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Q. How have you seen our CarePortal program play a vital role in meeting needs & making a difference in the lives of children?

"Resources across the county are stretched thin as agencies face increasingly complex family needs. CarePortal has been the only organization consistently donating beds to families. No other resource currently meets these needs as effectively as CarePortal. Having a home to return to and a bed of their own is instrumental in providing children with the stability they need to succeed in school and in life. This basic necessity provided by CarePortal makes a world of difference. The kids are so excited to see their new beds and bedding, having something to call their very own after emerging from homelessness with their families."

Tonisha Fields, Supervisor A
 Albany County Dept. For Children, Youth and Families and Gala Panelist



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BRIDGING THE GAP

How JFO and CarePortal Support Schenectady School Children and Families:

Justice For Orphans (JFO) and its CarePortal network are transforming lives in the Schenectady School District, where 81% of students face economic hardships. A recent video showcases how these initiatives meet essential needs, foster relationships, and build brighter futures.

Supporting Families in Need

Through JFO's leadership, CarePortal bridges between churches, community members, and schools, enabling swift responses to specific needs. It has helped establish food pantries in all 17 district schools and provided essentials like beds, lice kits, and winter coats. These efforts create better learning environments and strengthen trust between schools and families.

Preventing Crisis

A key strength of this collaboration is intervening before families fall into crisis. Working with teachers and volunteers who see children daily, CarePortal identifies and meets needs early, often preventing crises. JFO's CarePortal network not only provides resources but also fosters community and belonging. Pastor Dennis Graham Parker noted, **"CarePortal provides a bridge to the people we desperately want to serve."**

Making an Impact

Since launching in Schenectady, CarePortal, facilitated by JFO, has helped over 4,700 children, building connections between schools, families, and churches. This collaboration ensures that every child and family feels supported and valued.

Watch the Full Story

Scan the QR code below to watch the video and see how JFO and CarePortal uplift Schenectady's families. Together, we can continue making a difference.



Transform Lives for \$25 a Month

You have the power to change a child's story. For just \$25 a month, you can help JFO bring hope to vulnerable children and families. Your monthly support empowers JFO to:

- Connect families in crisis with critical resources through CarePortal.
- Advocate for children impacted by foster care, adoption, and FASD.
- Equip churches and communities to meet the needs of children and families in your area.

Every \$25 gift builds brighter futures for children right here in our community. Together, we can make a lasting impact!

Join us in creating a world where every child feels seen, supported, and loved.



YOUR IMPACT IN 2024

This year has been extraordinary for JFO and our network of churches, agencies, and community champions. Together, we served nearly **6,000 children** in 2024—making it our most impactful year yet!

Our expansion into nine counties has exponentially increased our ability to meet the needs of vulnerable children and families. Through the commitment of our incredible partners, we've seen lives changed, hope restored, and communities strengthened. Each act of kindness, whether it was providing a bed, clothing, or mentorship, has contributed to this remarkable milestone.

We couldn't do this without you. Your support fuels this vital work, enabling JFO to empower communities to step up and meet needs in real-time. As we celebrate this achievement, we are inspired to continue expanding our reach and serving even more children in the years ahead.



Thank you for being part of this mission—because of you, brighter futures are possible!

FINDING HOPE AND SUPPORT

A Foster Parent's Journey with Justice For Orphans:

Parenthood is rarely a predictable path, and for one foster and adoptive mother, it began with a call about a six-month-old baby named Hope. That moment sparked a journey filled with love, challenges, and resilience. Her story, now shared in a powerful video, reveals the vital role of JFO in supporting families navigating foster care and adoption.

A Growing Family, A Journey of Discovery

This mother and her husband started their foster journey with a desire to build a family. After completing the MAPS class, they welcomed Hope and later, two more siblings, Nathan and Rose. Though their home filled with love, challenges emerged—especially with Nathan, whose symptoms went beyond ADHD. Attending an FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) training by JFO became a turning point. Hearing advocate Sandra Flach outline FASD symptoms brought clarity, helping this mother understand Nathan's needs and connect with essential resources.



Strength Through Loss and Community

When Sue's husband passed away suddenly, she faced parenthood alone. Amid grief, JFO became a lifeline, providing support groups, education, and connections to others on similar paths. Resources like the Adoption and Foster Care Journey Podcast offered encouragement and practical advice, reminding her she wasn't alone.

Empowered by Support

JFO's programs transformed Sue's journey from specialized FASD training to community-building support. The organization equipped her to advocate for her children and navigate challenges with strength. Her story exemplifies the power of education, support, and community in fostering resilience. Families navigating foster care and adoption aren't alone. Resources like JFO and CarePortal are available every step of the way.

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Scan the QR code below to see how JFO is changing lives, one family at a time.



CELEBRATING MORE THAN

10,856

CHILDREN SERVED

in the Capital Region so far

All-Time Economic Impact:

\$2,499,322

Kids Served in 2024:

5,892

Requests Met in 2024:

908

Economic Impact in 2024:

\$863,751

