20 WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT
FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Inform people in your church:
- Post and distribute information (such as photos, flyers, and bookmarks)
- Devote a bulletin board to Foster Care Month (May) or Adoption Month (November)
- Insert information on ways to help children in church bulletins, folders and newsletters
- Host the Heart Gallery traveling display
- Encourage friends & family to support a child in foster care
- Share your facility: Make available free meeting room space for informational meetings
- Invite a foster/adoption recruiter to speak

Host a "Drive"
- "Clothing Drive" (for kids of all ages)
- "Diaper Drive" (include formula, pull-ups, & blankets)
- "Toiletries Drive" (shampoo, toothpaste, sanitary products)
- "Toy Drive" (include books and games too!)
- "Suitcase Drive" (include duffel bags and backpacks)
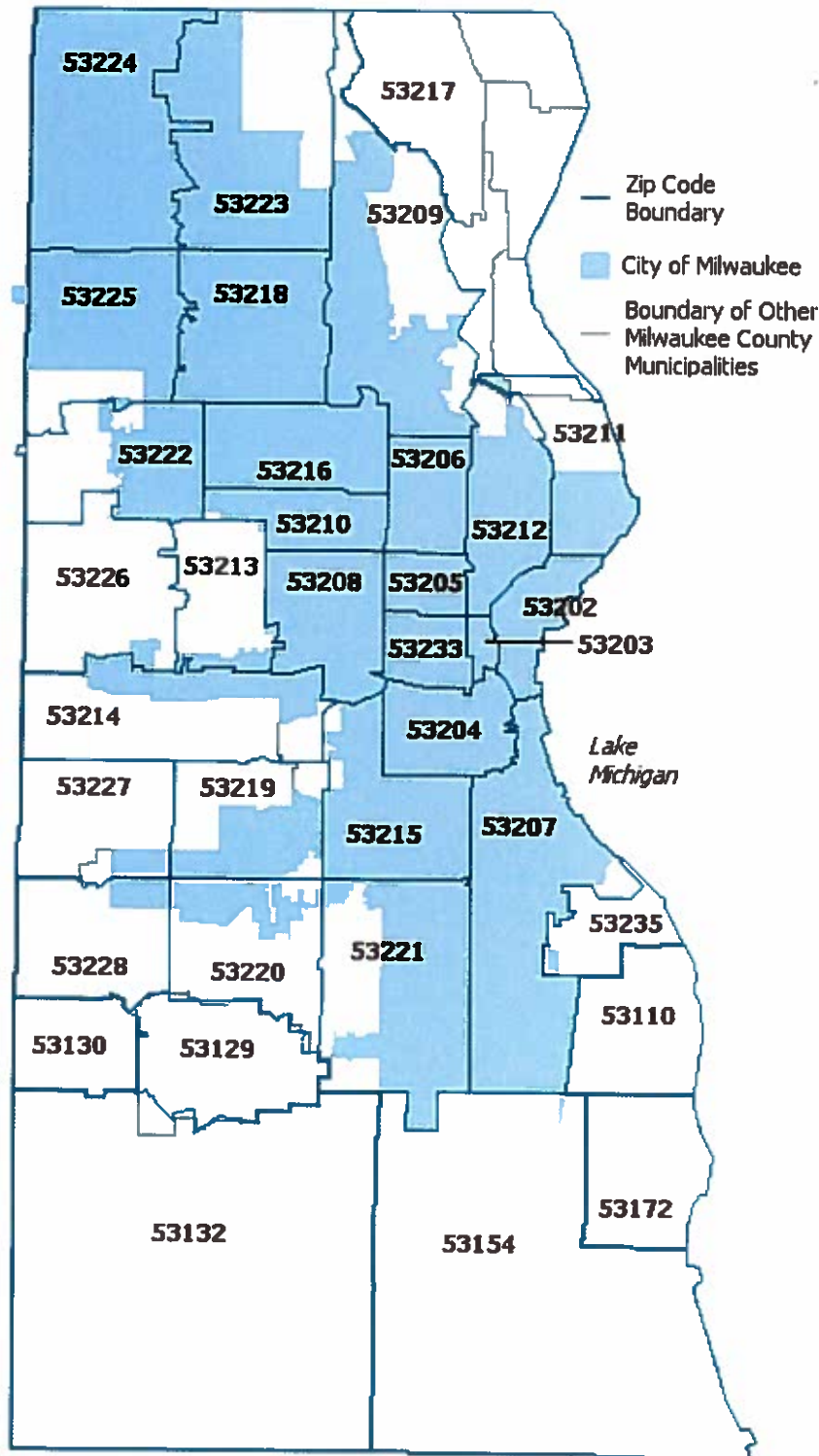- "Stuff the Bus" (school supplies and backpacks)

Select a specific ministry within the church to spearhead the Foster Care ministry:
- Start a foster care and/or adoption support group; designate an individual to work with the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services recruitment team on meeting the needs of children, foster/adoptive families and birth families.
- Support an existing project created to support foster & adoptive children
- Co-sponsor, host or endorse a special event (such as a picnic, bowling or skating outing; a holiday party for neighborhood children in care; a celebratory event to honor foster parents or adoptive parents)
- Provide support to graduating high school youth in foster care (This could include senior expenses, graduation gifts, prom, educational support and, most important, extended community support beyond foster care)
- Become a respite provider

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services
Foster Family Recruitment Team
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Number of children placed in foster care by Milwaukee County zip codes
1/2012-2/2014

Zip code	# detentions
53110	11
53129	0
53130	3
53132	15
53154	10
53172	11
53202	9
53203	0
53204	103
53205	42
53206	105
53207	25
53208	85
53209	68
53210	101
53211	2
53212	89
53213	8
53214	40
53215	89
53216	48
53217	1
53218	71
53219	26
53220	10
53221	10
53222	15
53223	38
53224	28
53225	35
53226	5
53227	24
53228	14
53233	19
53235	2

Map legend:
- Zip Code Boundary
- City of Milwaukee
- Boundary of Other Milwaukee County Municipalities