



## Script for Circle of Care Sunday Slides

[Note: This script can be used independently or with the slides which are meant only to offer background information. The script and slides are not synced in any way. The slides can be set to loop while the script is read.]

The Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care has helped children, families and youth by providing homes and support since 1917. Today, Circle of Care does this through foster care, transitional housing for single mothers with children and Preparation for Adult Living.

Circle of Care is passionate about making an impact in the state of Oklahoma. With locations all across Oklahoma they are able to influence the surrounding communities and the lives of those who need it. Our mission is to provide Christian help, healing, and hope to children and families in crisis to ensure a safe, healthy, and spiritual future.

Circle of Care serves and impacts the lives of Oklahomans all across the state with programs like Pearl's Hope, Child SHARE Foster Care, Preparation for Adult Living, and Outreach efforts.

Pearl's Hope on the Frances W. Willard Campus in Tulsa is focused on helping women with children who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. The program offers free housing, financial management training and assistance, transportation and community follow up support. Pearl's Hope is currently serving 9 women with 18 children.

On average, there are about 200 children placed in foster care each day. Foster parents are needed in all Oklahoma communities. Foster care gives children a chance to live in a safe environment until they are reunited with their families or find a forever home. Our mission is to partner with families and train new foster families to create a more supportive environment to help sustain healthy families. At this time, Circle of Care supports 70 foster families and 108 children in Oklahoma.

Statistics show 1 of every 5 youth who age out of foster care become homeless. To reduce youth homelessness, the Preparation for Adult Living Program is designed to provide a safe and inviting home while a young person pursues post-secondary education. The program supports their pursuit of training and education while offering an individual approach to meeting other specific needs.

Circle of Care's purpose is to transform the lives of those in need through God's love. As an agency, Circle of Care makes it a point to never turn away someone in need. They have made countless contacts throughout Oklahoma to ensure they are able to connect any individual in need with an agency that can assist them.

Each year Circle of Care is blessed with volunteers located all across the state. Last year they received a total of 18,870 volunteer hours which had a financial value of \$404,772. Without these faithful volunteers, this mission would not make the impact it does.

Circle of Care enjoys giving churches the opportunity to support a child or family in need, whether it's by delivering Welcome Baskets on a foster child's first day of placement, sorting the clothing co-op, or providing a meal. One of their favorite activities is to involve church youth in mini weekend mission trips. This allows an opportunity for youth groups to get involved with changing the community and showing Gods love.

On behalf of Circle of Care and its clients, thank you for helping Circle of Care transform lives all across the state of Oklahoma. With your help, they are providing Christian help, healing, and hope to children and families in crisis. God has the ability to transform the world through us!!

For more information about Circle of Care visit [circleofcare.org](http://circleofcare.org) or like them on Facebook at [facebook.com/OKUMCircleofCare](https://facebook.com/OKUMCircleofCare).

Thank you.