

# BY HIS GRACE

## The Johnson's Foster Care Story



Bradley and Kelly Johnson felt compelled to become a foster care family, but were uncertain how they could make it work. The couple's schedules stay busy with Bradley serving as senior pastor of Newfound Baptist Church in Leicester in addition to his and Kelly's commitments to their four biological children.

Turning to the **EVERY CHILD Foster & Adoption Ministry**, a partnership between Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, made the training and licensing process possible. A BCH staff member traveled to their home to conduct their training.

"It was then we realized that there were children all around us needing foster care," Bradley shares. He and Kelly learned during the training that there are more than 16,000 children in North Carolina's foster care system alone.

Once training and licensing was completed, BCH case manager Michelle Kagan began helping the family with their placements. It was not long before the couple took in two young sisters giving their mother needed time to get back on her feet. The girls quickly became a part of the Johnson family. When their placement ended abruptly, it was difficult. Kagan was there to help them walk through it.

"Michelle said God has called us to do this for today," Kelly shares. "You have this child for today. So you love her, care for her and give her everything she needs for today."

With BCH's ongoing support, the Johnsons took in a foster baby.

"I think you need to go into foster care realizing that it is a messy situation and it is incredibly hard, but it is worth doing," Bradley shares. "God has blessed us and helped us by His grace. We can't imagine not doing this."

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is a partnership between Baptist Children's Homes of NC and NC Baptists. We are on mission together because we believe **the church is the answer** for providing vulnerable boys and girls Christ-centered homes. With 16,000+ children in NC foster care, and more being removed from their homes daily, **EVERY CHILD's** mission is to equip couples in our congregations and churches themselves to provide homes, support and ministry through fostering and adoption.

There are more than **16,000** children in NC's foster care system. Every child deserves a home, wants a family, and needs hope. These children need **the church!**

Through **EVERY CHILD Foster & Adoption Ministry**, Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) statewide foster and adopt staff provide the following:

- Training and licensing for couples in churches who desire to foster or foster-to-adopt — training takes place at the time and place convenient for the participating couple
- Working with couples and individuals to foster-to-adopt or adopt domestically or internationally
- Equipping churches to provide ongoing ministry and support for foster and adoptive parents and their children in their congregations
- Providing ongoing support to participating churches and families
- Offering trauma-informed training to help with boys and girls who come from traumatic circumstances

## 3 WAYS YOU CAN HELP

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a foster or  
foster-to-  
adopt family

2. Become a  
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international  
adoptive  
family

3. Become a  
respite or  
emergency  
foster family



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