

# 5 WAYS

CHURCHES CAN SUPPORT  
CASEWORKERS

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### PRAY FOR THEM

One of the most powerful tools everyone has access to is prayer. We can advocate for the safety and well-being of social workers to God the Father. Lift up their families and the families they serve in prayer. (You can find our Prayer Experience prompts at [111project.org/pray](https://111project.org/pray))

*Ephesians 6:18: "Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere."*

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### HOST AN APPRECIATION LUNCH

Social workers work long hours and often don't have time to stop and eat. Many meals are consumed in cars, and staff don't always get quality time together. Hosting a monthly appreciation lunch demonstrates your care and appreciation for them.

*1 Peter 4:8-9: "Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay."*

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### ENCOURAGE THEM

Words of encouragement can go a long way! Social workers work in a field where they are often seen in a negative light and face constant discouragement. Next time you see a social worker, thank them for their hard work and tell them what an asset they are to their community. Bring thank you cards to the office.

*Hebrews 10:24-25: "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."*

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### MEET PRACTICAL NEEDS AT THE OFFICE

Bring donuts, snacks, drinks, or toys to your local DHS office once a month. Providing tangible, practical items – like toiletries, diapers, wipes, or disposable cups/plates for snack time – is extremely helpful to the families who use the office. Plus, you indirectly show appreciation for the workers and help create a great environment for community connection in the office! Some social workers will use their own money to buy snacks for children waiting in the DHS office – we can help ease that burden by providing basic snacks and other essentials!

*Proverbs 11:25: “The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.”*

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### RAISE AWARENESS FOR THE NEED FOR MORE FOSTER FAMILIES

Having safe, loving families available to children provides support for caseworkers and lifts the weight off their shoulders and those of the families they are walking alongside. When local families can take sibling sets, it provides caseworkers with more foster family options for the best placement and reduces the need to drive for visitation when children are all in one home or are closer to their biological families.

*Hebrews 13:1-2: “Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!”*