

# CarePortal Ministry

Church at the Cross (CATC) uses the CarePortal database to identify needs in our local community. CarePortal actually supports the work of our three Life Task Force branches: New Life, Foster/Adopt, and Trafficking Survivor Advocates.

The women's health clinic posts requests for diapers, pack n plays, and other items. Social workers ask for beds, mattresses, and other items on behalf of children in foster care, at risk of entering foster care, etc. All of this can help support stability at home and protect against trafficking and abuse. We hope by meeting people's physical needs we can share the hope we have in Christ.

In the CarePortal Ministry, there is a role for everyone! If nothing else, please consider signing up for CATC's CarePortal page and emails. We want more people in our community to know that CarePortal is an option when passing on furniture, bedding, books, toys. If you're interested in more, we have three teams to choose from. The tasks of each team may include the following:

## **Responders**

- Sign up for CATC's page on CarePortal to receive emails about local needs
- Keep eyes and ears open for potential items
- Donate items or money to cover needs (if possible)
- Share about CarePortal with others

## **Moving Crew**

- Provide trucks and trailers to transport larger items
- Help carry larger items into apartments (usually)
- Assemble furniture if needed

## **Care Team**

- Meet recipients on delivery days (women especially needed)
- Deliver CATC's gift bag with information about local churches
- Offer to pray with the family
- Follow-up with recipients, using CATC funds for notes, gifts, etc.

*"Going through the adoption process gave me a glimpse into the life of our son's birth mom—and into the deep grief she felt in placing him with us, even though she believed it was best. I realized then that I wanted to help biological families stay together when possible. It's not just a money issue. But how can we help support these families in other ways if we don't know who they are? That's when I found out about CarePortal." -Brittni*

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