

Hearing the Story...

GROW IN CHRIST

Matthew came to *The Baby Fold* with a history of depression, anxiety, and aggression. His mother tried to manage him, but she suffered some of the same issues didn't know how to cope. Matthew came into care, and our social worker went to his home to help his mother.

Matthew made good progress in his therapy, school, and in pastoral care. He relished the truth of God's unconditional love and Jesus' willingness to forgive. Matt's mom also made progress in her goals to stabilize the home and provide for her family. She experienced God's love through our social worker who always greeted her with a smile, food, counseling, and respect.

Soon, it was time for Matthew to return home. He was ready, Mom was ready, but Matthew wanted to be baptized. I explained that Matt should experience this wonderful sacrament in his home church. I met with Matthew and his mother, and together they made a plan for Matthew to be baptized in his home church. What we didn't know at the time was, Matthew's mom wanted to be baptized too.

What a glorious Sunday, when both Matthew and his mother received the gift of baptism in their local church, as the congregation surrounded them to help them both grow in Christ!

Rev. Lori Bultemeier, Christian Life Coordinator, The Baby Fold

Our Conference, Our Kids

Sustaining Love's Embracing ARMS

With your prayers and financial gifts, you can join

Rev. Lori in helping others "**GROW IN CHRIST**".

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Growing Children and Families in Christ

Our Conference, Our Kids reaffirms our historic connection to the ministries of our children and family serving agencies as we make "...our collective response as a church to be in mission to offer Christ's love and healing to 'the least of these'..."

[2016 Illinois Great Rivers Conference Action: Legislative Item 120]

It is an evangelistic extension of each local church's ministry to those outside of a church, AND a caring/compassionate complement to support local churches, which may have member families who are being assisted by one of these agencies.

These agencies need our prayers and our financial gifts through **Our Conference, Our Kids** so they are able to effectively meet spiritual needs, as well as educational and therapeutic needs.

Thank you for joining in this ministry through your gift to **OCOK Spiritual Life Endowment Campaign** (Advance Special #6960) through your local church.

Holding The Baby Fold in Prayer This Week

Please pray during Sunday worship and each day this week for those Sustaining Love's Embracing ARMS through the ministry of The Baby Fold.

Lori Bultemeier, Christian Life Coordinator

Children Served by The Baby Fold

Dianne Schultz, President/CEO, Program Supervisors

Jr/Sr High School Youth Served

Teachers, Aides, Therapists

Families of Children/Youth Served

Social Workers, Case Workers