Lorain County Children Services Faith Based Initiative—Blue Sunday April 24, 2016

Blue Sunday at the House of Praise was a success. I gave out 2 planters that I had, all the pinwheels, and all the flyers and Julie S business cards. There were about 10 flyers & Business cards left; I left that in our Welcome Center counter. Many people came up to talk and ask questions; some are already enrolled and waiting placement (first time foster parents whom are very excited) and I had someone sign up for contact.

-Damaris

Blue Sunday at Cathedral of Praise was a success. We had several people showing interest and a few signed up to be phoned with more info. We displayed two pin-wheel planters, which will remain on display until next Sunday. Between morning worship service and night service, managed to give out all 50 of our flyers. We also handed out a few seed pod book marks and several "Learn More" business cards. I'm pretty confident that there will be a positive outcome. Thanks, Stephanie Bragg, for helping me out, I really appreciated your being there, as you were able to answer questions that I wouldn't have been able to. Blessings to you.

I took 200 flyers and some bookmarks to St. Patrick Church in Wellington. All of the bookmarks were gone before I even got there and many of the flyers were taken as well. They were displayed next to the bulletins at all church entrances. I left the remaining flyers.

-Tina

Blue Sunday at Sacred Heart Chapel was a blast! I spoke after each service about the need for foster parents in our community and the different levels of commitment. The information was well received and I had a lot of people come to my table after each service. Some people waited for me to finish to ask questions. I had a total of 13 good prospects! Bam!:) Of course, I took a planter with pinwheels and the planter will be displayed until next Saturday. I am very encouraged and hope these names convert into certified foster homes for our children! -Judith

I took 850 flyers to St. Peter's Church in North Ridgeville which were inserted into the church bulletins and distributed during Saturday and Sunday Mass. At the end of each mass Father Bob made announcements and brought the flyer to everyone's attention and awareness of April being Child Abuse Awareness/Prevention month and foster care recruitment.

-Nancy

I spoke at Amherst Church of Nazarene. I lined the walkway by the front door with several different pinwheels. The planters were up front on the alter in recognition of Blue Sunday. I showed "The Pebble In My Shoe" video, discussed the national and local statistics, and gave some personal testimony of how important foster parents are needed. Afterwards, I

I went to Church of Northcoast in Lorain and was given a very warm welcome. I had a lot of people come and talk with me after saying that they could tell that this is not a job and that they appreciated me coming out and speaking to them. I had 4 people sign up for more information and I gave seeds, pinwheels and cards away. I did have people say to me that they had been thinking about fostering awhile and that they felt like it was a sign for them to sign up after hearing my speech

-Julie

set up a table to speak with others afterwards. I heard a lot of testimony from those who were foster parents (30 years; 45 children total in their home, still have contact today, and those who adopted children already or are/have been relative caregivers. I handed out several of the flyers, discussed upcoming panel with foster parents, and handed out some cards with LCCS's contact information on it.

-Tammy