CROWDED TABLE

Crowded Table equips churches to provide practical support to Davidson County foster families and their caseworkers in order to increase and sustain the network of people who care for children in Middle Tennessee's foster care system.

The Problem:

On average, **50%** of foster families burnout after **one year** of service or their first placement, whichever comes first. In **Tennessee**, kids have to change homes **more often** than almost anywhere else in the nation.

Our Opportunity:

Nashville has more churches than foster families. Foster families that are supported by a community are **90% more likely** to continue fostering, which means kids are provided more stable care, and are more likely to find or return to a permanent home.

If every church supported one foster family, Tennessee could go from one of the worst to one of the best places for those impacted by the foster care system.

How do churches support families?

If you say yes to a church partnership with Crowded Table, we will connect you with a foster family **in your area** and start a "Table Team." Your Table Team commits to provide support to the family for **2 years.** This support can vary case to case, but typically your church will support the family through...



Prayer



Lawncare



Groceries Twice a Month



Meals Twice a Week

If I agree to be on my church's Table Team, what do I have to do?

Table Teams consist of 10 to 15 individuals / families. Every Team has two specific roles: Team Leaders and Team Members.

Team Leader (1-2 people)

- **1-2 hours** of work per **week**
- Calls foster parent every week
- Coordinates meal, grocery, and lawn care schedule.
- Communicates prayer requests to team.
- Passes along any additional needs to Crowded Table Staff

Team Member (9+ people)

- **One** support service every **4-5 weeks**.
- Can sign up to bring a meal, drop off some groceries, or mow the lawn.
- Could also choose to use Uber Eats or have groceries delivered.
- Communicate/Respond to Team Leader