

# One Year Update



Last spring, we introduced our new nonprofit, Project Sparrow! The vision God gave us to advocate for and to support the almost 2,000 children being raised in Maine's foster care system is quickly becoming reality!

- We moved into our suite of offices, located in Winthrop, in January. A year later, we are still receiving use of this location FREE of charge!!
- We established a founding Board of Directors and were able to approve our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws by March.
- We applied for and were granted Federal 501c3 status and a Maine Charitable Contribution License by May.
- We hosted our first event in the spring, Project Tea Party, for girls in care and their caregivers.
- We hosted Project Picnic 2017 this past summer with 43 people in attendance!
- Our Executive Director is now approved to help caseworkers facilitate the state mandated training for new foster families in our district.
- We now have 23 families in our support group representing 78 children!
- We have celebrated 12 adoptions with the families in our group and have served them as they welcomed or said good bye to 39 foster children this year!
- God has continued to grant us favor within the District 5 DHHS office and we have been invited to speak on multiple panels for state-wide caseworker and foster parent trainings, recruitment teams, advisory teams, etc.
- Our Board President is now an approved CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) working to represent foster children in court.
- Our Treasurer, also a professional photographer, is leading Project Sparrow in a partnership with A Family for ME to update the "Heart Gallery" photos - hopefully resulting in forever families for up to 100 children -of the near 600- that are awaiting adoption in our state!
- We had gently used clothing, equipment, and furniture valued at over \$10,000 donated to be distributed to foster families in our state.
- We have delivered almost 200 "Care Bags" to caseworkers to have on hand when they meet with a new foster child.
- We provided Christmas gifts to 150 foster children within our state district!



## Join Us!

We are praying that 100 families will join our team this year with our 12 For 12 pledge! We are asking you to consider committing to donate \$12 a month for the next 12 months! That is sacrificing one fancy coffee a week from your favorite coffee house in order to help support and advocate for the near 2,000 children living in foster care in Maine! Help us show these children that they are loved. Help us show them that they have value and worth. Help us end the generational cycle of children being raised in this system! \$12 For 12! Join us!