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Kansas City Metro Mayors Join to Care for Foster and Vulnerable Kids and Families for 'CarePortal Day' on Dec. 9

Online platform connects community to help children in crisis in Kansas City

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mayor Quinton Lucas and Mayor David Alvey have issued proclamations establishing Monday, Dec. 9, 2019 as “CarePortal Day” in the Kansas City metro area. Both Mayors will present the proclamations at a public event at The Global Orphan Project headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., on Monday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.

“Addressing the complex physical and social needs of children and families today is fundamental to the future of the City of Kansas City,” the proclamations by Mayor Lucas and Mayor Alvey read. “It is appropriate that a day should be set apart each year for the direction of our thoughts toward those who serve our children and families in child welfare through use of the CarePortal platform.”

CarePortal is an online platform created by The Global Orphan Project that connects local children and families with the greatest need to churches with the ability to help. Since CarePortal launched in March 2015, 54 churches in Jackson County, MO and 12 churches in Wyandotte County, KS have served more than 2,100 local children by responding to requests that employees of the Missouri and Department of Social Services Children’s Division and Kansas Department for Children and Families have submitted through the online platform.

“[The Global Orphan Project](#), through its unique approach to serving children and families in child welfare by connecting them to the local church, is effectively caring for the physical and social needs of children and families in our community,” the proclamations read.

Here is how it works: A child welfare employee signs into CarePortal.org and shares a need. Common requests include beds, clothing, school supplies, bus passes and car seats. Using geo-radius technology, CarePortal distributes the request via email to nearby organizations who sign up to serve their community. The responding organization will then work with the caseworker to provide what is needed. Sometimes these requests support children in foster or kinship care placements, while others help children remain with their biological families.

Since launching in March 2015, the platform has facilitated connections to serve nearly 50,000 children in 20 states, with an estimated economic impact of nearly \$17.5 million.

“Every request presents the opportunity for churches to make meaningful connections,” said Adrien Lewis, executive director of The Global Orphan Project, the Kansas City-based nonprofit that created and manages the CarePortal platform. “Sometimes that connection involves meeting one need at just the right moment. At other times, it develops into a lasting relationship.”

Anyone interested in joining the CarePortal community in serving at-risk children can start that process at careportal.org/enroll or by emailing info@careportal.org.

About CarePortal

CarePortal is a platform launched in March 2015 by The Global Orphan Project, headquartered in Kansas City, Mo. CarePortal brings faith and government entities together by utilizing a volunteer network and innovative technology to bring the needs of children and families in crisis to the attention of local churches. Child welfare workers uncover the needs. CarePortal makes local churches aware, giving them a real-time opportunity to respond. Currently active in 20 states in the U.S., more than 2,000 churches have served nearly 50,000 children and counting. See CarePortal’s live impact report at careportal.org/impact.

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