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"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."

James 1:27



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Hope, Homes, & Healing

In 1997, 4KIDS was founded with the vision of a home for every child and a mission to provide hope for kids in crisis. In the last 25 years that vision has deepened through a paradigm of hope, homes, and healing that weaves through the unique, holistic care 4KIDS is able to provide to kids and families.

SINCE OUR START



Hope

can be experienced by families who are struggling in our communities. These are the children who are at risk of being removed from their homes and entering the foster care system.

Through compassionate prevention these kids and families can experience renewed hope through resources, support, and community.

2,000+

lives have been served through the prevention-based care of CarePortal since it's start in 2020



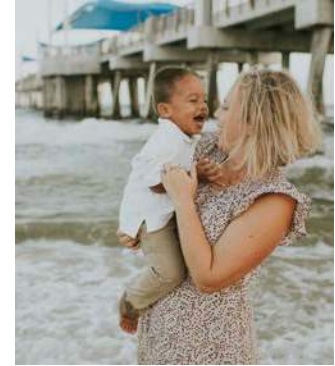
Homes

are the foundation of the life-changing care that 4KIDS has provided from the very beginning.

4KIDS Foster Families welcome kids into their homes across 11 Florida counties – every day siblings get to stay together, teens get the chance to experience a stable home, and young adults get a second chance at family.

5,600+

children and teens have been welcomed into a 4KIDS Foster Family and over 800 of them have been adopted since 4KIDS' start in 1997



Healing

for children, teens, young adults, and families comes through 4KIDS' trauma-informed therapeutic approach, EPIC. Through one-on-one therapy with 4KIDS clinicians and by specially equipping parents and caregivers with training, more children can experience transformational healing that allows them to thrive.

2,185+

lives have been impacted through 4KIDS' EPIC Therapeutic Approach since 2014

The Story of 4KIDS

Beyond the Crisis



Tom Lukasik
*4KIDS Vice President
of Engagement*

Have you ever thought to yourself, “Can one person really make a difference?” The answer is definitely YES! This particular story starts in the 1990’s when children in South Florida’s foster care system were suffering, being abused and some children even died within the system that was intended to keep them safe. It seemed like every day there was a news article covering another case of egregious abuse within the foster care system. In one meeting I attended in 1996, I heard that Florida was 49th in the nation in child welfare. Around that time, one woman named Irene, who was serving as a Guardian Ad Litem asked herself, “Why isn’t the Church involved?” She began knocking on doors until one church in 1997, Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale, boldly believed they could be a part of ending this crisis through Christian families.

I’ll always remember the day when Calvary announced they were going to put their plans to open a private school on hold and pour those resources into foster care. My wife Linda and I were already working in child welfare and we cried tears of joy after hearing that our church would engage in this Godly work. It was then that Calvary formed Child S.H.A.R.E. to recruit and support foster families.

Meanwhile, the Stacy Foundation and other Christian leaders also had a passion to see more kids in safe, loving Christian homes. In 1999, they launched Project TeamWork 4KIDS under the leadership of Rick Englert. This was an exciting time and I was honored to soon join that team.



*Rick and Joan Englert,
Project TeamWork 4KIDS, 1997*



The Sauder Family, 2007



Kevin and Michelle Enders, 2021

Project TeamWork 4KIDS' became the first Christian foster care agency in South Florida with the vision to mobilize churches to solve the crisis. Seeing families so compassionately open their homes and embrace babies, children, teens, and sibling groups, wasn't just changing their lives, but it was changing the lives of the community all around them.

In 2003, His Caring Place, Calvary's Child S.H.A.R.E. and Project TeamWork 4KIDS joined forces and created 4KIDS of South Florida with Doug Sauder as the President. By coordinating efforts, 4KIDS became a unique Christian ministry with a full continuum of care.

In 2017, after a three year nationwide search, Kevin Enders, a foster and adoptive parent with 4KIDS, was named President and CEO. Kevin brought with him over 30 years of business experience to lead the ministry. Soon after, he saw the need to improve on our paradigm of hope, homes, and healing, and we expanded our clinical team to provide trauma-informed mental health services and parent training for our children and families. In 2020, we launched a new prevention arm to the ministry, CarePortal, to keep children from entering foster care in the first place. God has blessed 4KIDS with people and ministry efforts that are truly effective – and our outcomes prove it! So, in 2021, we expanded to five counties in Southwest Florida and are looking to expand into Miami-Dade County soon.

I could tell you thousands of stories of miracles, as God has led us to fill gaps in an extremely difficult system. Over the last 25 years, no accomplishment or victory was too small; every bit of this work is precious to God. If you're reading this and you've prayed for the children we've served, attended an event, given a donation, volunteered, or opened your home to a child in crisis, every single one of those things counts greatly in this work. I have had the privilege of seeing 4KIDS grow, innovate, and expand in countless ways, even beyond what I could have dreamed or imagined sitting in church that Sunday in 1997. And it always comes back to the one – I pray you would read all of these stories as a celebration for the past and inspiration for the future, as together, we keep growing beyond for kids in crisis.

A Generation & Beyond, 25 Years & Over 30,000 Lives



1997

A movement begins to impact the foster care crisis in Broward County. Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale forms a recruitment and support ministry for foster families called Child S.H.A.R.E.

2000

Project TeamWork 4KIDS opens SafePlace Broward

2003

Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale's foster care ministry, Child S.H.A.R.E., His Caring Place, and Project TeamWork 4KIDS merge to create 4KIDS of South Florida.

2006

4KIDS begins licensing foster homes in Palm Beach County, operating out of Boca Raton Community Church's gifted space

Girls Place opens, a family-style home for teen girls in foster care

1999

The Stacy Foundation launches Project TeamWork 4KIDS under the leadership of Rick Englert, becoming the first Christian foster care agency with the vision to bring the South Florida church community together

2002

The Stacy Foundation donates Kids Place with the support of Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale

2005

4KIDS Independent Living begins, designed for young adults aging out of foster care

2007

10,000 lives impacted





2009

Arthur Remillard donates two family-style homes in Palm Beach County to help keep siblings together

2014

4KIDS creates a unique therapeutic approach, EPIC

4KIDS launches in the Treasure Coast

4KIDS opens Mercy Place, a family-style home for girls in foster care who are at risk for human trafficking

2017

20 Years and 25,000 lives impacted

2020

4KIDS partners with CarePortal to launch prevention-based care for at-risk families

2011

Hundreds of community members come together to build a brand new His Caring Place maternity home, the Miracle Home

2015

SafePlace Palm Beach opens with support of 4KIDS Women of Vision

2019

4KIDS launches the Family Advocacy Ministry (FAM) model enabling churches to wrap-around foster families with love and support

2021

4KIDS launches in Southwest Florida, serving Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties

2022

25 years and 30,000 lives impacted!

Praying and pursuing additional expansion efforts as God leads



Foster Care | est. 1997

UNTIL EVERY CHILD HAS A HOME

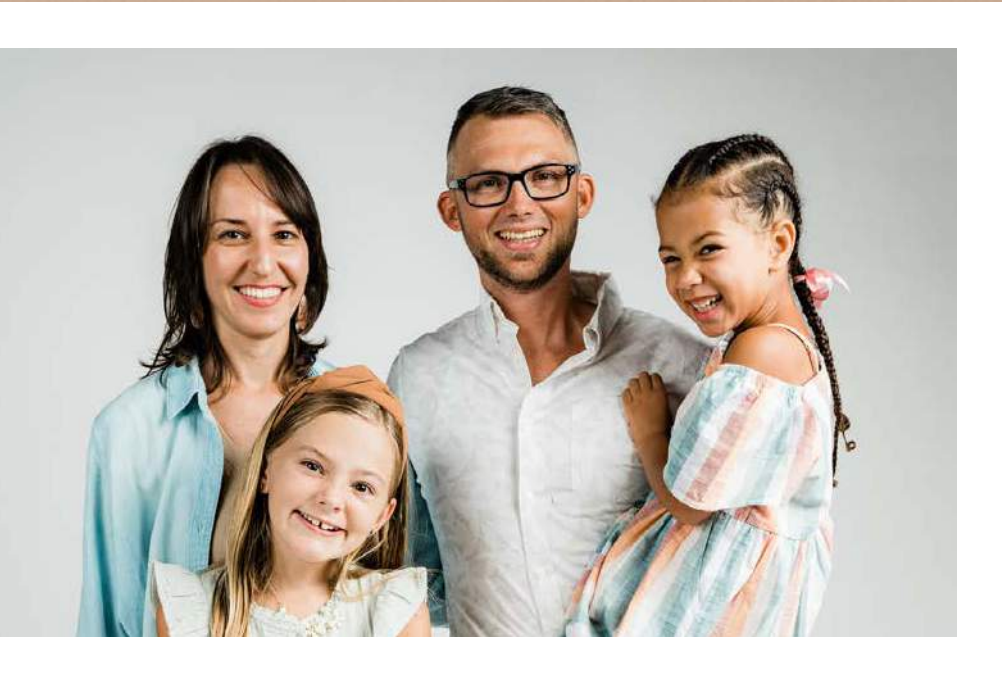
The Conways were an early 4KIDS Foster Family when they opened their home with Project TeamWork 4KIDS in 1999. Shawn Conway was a teenager at the time and being a part of his family's foster care journey forever changed him. "These children had already been through so much at such a young age. I was grateful to be a part of a family that wanted to do something about it," Shawn said.

Because of Shawn's parents decision to foster, Shawn was learning at a young age what it looked like to care for a child who had experienced trauma. He learned to care for the babies and children in his own family's home and even helped other 4KIDS Foster Families in his church by babysitting. Shawn was surrounded by the 4KIDS community and that heart of service continued to grow.

When Shawn married his wife Nicole in 2007, they knew fostering was something they both wanted to be a part of. In 2017, they were living in the Treasure Coast and learned that 4KIDS had expanded to four Treasure Coast Counties, so they began their training to become licensed foster parents.



**Historical | 1300+ foster families have
been licensed since 1997**



Their very first call was for a 7-week-old baby girl named Gyanna. She had been born drug exposed and desperately needed a family to care for her. The Conways eagerly said yes and in a beautiful, full circle experience, Shawn's parents who first opened their home to foster now lived on the same street as Shawn and Nicole, eager and ready to help them in their own journey as foster parents.

Gyanna came to the Conways with visible signs of neglect, but with time and care from the entire Conway family, including their 4-year-old daughter Shaelen, Gyanna began to grow and thrive. In the months following, it was determined that Gyanna would need an adoptive family and the Conways agreed to make Gyanna a permanent part of their family at just 18 months old.

Now as a parent himself, Shawn sees the incredible value in his own parent's decision to expose him and his sister early on to the needs of children in crisis. Today, as a teacher at a Title 1 school just down the road from a children's shelter, he now sees the need in the Treasure Coast on a daily basis. The often homeless and under-resourced students in Shawn's classes are met with his compassionate and understanding care—the foundation of which began in 1999 with his very first experiences serving children in crisis.

For children who need a place to belong with people who love them, 4KIDS Foster Families like the Conway's are there to meet those children in their greatest time of need.

**Last Fiscal Year | 385 kids were served
by loving 4KIDS Foster Families**

Specialized Foster Homes | est. 2002

THE NEXT GENERATION IMPACT - JAMEY



Jamey and a few of her siblings

In 2007, the Hallas family began their journey as a 4KIDS Foster Family—a journey that would span 15 years and include 4 adoptions! Jim and Kristen Hallas have been unforgettable 4KIDS Foster and Adoptive Parents. In 2017, they were inducted into the Florida Foster Family Hall of Fame after being nominated by Broward County's lead agency, Childnet. Their legacy has taken on a new story with their daughter Jamey Hallas, who in 2021, became a house mom for teen girls in 4KIDS Specialized Foster Home, Mercy Place.

At just 10 years old, Jamey started learning about caring for kids in crisis through her parents as they opened their home to kids in foster care. Over the years, Jamey saw the tremendous impact fostering had on her own family and on the community as a whole and hoped one day she would be able to make that same kind of life-changing impact.

In 2021, as a young, single woman, Jamey took on an incredible calling to care for teen girls at 4KIDS Specialized Foster Home, Mercy Place. For the teen girls who call Mercy Place home, this is often the first time they are getting to experience what it's like to be a part of a family. Jamey shared, "The girls that are currently in my home have all been in foster care for over 10 years. They've mostly switched from group homes and different relative caregivers, so something that's special about this home is that I am here for them and we have a family-style unit which creates so much more stability than the typical group home where there would be staff members coming in and out."

694+

children have been served through 4KIDS Specialized Foster Homes since 4KIDS' start



The Walker Family, 4KIDS House Parents from 2009 - 2014

4KIDS Specialized Foster Homes are designed to serve children and teens who would otherwise likely not experience a traditional foster home. Large sibling groups are often separated and teens are typically sent to group homes or shelters because there aren't enough traditional foster homes available to care for these unique groups. 4KIDS Specialized Foster Homes were created to uniquely serve sibling groups and teens—giving them a second chance at family. Drawing from her parents experience fostering, Jamey has brought an incredible understanding and passion to her role as a house mom. Jamey said, "The biggest thing I learned from my parents and their journey fostering and even with adoption is that connection is the most important thing. At the end of the day it doesn't matter the decisions that they've made or the things that have happened in their lives, my parents were always still there for us and my siblings, in the same way that I want to be there for these girls. I want to be there to walk with them through whatever they might be going through so they don't have to walk through life alone anymore."

The teen girls who get to call Mercy Place home are experiencing life-changing love with Jamey. They are opening up in new ways because of the care and connection she offers them daily. Jamey added, "My hope is that when the girls look back on their time in this home that they would remember the peace that they felt and the healing that happened here."

Last Fiscal Year | 29 kids were welcomed into a 4KIDS Specialized Foster Home



His Caring Place | est. 1987, incorporated 2003

Beyond Maternity Care

In the last three years, 4KIDS His Caring Place (HCP) has expanded its care to include moms who are not only experiencing a crisis pregnancy but also have little ones they are already struggling to care for. This new approach came as a response to an overwhelming community need for more residential options for young women facing their second unplanned pregnancy, deeply in need of care and guidance.

Kiara* and her one-year-old daughter Lily* moved into HCP when Kiara discovered she was expecting another baby and couldn't stay in the shelter her and Lily had been at. Kiara's family had completely disconnected from her and she had been on her own since she became pregnant with Lily. Once Kiara moved into HCP she gained a new family.

Last Fiscal Year

21

moms and their children found refuge and support through 4KIDS His Caring Place



The HCP team stepped in and became the support system Kiara had been missing. They drove her to dozens of job interviews and doctor's appointments. They taught her how to feed and console a growing little Lily. When Kiara was nervous about her upcoming delivery and who could watch Lily while she was in the hospital, the team arranged for a 4KIDS Foster Family to care for Lily while Kiara was in labor and settling in with her new baby.

Kiara formed a special bond with one of HCP's social work interns, Taylor. Taylor taught Kiara how to budget and helped prepare her with life skills Kiara had never been taught before. Kiara went into labor unexpectedly early and the HCP team couldn't reach the baby's father who Kiara had planned to have with her in the delivery room. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, Kiara could only have one visitor with her in the delivery room, so Kiara asked Taylor to come to the hospital with her.

During her last delivery with Lily, Kiara was alone giving birth. But now, she had Taylor who she trusted to advocate for her throughout her hospital stay. Taylor represented a team full of people behind Kiara who all cared deeply about her and her daughters.

Cycles are being broken and lives are being changed every day at HCP. Kiara chose life for her two little ones and because of HCP she had the support and encouragement she needed to thrive as a young mom.

**Names were changed to protect the privacy of the children and families we serve*

1,890+

lives have been impacted through 4KIDS His Caring Place since 2003



Watch Another HCP Story: Meet Acoya

Independent Living | est. 2005

A Future Renewed



Evans and his wife, Colleen

Evans Jean-Charles's story with 4KIDS has spanned over fifteen years and resulted in a remarkable young man with an incredible future ahead.

Like so many young adults who come to 4KIDS Independent Living, Evans struggled in childhood and in his teen years. His mom passed away when he was just 12 years old. And while he initially lived with his father, after a few years his father moved and did not ask Evans to come with him. So Evans continued to move around—next, he went to his grandmother's house, but couldn't stay long after her home was foreclosed. Now a teenager, Evans was reaching out to countless family members asking for a place to stay. With no solutions in sight, Evans faced homelessness.

Evans' cousin Gene invited Evans to a Bible study with the promise that there would be food—which at the time was enough to convince Evans to give it a try. To Evans, Gene had so much going for him, he was working and he lived in a big, comfortable house, so Evans tried to understand how Gene had managed it all. Gene told him he was a part of 4KIDS Independent Living.

Historical | 292+ young adults have been equipped and supported through 4KIDS Independent Living since 2005



4KIDS Independent Living team and residents headed to Prom in 2018

In what seemed like the perfect solution, Evans quickly applied, interviewed, and was accepted into 4KIDS Independent Living. But, Evans soon spiraled and he found himself on probation with a suspended license for 2 years. Instead of pushing Evans away, 4KIDS pulled him in closer, mentoring him and guiding him along this difficult path forward. 4KIDS Independent Living Case Manager at the time, lovingly referred to by residents as 'Ms. De' helped Evans regain his focus on school and guided him through the probation process to earn his license back.

Evans started to grow closer to the other guys in his 4KIDS house and the people he was meeting at church. Evans shared, "I really grew as a person during that time. I am very grateful for the safety net and grace from supportive people. I didn't have guidance and direction growing up, but I was able to get that opportunity and a family through 4KIDS!"

Soon Evan's became "house lead" and took new residents under his wing as a mentor and friend. He brought other young men from the neighborhood and gave them a safe place to play basketball and eat dinner together. From there, Evans grew to become an Independent Living Resident Advisor, a role he served in for over 10 years! The relationships he formed during that time he still holds close today. "I got the family I always wanted and I was surrounded by a positive culture that changed me," Evans said.

Today, Evans is the Lead Trainer at the Law Firm, Greenspoon Marder and also owns his own photography and videography company called PhotoMovement. Evans met his wife Colleen as she served as a Resident Advisor in one of the Independent Living homes for young women.

The entire trajectory of Evans' life was forever changed by a community that surrounded him. Evans is just one of hundreds of young adults who have grown far beyond what they could have imagined for their futures.

27

young adults found refuge
and support through
4KIDS Independent Living
this last fiscal year

THE HEALING TO THRIVE

In 2007, Kate Gauntt's mom Dee Leaderstorf opened a 4KIDS hybrid home: Dee's House. For 5 years Dee welcomed babies and toddlers who needed a safe and loving foster home; oftentimes serving sibling groups who would have otherwise been separated - including three little siblings Dedrick, Anthony, and Nia who lived at Dee's house in 2009.

When Dedrick, Anthony, and Nia came back into foster care for a second time it was clear they needed a forever family—at just 3, 4, and 5 years old Dee knew she couldn't be their adoptive mom but Kate and her husband John stepped in. Within a few months they were licensed with all 3 siblings in their home and by 2012 they were adopted. Kate shared:

"I remember that season, 10 years ago now, as new adoptive parents surrounded by the 4KIDS community. We lived in a neighborhood with a bunch of 4KIDS homes and our church Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale had so much support and awareness around foster care," Kate shared. "I could only see how unique that community really was once we moved to Fort Myers—in the 6 years we've lived here, I have never met a single foster family. I was a new mom to three kids who have all experienced trauma and have unique emotional needs. Within a few years, we started feeling very isolated.

When we first moved the [emotional] needs weren't as noticeable because our kids were at really easy ages. It wasn't until they began approaching middle school ages that we really experienced difficult transitions.

In the last three years I started seeking out help—I was talking to our pediatrician and anyone who could have therapy resources for them. I quickly learned that not only were most waiting lists over a year long, but I didn't see an approach that was the right fit. I needed a professional who could look at them through the lens of trauma in the womb, of trauma in their childhoods, and in light of their foster care journey— I didn't want someone to just see them as 'bad' kids.

I was desperate, looking at the 4KIDS website and thinking maybe we'd start driving 2 hours to Broward for EPIC. The day after I filled out an interest form, someone from 4KIDS contacted me saying there was a 4KIDS therapist in Fort Myers we could see, they even prayed with me on the phone, it was exactly what I needed.



Our kids didn't know what to expect from therapy, but they knew we were struggling as a family and this was something we were going to try. They've been excited ever since their first session with Marianne. It was always clear to us from the beginning that this would be a family effort, my husband and I are involved in a lot of their sessions. Over the years, I have struggled with feeling inadequate as their mom. I've wondered, how do we as parents, as Christians, as mentors, respond to their needs? Because it's never just been about their behavior."

The Gauntt's family story, from their early beginnings to their present season, reflects the very heart of 4KIDS and of the EPIC Therapeutic Approach. When families open their hearts and their homes to kids in crisis we can now be there with deeper support, care, and healing, allowing families to not just come together, but to thrive.



Last Fiscal Year |
564 children and adults were
served by a clinician, with
hundreds of additional lives
positively impacted by 4KIDS
EPIC Therapeutic Approach

CarePortal | est. 2020

GROWING BEYOND FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

4KIDS launched a partnership with CarePortal in 2020, in an effort to bring greater preventative care to at-risk kids and families. This online platform connects participating churches with real-time needs across our community. Things seemingly simple as securing a toddler bed or paying a past due electric bill can deeply impact a family who is hurting—all while introducing them to churches and people who have a heart to serve.



Historical | Over **2,000+** lives have been impacted by CarePortal since this outreach began in 2020
Last Fiscal Year | **1,522** children and adults were served through 4KIDS and CarePortal responders

Kelly Dunn is the Response Team Leader at Freedom Church Vero Beach, here's her CarePortal Story:



We had a CarePortal request to assist a family who was coming out of homelessness and had just moved into their very first apartment. They had very little furniture aside from the air mattresses they were sleeping on. At the same time, the neighbor of one of our response team members had moved into assisted living and they'd been asked to clear out the home. We were able to provide two full bedroom sets, living room furniture, patio furniture, dining room table and chairs, linens, dishes. The family came and worked alongside us for 2 days, picked out lamps, pictures and decorations that they liked. As we loaded the trailer, truck and their own car multiple times with all their new treasures, it was the coolest thing watching them be able to make their new house into a home. At the same time, our church family got to help an elderly gentleman in the community by making sure the home he was leaving was emptied and beautifully cleaned. To see the way God orchestrated two separate situations, two times of transition to work out so perfectly for everyone involved was such a great reminder of how much He loves us and is in every detail of our lives.

CarePortal has really given us the chance to connect with the families in our community who need our help the most. Families who we may otherwise would never have known or had the opportunity to help. The bridge that CarePortal creates from agency to church to family is the perfect vessel for us to be the "GO" in the Gospel. Getting us outside the church walls, where we were never intended to stay in the first place, and bringing the beautiful message of Jesus who says, 'you are loved, you are not alone, and we won't give up on you.'



Beyond Breaking Cycles, Meet a Cycle Breaker

Tex & Courtney's Story

Tex and Courtney may be two of the biggest young advocates for kids in crisis we know! Tex and his siblings grew up in foster care, and when he aged out, Tex made the decision to come to a 4KIDS Independent Living home. Over time, he grew from being a resident to then being promoted to a Resident Advisor—a role he compassionately served in for 9 years. Courtney came to South Florida to intern with 4KIDS while completing her Bachelor's in Social Work. She first met Tex when they were both working at 4KIDS. Courtney went on to serve as a house parent for one of our 4KIDS Specialized Foster Homes for 2 years as a foster mom to teen girls. All the while their relationship grew and Tex and Courtney married in December 2019.

Once they were married and had welcomed a baby boy of their own, they soon decided to open up their home as foster parents. Since they both still work in child welfare, they see kids every day who need a safe, loving home, and they decided to respond to that need by offering a refuge for children in need. The same day they received their foster care license, they received a call for two brothers, ages 5 and 7, who needed a home who could keep them together – Tex and Courtney couldn't wait to say 'yes!'. Since then, Tex and Courtney have welcomed a second set of siblings, making their home complete with 2 sibling groups who all get to experience the stability of staying together.

"There are kids in our own city who are being neglected," shared Tex. "We knew that there was a problem and we could offer a solution, so that's what we did!" Since being in their home, these sibling groups have been able to enjoy everything from the simple joy of sharing dinner around the table, to spending a whole day celebrating birthdays.

Making a difference in the lives of kids in foster care is more than just a calling Tex and Courtney feel they have on their lives. For them, it is a part of who they are, embedded into their hearts and minds. They have each served individually with 4KIDS in so many unique capacities over the years, and now they are serving together. We couldn't be more excited for what's to come in the next generation of 4KIDS!



FROM SOUTH FLORIDA & BEYOND

Growing Beyond includes embarking on new territories and regions who need our help. Expanding is hardly new to 4KIDS, it started with Palm Beach County in 2006, and since then has included the Treasure Coast in 2014 and now Southwest Florida in 2021. With expansion comes new opportunities, new needs, and new ways to bring hope, homes, and healing to children and families desperate for change.

Palm Beach County, est. 2006

3,000+ Lives Impacted

"It constantly amazes me when foster families, businesses, churches and individuals come together and wrap their arms around children in foster care. The results are undeniable. These children come to us broken, whether emotionally or physically, and upon receiving the love and support of their foster families and the community, a dramatic transformation takes place. They stand taller, their eyes are brighter, and they have much better outcomes at school and in life. It's extraordinary. **These kids are breaking cycles and changing the tapestry of Palm Beach County.**" - Karen Granger, Community Relations Director 4KIDS Palm Beach

Treasure Coast, est. 2014

1,000+ Lives Impacted

"4KIDS Treasure Coast has made a significant impact in our region, for both families who need assistance in a time of crisis and for local churches that are looking for ways to get more involved in their community. God has blessed us to be able to license and support some of the most dedicated foster parents who are willing to sacrifice so much for the sake of others and provide some of the most loving homes where children in need can not just live, but thrive! With the support of our trauma-informed EPIC Therapy Team, our families are able to experience the healing and growth that is promised to us in the Gospel. Every single one of our staff members is devoted to providing the best care and service to those whom they serve, **building a foster care culture in the Treasure Coast that is special and unique.**" - Michael Keen, 4KIDS Treasure Coast Executive Director

Southwest Florida, est. 2021

The Crisis in Southwest Florida

827 Babies, children, & teens were removed from their homes last year in SWFL

134 Children in foster care are living in a shelter instead of with a loving foster family

167 Sibling groups were split up as they entered foster care last year

"It's been so exciting to see how God has opened up doors for the 4KIDS expansion to Southwest Florida. From churches, to local officials, congressmen and donors, it's been remarkable to see how God is connecting us with so many people; so many like-minded individuals that are motivated to help us pave the way in this new region in order to help us fulfill our vision, to provide a Home for Every Child. Summer 2022 will be a memorable one as we witnessed the very first 4KIDS Foster Family become licensed. Our Southwest Florida Team is so excited to bring hope, homes and healing to our five counties along the Gulf Coast!" - Rick Jacobs, 4KIDS Southwest Florida Executive Director



The Bautista Family

And Beyond...

From 4KIDS Vice President of Expansion, Shelley Baker

"In 2018 God spoke to me about being involved in the expansion of 4KIDS. Since then I have seen God piece together the plan, the opportunities, and the funding for expansion. We are currently working in Southwest Florida and planning to open in Miami soon. I am excited to see us create local relationships, move into the new office spaces and most importantly, meet new families that will become our first foster families in these new areas. It is such an honor to connect churches and families to the heart of God and work together to serve His children."

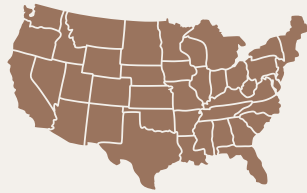


GROWING *together*



STATE

4KIDS works to propel the State of Florida toward greater care and advocacy for kids and families. When 4KIDS began, Florida was 49th in the Nation for some of the lowest quality care and safety for kids in foster care, today Florida is 3rd. In partnership with churches, agencies, and government officials, 4KIDS continues to strive for even greater support.



NATIONAL

As one of the first ministries of its kind, 4KIDS has served as a model and mentor to organizations from across the country. Ministries with a heart to care for vulnerable kids and families, especially within the foster care system, look to 4KIDS for guidance as they balance their state relationships and local impact. Through conferences, visits, regular calls, and more, collaboration happens every day.



GLOBAL

With the development of 4KIDS EPIC Therapeutic Approach, trauma-informed resources and training are now reaching across the globe. In partnership with schools and missionaries across the world, 4KIDS is able to bring healing materials and resources to kids and families in crisis beyond our borders.

Our State Impact

"With at least 15 active collaborations with other non-profits doing the same work we are, partnerships with over 200 churches and various government leaders, 4KIDS' collective impact grows exponentially year after year."

Tom Lukasik, 4KIDS Vice President of Engagement



What comes to mind when you think of 4KIDS?

"Scripture is replete with the understanding that our Holy God is Love. His love is directed FOR us through His Word and obedient Saints. 4KIDS is the embodiment of God's love highly directed to children and families. 4KIDS' professionalism, kindness and obedience to God's call is a powerful testimony to the Florida Coalition for Children members and all who work to better children and families in Florida."

Kurt Kelly, Florida Coalition for Children President & CEO



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4KIDS is the place where I learned of God's heart for the lost and broken in foster care and how the Body of Christ was the answer God had placed in this world to bring Hope to those who have no hope.

Godly Daniel, A Door of Hope

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Our National Impact



"4KIDS has delivered so much for kids! As an organization, 4KIDS has been open to innovation, new solutions, and growth, while never forgetting there's only one lasting eternal solution."

Andy Cook, Promise686



"I don't think Immerse would exist without 4KIDS. God used 4KIDS to give us a vision of what could be, of what really good work looks like, and of what it means to be joyful in obedience to His leading. I'm deeply grateful for the pioneering work of 4KIDS and for their generosity to share what they've learned with the many of us that are following in their footsteps."

Eric Gilmore, Immerse Arkansas



"4KIDS has not only wisely, faithfully, lovingly served countless children and families in South Florida. They've also been a catalyst for that same 'more than enough' vision across the country—modeling and helping organizations and churches throughout the entire CAFO community in wonderfully open-handed ways."

Jedd Medefind, CAFO



Our Global Impact

4KIDS continues to offer the paradigm of hope, homes, and healing to missionaries, schools, churches, and non-profits across the globe. By equipping those on the frontlines caring for vulnerable children and families, the mission of providing hope for kids in crisis expands beyond.

FEATURED *countries*



South Africa

From police officers, to local leaders, child and youth workers, and church officials, trauma-informed care is being brought to this region through 4KIDS' EPIC Training and our online resources.



Romania

In collaboration with Pathway to Joy Ministries, 4KIDS has trained orphanage staff in this region and equipped them to host EPIC Therapeutic Camps for the children they serve.



Peru

This summer, 120+ individuals were trained in EPIC during a week-long intensive in partnership with Calvary Chapel Cajabamba and local government officials.

“God is doing an amazing work through 4KIDS, not just in the children but in the lives of those who are obedient to God’s calling to foster and adopt.”

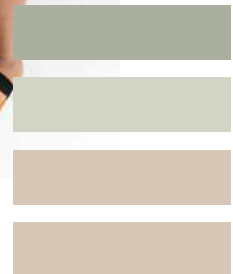
Steve Daigle, 4KIDS Adoptive Parent & Board Member



Over
30,000
Lives
Impacted
Since 1997

1,300+

Foster Families have been licensed since 1997



"I will forever be blessed to have been a part of the 4KIDS journey. The impact 4KIDS has had on all of these lives will impact our community in so many ways. From helping to build tomorrow's leaders, to future foster and adoptive families because of the life they have received. Thank you again 4KIDS!"

Denise Wood, 4KIDS Adoptive Parent



5,600+

Historical Kids Served in 4KIDS Foster Families

800+

Adoptions from 4KIDS Foster Families since 1997



2,185+

Lives Impacted by 4KIDS EPIC Therapeutic Approach since 2014

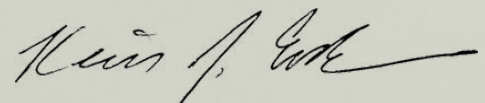
A GROWING IMPACT

Letter from the President

I first came to know 4KIDS in 2007, as a brand new foster parent. When I look back at the 4KIDS I was first introduced to, it is remarkable how much has changed. At the time, 4KIDS was still a primarily Broward-based ministry, having only expanded to Palm Beach County the year prior. We didn't have resources like our Family Advocacy Ministry (FAM) that organizes churches to wrap around foster parents. We didn't yet have our EPIC Therapeutic Approach, or all of our 4KIDS Specialized Foster Homes. We hadn't partnered with CarePortal to bring preventative-based care to at-risk families and our small, but mighty staff of less than 50 likely couldn't have imagined a day where we'd exceed 100 team members.

In countless ways, 4KIDS has always been Growing Beyond. Since 1997, this special community of people has grown far beyond what so many thought was possible. Little ones who once laid in body casts are walking, kids who had no voice are learning to speak for themselves, against all odds young adults are walking across stages for diplomas, and families who had no hope have been restored. Within our greater, organization-wide growth, there is the even more miraculous personal growth in literally thousands of lives that have been forever changed.

Thank you for believing that kids in crisis deserved more than they were receiving in 1997. And for every year after, thank you for believing with us that our work isn't finished until every child in need has been reached and restored. Thank you to all who have prayed, given, and shouldered this work over the last 25 years—over 30,000 lives have been impacted with hope, homes, and healing because of this faithful movement. I pray that you will continue to do just as God has always called us to do, Grow Beyond, for kids and families who still need us.



KEVIN J. ENDERS
4KIDS President & CEO

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead."

Philippians 3:12-13

For the next
30,000 lives and
more, we will keep
Growing Beyond.



The Enders Family, 2011



The Enders Family, 2019





Thank you for 25 Amazing Years!

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OUR VISION:

A Home for Every Child

OUR MISSION:

Providing Hope for Kids in Crisis

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