



LOVE — is — ACTION

Community Initiative

PARTICIPANTS AND SUPPORTERS OF LOVE IS ACTION SAY

"Safe Families for Children surrounds families in crisis with caring, compassionate community. We are a volunteer-driven network that provides hope and concrete support to keep children safe and families intact. It's only natural that Safe Families would partner with the LOVE IS ACTION COMMUNITY INITIATIVE." —**Dr. Karen Bergstrom, Safe Families Executive Director Western US**

"What every child in the world needs is for their Mama (or Daddy) to be okay. The LOVE IS ACTION COMMUNITY INITIATIVE is all about engaging the entire village in helping kids and their Mamas and Daddies." --**Amelia Franck Meyer, MS, MSW, LISW, APSW CEO, Alia: innovations for people and systems impacted by childhood trauma**

"In these days of high drug misuse by parents and with the increasing numbers of children entering foster care, we need people of faith to join this effort to educate, provide safety for children, pray, support financially, and open their homes and hearts to the myriad of ways Love In Action stands ready to engage our 'best nature' for America's youth and families." --**Laura W. Boyd, Ph.D. National Public Policy Director Family Focused Treatment Association**

"LOVE IS ACTION COMMUNITY INITIATIVE gives everyone in their community a way to help kids and families. Whether as a foster or adoptive parent, a kinship caregiver, or through some other opportunity to serve, engaging the community benefits everyone." —**Irene Clements, Executive Director National Foster Parent Association**

"After more than seventy years of impacting the lives of children, The Association of Christian Childcare Administrators (ACCA) continues its strong commitment to excellence and professionalism in all aspects of child care, programs, services and ministries. We welcome the engagement of the community through the LOVE IS ACTION COMMUNITY INITIATIVE in the work of helping children and families." —**ACCA Board of Directors**

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“Royal Family Kids is part of LOVE IS ACTION because engaging the body of Christ in changing the life trajectory of foster kids with love is what we do.” —**Christian Carmichael, CEO Royal Family KIDS**

“Foster care is not a kid problem or even a family problem, it is a community problem. The only way to make real progress is by including the community in the solution and LOVE IS ACTION COMMUNITY INITIATIVE does that by pairing active members of the community with instrumental partners in the profession.” —**Leigh Esau, founder and Executive Director The Foster Haven and Foster CARE Closet**

“I never met a parent or other mentor that did not want to do a great job of raising the next generation, however, I've met many that were unsure of how to do it. When we are able to share a strategic plan that includes genuine mentoring, intentional blessing, and modern-day rites of passage, parents and other mentors are empowered with the tools to succeed. Working together with the LOVE IS ACTION Community Initiative, we can turn the current situation with our youth around in a single generation!” — **Brian D. Molitor, founder Malachi Global Foundation**

“Children who have been traumatized in their homes, schools and communities often have trouble in school. Handle With Care was developed to help education professionals provide an informed, timely, trauma-sensitive response to children after law enforcement have encountered them at the scene of a police incident. Handle with Care programs provide a safe, supportive and nurturing schools where children can thrive and be successful. The LOVE IS ACTION COMMUNITY INITIATIVE will help us facilitate replication of this successful program in communities throughout the US.” —**Andrea Darr Director, WV Center for Children’s Justice WV State Police, Crimes Against Children Unit**

“I went from foster care to millionaire in the greatest country in the world because of a handful of individuals who saw something good in me long before I saw it in myself. I’m committed to spending the rest of my life helping others to recognize and celebrate the good in the people within their influence so that everyone has at least one person who believes in him or her.”
—**Rhonda Sciortino, author, national child advocate, and chairperson of Successful Survivors Foundation**