

# Serving Foster Children in Washington County, TN

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## Background

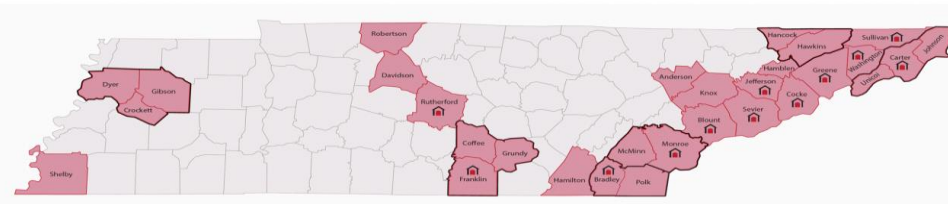
- Isaiah 117 House was founded in 2017 in Elizabethton, Tennessee and now has fourteen operational houses across seven states.
- ETSU College of Pharmacy's CPFI chapter partnered with Isaiah 117 House to provide socks and underwear for foster children ages toddler through teens in the Washington County area.
- CPFI coined the phrase "The Bottom Line Is, We're All Covered Under Christ" for this initiative.
- CPFI members were able to tour the Washington County Isaiah 117 House and see firsthand the impact this organization is making in our community and other communities across the Southeast.

## Purpose

- We felt this project was necessary because of the importance to support Christian organizations in our community.
- With an increase in foster needs, we were able to help close that gap.

## Methods

- Student pharmacists involved in this project searched for a local faith-based organization in need.
- Isaiah 117 House expressed a need for clothing and monetary donations for foster children in our area.
- To involve the entire school in this project, a socks and underwear donation drive was held for 4 weeks.
- We collected donations at our school and further partnered with local church Walnut Christian Church to raise money and collect more items.
- Money obtained from the Hands & Feet Grant and donated by members of our church partnership was used to buy socks and underwear for kids of all ages.
  - 2022 CPFI Hands & Feet Grant (\$500)
  - \$270 donated by members of Walnut Christian Church in Johnson City, Tennessee.



## Results

- Chapter President Kathryn Durbin spent \$701 at Walmart purchasing socks and underwear. Items for every age group were obtained, and multiple sizes and styles were selected to provide options to kids that felt most comfortable to them.
- The remaining \$100 was donated as a monetary donation to the Washington County Isaiah 117 House.
- Isaiah 117 House in Washington County received two boxes of socks, underwear, and toddler pajamas along with a \$100 monetary gift.
- Chapter President Kathryn Durbin and Vice President Tabitha Sineath went together to meet the program director for the Washington County house, Taylor Forbes, and donate the items.
- Forbes said, "It is unfortunate that we have this need in the area, but we are happy to be able to serve".
- Forbes disclosed that it costs roughly \$150,000 per year to keep the Washington County house operational.

## Conclusions

- Isaiah 117 is a faith-based ministry that works to show God's love even in the darkest of times.
- The CPFI Hands & Feet Grant allowed our chapter to acquire items to give to these children.
- This project has opened other opportunities for our CPFI chapter to work with Isaiah 117 House in the future.
- Future engagement opportunities with the organization include inviting the program director to speak at a CPFI chapter meeting and continuing to spread the word about the work they do.

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