

FOR THE VALLEY
August 2022 Updates & Highlights

- This spring, SBC began a partnership with Firm Foundations Youth Homes and committed to supporting their group home for girls, Gigi's Cottage. Eight girls, ages 7-18, are currently being loved and mentored by trained staff and caregivers at this home. Your giving is covering staff support, repairs, and meeting other practical needs.
- Nearly 700 people attended our "Finding Your Place in Foster Care and Adoption" events to discover how they might get involved, and volunteers are being mobilized.
- For the Valley funds supported the summer Royal Family Kids Camp, a camp for foster kids, and SBC took 76 kids and 91 volunteers to camp.
- SBC also supported this summer's Teen Reach Adventure Camp, and 60 foster teens were able to enjoy an amazing camp experience.
- We are launching a new Foster, Kinship and Adoption Ministry this month to support SBC families who are caring for and bringing children into their homes.
- The State of Arizona's Dept. of Child Safety is working closely with SBC and other churches because we have gained their trust in the foster care arena.
- Three skilled teams of staff and volunteers are engaging with the local church community to get to know leaders and determine how we can help meet needs for the churches who have reached out. We are evaluating the best ways to support and partner with these churches in a meaningful way. As an example, we are currently supporting the weekend worship needs of a sister church in the Valley.
- We are laying the groundwork for our next campuses, clarifying organizational needs, and exploring communities where we might take our next steps.
- Thank you for your continued partnership! So far, \$12M has been given toward our For the Valley goal of \$35M and \$32.5M has been pledged. We are praising God for leading you and others to resource this faith-filled vision to care for people in our city and advance His Kingdom!