



ROCKING OUR KIDS AT CHRISTMAS

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed.

The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head...

...and that sweet little baby Jesus rested in the safety of his mother Mary's arms.

Today it's our arms, physical and spiritual, safe and warm, that hold **Our Kids** at each of our five children and family serving agencies. As the baby Jesus inside each of those children is honored, the children and families are offered hope, healing and help.

This Christmas let's hold **Our Kids** just like Mary held the greatest gift God ever gave even though she was exhausted, afraid, displaced, but most importantly - faithful.

Our Conference, Our Kids Spiritual Life Endowment Campaign was approved at the 2016 Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference to raise \$2.5 million to fund an endowment that would perpetually benefit the spiritual life ministries of the five conference-related agencies serving children and families in the communities of our conference.

This undertaking reaffirms our historic connection to *Spero Family Services, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, Cunningham Children's Home, Chaddock, and The Baby Fold*, and supports spirituality as a vital pillar of their holistic care. As the original resolution affirmed, this is "...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]

THANK YOU for rocking **Our Kids** at Christmas with **Love's Embracing ARMS!**



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