

Church ministries that focus on **vulnerable children** as a priority, have the potential to do far more good in our communities than most people realize. It goes back to that old adage that

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound a cure.”

Churches exist to share the love of God, to follow the example set by Jesus while He was on this earth . . . to meet peoples’ needs and to give them hope for a better life now and for all eternity!!!

Children are worth the investment it takes to give them the best foundation possible!

Productive members of society

Gainfully employed

Community service

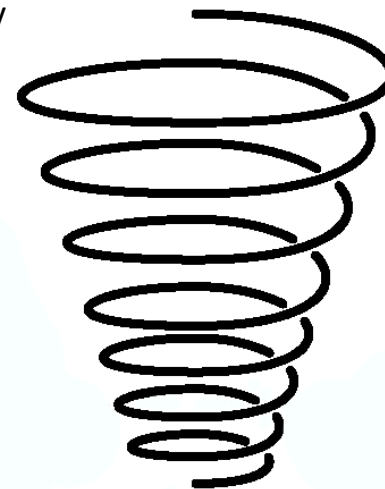
Healthy lifestyle

Care and concern for others

Respectful of the law

Academic achievements

Self-confidence



**Building the Best Foundation Makes a World of Difference Between Success and Lifelong Challenges!
It means *fewer* people need to be served by ministries for the homeless, hungry, naked, imprisoned, etc.
Jesus said, “The poor you will always have with you” (Matthew 26:11),
and that is to help US develop characters more like HIS . . .**

When children live in environments where they constantly hear that they are not wanted by their parents, or shown through abuse and neglect that they are not wanted, what hope do they have? And where do they learn to value who they are, or learn that their lives matter, and that there is a God-given purpose and plan for their lives?

When these elements are missing, the sure result is a life on a downward spiral out of control. And the foundation is laid that requires many more community services that rarely provide permanent solutions to fix the problems . . .

Too often the cycle is repeated for the children they have.

Low self esteem
Poor academic performance
School dropouts
Unwanted Pregnancies
Poor health
Unemployment
Homelessness
Suicide
Criminal Involvement

