



Hosting FAQs

This is not an exhaustive list, but rather a list of common questions families interested in hosting might have. By providing links to websites with more information, we are not endorsing the beliefs of the listed organization. E-mail us with questions, atrisk@grace.church.

1. Is this foster care?

No, hosting is not foster care. The biological parent(s) maintain parental rights. The parent(s) decides if and when they want their child(ren) hosted. Hosting is a great way to support a family so that children do NOT end up in foster care.

2. How long is a hosting?

Hostings can be for one night, a weekend or longer. The majority of hostings are for a few nights, but some placements may last for weeks. When there are longer-term placements, other host families can step in to provide support, as needed.

3. Why do parents request a hosting?

Some may be homeless, so they're looking for stable housing. Or they've experienced job loss and need support while they search for employment. Others may require hospitalization, or they're going through a treatment program or serving a prison sentence. And some need a short break, because life as a single parent without supportive family can be overwhelming.

4. Do you have to say 'yes' to host when there's a need?

No, you are not required to accept a hosting. Requests are sent to a group of host families; you'll have the opportunity to reply if you are available. That said, life is busy, and there are not always convenient times to host. Including kids into your busy schedules often works out just fine!

5. Is it hard to send children home?

Yes, it might be challenging to send children home after your hosting. We have experienced host moms, who serve as our hosting liaisons. Their role is to check in with host parents, answer questions and discuss any difficult situations.

6. Do you get the same kids every time?

You might end up hosting the same child(ren), but that is not necessarily a guarantee. Together For Good will try to facilitate the same hosting arrangement if there is a mutual interest, and when this happens, it can be a sweet time of developing relationships with children and their bio parent(s).

Additional questions? Email us at atrisk@grace.church.