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## National Foster Care Awareness Month

In May, ICA acknowledges and celebrates National Foster Care Awareness Month AND Mental Health Awareness Month.

Here are some facts to aid us in bringing awareness of Foster Care:

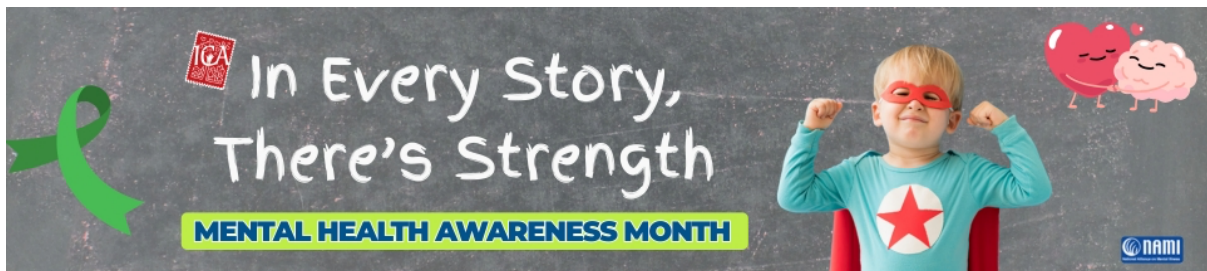
- The goal of Foster Care is reunification!
- Foster Care is a temporary arrangement where a child is placed with a foster family while the birth parents are provided the opportunity to address issues and to increase their capacity to provide a safe and healthy home for the child.
- The role of the foster parent is to provide a family-like setting that supports safety, stability and well-being of these children while also supporting their birth families.



Support for Families Lived Out

Watch an Additional Video on an Entire Church Community  
that Changed over 20 Lives

Learn More about Foster Care



### Mental Health Awareness Month

May is also Mental Health Awareness Month.  
If you didn't know, ICA has a Counseling Center. Our Counseling Center serves  
our Foster Children AND kids and teens in the community!

Join ICA as we acknowledge and come alongside NAMI in their Mental Health

campaign.

"Mental health journeys are unique, but the strength found within them is universal. "In Every Story, There's Strength," highlights the resilience and diverse experiences that shape mental health journeys within our community."

*Help ICA turn kiddo's struggles into strengths.*

You can do that by:

- **Providing prayer for our Counseling Team.** Lots goes on in the Counseling Center. Pray for peace, patience, kindness, and understanding.
- **Provide Counseling Scholarships.** We have families that have kiddos in counseling that cannot always afford to continue their counseling care so your scholarships assist in that. We also have families that initially inquire and cannot even start counseling because they can't afford counseling.
- **Purchase Counseling Supplies.** We offer counseling in various different approaches. Some of those approaches require supplies such as paint, sand, toys, and sensory items. Often, we have to replace these items. Assisting us in keeping up that inventory allows ICA to continue in its counseling approaches.

**Donate to ICA's Counseling Center**



**Thank you for all the donations!**

In April, ICA received multiple donations and they have been such a blessing to our Foster Care Kiddos and their families. Thank you so much to the churches



and groups that have donated. We do not take our donations lightly and we are encouraged that our community around us acknowledge the work that ICA is doing and is coming alongside us to further our mission and goal!

*ICA believes in the sanctity of life that all children are valued and uniquely made.*

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***Donated by Sowers Sewing Group at Sunridge Community Church***



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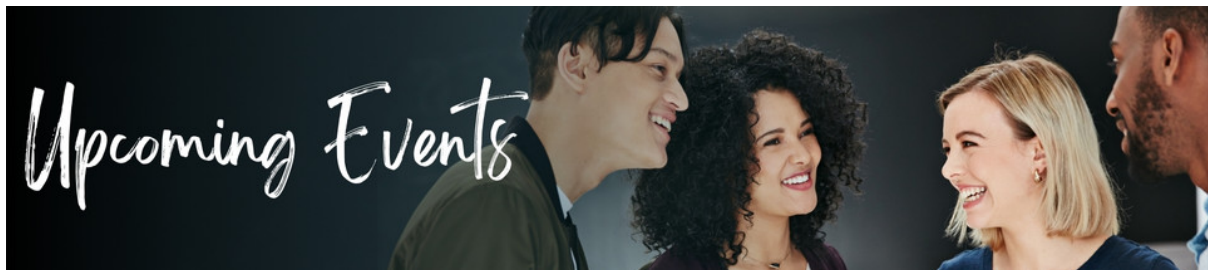
***Donated by Sunridge Community Church's MomCo***





***Donated by A group of 14 students with Students For Life  
(Temecula Homeschool Chapter)***





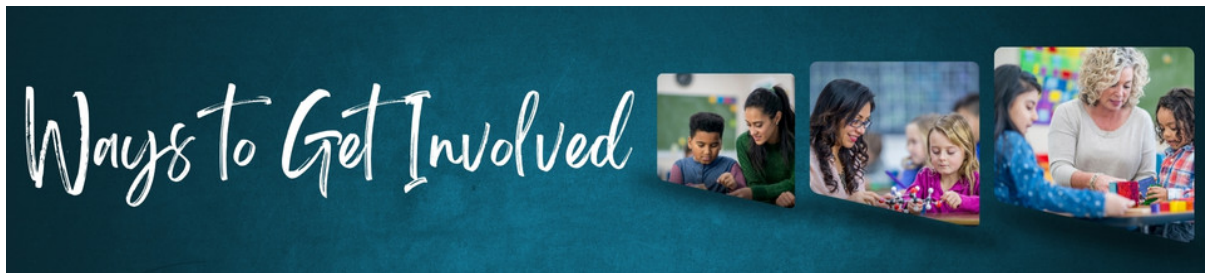
### Citrus Heights Office:

- **Antelope Springs Craft Fair -**  
April 26

### Temecula Office:

- **Woodlands Troop Children's Fair** (Orchard Church Temecula) - May 3
- **Sound of Hope Film Screening** (Calvary Chapel Murrieta) – May 18

**Host an Info Meeting**



Let's have coffee! Introduce ICA to your pastors, women's ministry leaders, small groups, etc. Do they know we exist? Do they know the good work we do? Are they aware that we understand they have a heart to reach out but maybe don't know how? Help us link their willingness to action. We can come alongside and develop the best program given the unique gifting of your church.

### Schedule an Info Meeting



- 28 Families who are assessed and waiting either for foster or adoptive placements
  - Praise, our NC office Foster Care unit is underway; 4 families in the assessment process
  - Preparation for upcoming audits
  - Our local churches will capture the vision to allow ICA help them support foster/adoptive families
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ICA's goal is to come alongside churches willing to be educated & supported in their mission to love the vulnerable as their neighbor.

**Strength to Love**  
**by Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Chapter 6: A Knock at Midnight** : “If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority. If the church does not participate actively in the struggle for peace and for economic and racial justice, it will forfeit the loyalty of millions and cause men everywhere to say that it has atrophied its will. But if the church will free itself from the shackles of a deadening status quo and, recovering its great historic mission, will speak and act fearlessly and insistently in terms of justice and peace, it will enkindle the imagination of mankind and fire the souls of men, imbuing them with a glowing and ardent love for truth, justice, and peace. Men far and near will know the church as a great fellowship of love that provides light and bread for lonely travelers at midnight.”

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