist
Greater Beallwood Baptist
Greater Peace Baptist Church
Iglesia Familia en Cristo
Living Way
MidTree Church
New Birth Outreach Church
North Highlands Church
River of Life Church
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
St. Luke
St. Mark
The Ridge
Valley of Life Ministries
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Wynnbrook Baptist Church

We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to serve vulnerable children and families in the Chattahoochee Valley.

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