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MISSION STATEMENT.

The Baby Fold embodies Christian principles to help families and children develop the hope, courage, and love they need to become whole and healthy.

VISION STATEMENT.

Our Vision: Transforming children's lives through strong family and community partnerships.

The Baby Fold is a private, not-for-profit agency, licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. The Baby Fold is accredited by the Council on Accreditation, AdvancED, Healthy Families of America, EAGLE and affiliated with the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. We are an equal opportunity employer and services provider.

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THE BABY FOLD

we never give up on a child.



LOCATIONS

OUR ROOTS

THE BABY FOLD WAS BORN out of one woman's desire to care for others. Through the generous donation of her home in 1902, Nancy Mason could not have imagined all the lives she would touch. What began as a faith-based orphanage for infants and young children has grown into a multi-service agency specializing in the care of today's most vulnerable children.

Over the decades, The Baby Fold has been a source of transformational love for children. We focus on improving the lives of children and families by building safe, loving, and healthy environments through adoption services, foster care, residential care, special education and family and community services.

From infants to teens—*we never give up on a child.*



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OUR STRENGTH

THE BABY FOLD IS A UNIQUE RESOURCE with a strong and enduring heritage.

Starting with our Christian faith as a founding principle, we treat each other and those we serve with grace, love, and respect. This positive environment has encouraged a "can do" spirit among employees and a willingness to do whatever it takes to meet the needs of our children and families.

The commitment and dedication to helping others in extremely challenging situations has built a team of expert teachers, counselors, social workers, and specialists that understand how hopelessness can be transformed into courage. In addition, The Baby Fold is part of a broad network of community resources that we can turn to if the needs of our children and families go beyond our scope of services.

With expertise and community connections—*we never give up on a child.*

OUR WORK

THE WORK OF THE BABY FOLD often begins when other help ends. Many of the children and families are referred to the agency when other resources are not successful. Our work involves helping families and children develop the hope, courage, and love they need to become whole and healthy.

We restore hope by meeting families' most basic needs.

We provide stable and secure environments so trust and healing can begin.

We bring new families together and strengthen existing family relationships.

We offer opportunities for children and families to develop healthy esteem and self-respect so they can continue in a positive direction.

We help children and families achieve their goals through education, life skills and vocational training.

From basic needs to achieving goals—*we never give up on a child.*