

Hearing the Story...

FOR THE CHERISHED CHILDREN OF GOD

“No matter how gently youth are removed from soils of chaos and trauma, there are challenges. Sinking roots into new soil often feels unfamiliar and risky. To help with this transition Spero youth are met where they are on their spiritual journey and helped to understand they are cherished children of God. As their roots sink deeper and deeper into soil of hope, help and healing, they begin to experience growth that didn’t seem likely before. Rooted in Christ’s love, they start moving from hopeless and ruined to hopeful. From feeling down and discouraged to up and encouraged.”

*Rev. Deborah Pollex, Spiritual Life Coordinator,
Spero Family Services*

How Is This Dream Becoming a Reality

The *Illinois Great Rivers Alliance* is comprised of the Presidents/CEOs of our conference’s five child and family serving agencies. They brought a resolution to the 2016 *Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference*, which sought to raise funds to endow their spiritual life ministries. It was approved by a vote of 699 yes, 40 no.

Our Conference, Our Kids was launched at the 2017 Annual Conference with a dinner and support materials for local churches. In August, 2017, Bishop Beard held a gathering with representative persons to reflect on ideas for the *OCOK* campaign. Following that meeting, persons were invited to serve on an *OCOK Steering Team*.

Supporting the *OCOK* endowment in reaching its goal of \$2.5 million will assist each of our conference’s children and family serving agencies in ***Sustaining Love’s Embracing ARMS*** as they keep spiritual life ministries as a pillar in their holistic care for children and families.

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

Our Conference, Our Kids

Sustaining Love’s Embracing ARMS

With your prayers and financial gifts,
you can join Rev. Deb in caring

“FOR THE CHERISHED CHILDREN OF GOD”.

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Holding Spero 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 Spero Family Services.

Deb Pollex, Spiritual Life Coordinator

Children Served by Spero

John Shadowens, President/CEO, Program Supervisors

Jr/Sr High School Youth Served

Teachers, Aides, Therapists

Families of Children/Youth Served

Social Workers, Case Workers