



### **Covenant to Care for Children (CCC)**

*Mission:* Covenant to Care for Children mobilizes and channels the generosity of caring and faithful people to advocate for, mentor and provide direct assistance to Connecticut's children and youth who are neglected, abused or at-risk.

*Programs:* Covenant to Care for Children works with families who are at risk of having their children removed or who are trying to regain custody of their children and with children who have been removed from their homes. Programs include Adopt a Social Worker and the Critical Goods Delivery Program which facilitates family preservation and reunification through the placement of required goods in the homes of client families. Where possible, CGDP also aids efforts to place children and youth with foster parents and independent living through the placement of required goods.

*WCC involvement:* Our involvement is through in-kind donations (usually furniture), rather than financial support. Members of the Mission and Service Board collect donated items from the congregation and the community, such as furniture, toys, stuffed animals and we store them in the WCC barn. We provide a list of items in storage to CCC. When CCC has a family in need, they pick up the items from our barn and deliver them to the family. We also conduct a "Diaper Drive" around mother's day, to collect diapers and wipes for the organization. The children of the congregation also make "boxes of love" which are provided to the organization with essential items in the box in the case of relocation or displacement. We also conduct a "Christmas Shoppe" where the proceeds are provided to CCC. We also have our "Gift of Christmas" catalog, where members of the congregation purchase gifts for our mission partners, by selecting from a catalog, filling out a gift form, and making a donation. The donor receives an ornament and a tag identifying the purchased gift. We set up a "Giving Tree" in Pilgrim Hall in December and put about 80 gift request tags on it for members of the congregation to take and purchase designated items for different ages of children. These are then delivered to the organization for their clients.

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