

How **RFKIDS** impacts abused, abandoned and neglected children...

Abused children have experienced fear which tells them to:

Be silent—they will be hurt if they speak up.

No trust—they have been and will be betrayed.

Not express emotion—an open show of feeling is an expression of weakness.

Not expect normalcy—they are always the victims of the unexpected.

Feel guilty—they are to blame

At RFKIDS they experience a week of love which allows them to:

Express themselves freely

Feel safe—even when they act out

Have an outlet for feelings in activities

Experience life as consistent & dependable

Understand they are not to blame

Realize that they are valuable to themselves, to others, and to God.

Working together—

Royal Family **KIDS**' camps bring together the skills of local churches, camp facilities, and social service agencies for the benefit of foster children. It is entirely volunteer-driven locally. Today, Royal Family **KIDS**' camp is the nation's leading camp program for abused, abandoned, and neglected children.

RFKIDS was established by First Christian Church, St. Joseph, Missouri in 1993 and is the pioneer among the five existing camps started by other churches in the state.

There are almost 200 Royal Family **KIDS**' camps around the world. Each must be sponsored by a local church. These churches are interdenominational and give foster parents or other caretakers a choice to attend at no cost to anyone. For more information about the organization go to:

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**A SUMMER, ONE-WEEK
RESIDENTIAL CAMP FOR ABUSED,
ABANDONED, AND NEGLECTED
CHILDREN AGES 7-11**



June 24-28, 2013

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ROYAL FAMILY **KIDS'** CAMPS FOR ABUSED, ABANDONED, AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN IN OUR AREA

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there are 5.3 million cases of reported child abuse, abandonment and neglect every year. That devastating number equates to more than the number of people living in the states of Wyoming, Montana, South and North Dakota combined! BUT there is hope! **RFKIDS** is a welcoming, one-week resident camp designed to meet the unique and overwhelming needs of abused and neglected children.

How can one week at **RFKIDS make a difference in a young life?**

- By offering a positive experience with loving adult role models
- By showing them that they can succeed
- By providing a full week of relief where they can feel deeply loved, affirmed, and encouraged by truly caring adults in a safe environment.

WHO BENEFITS FROM A ROYAL FAMILY **KIDS'** CAMP?

Everybody:

- The children
- Foster parents and other caregivers who are given a week of much needed respite.
- Citizens from the local community who give generously of their time to a needy people group—the children.
- Social services whose clients are enriched and impacted by positive role models.

What can I do to help?

Your participation starts with a heart for children who have been neglected and abused, and then continues with your desire to:

- Raise community awareness for the local camp.
- Make scholarship donations to the local camp serving children in our community.
- Donate needed materials and supplies for crafts and activities.
- Become a volunteer.

PRIMARY PURPOSE?

The primary purpose of Royal Family **KIDS'** camps is to give children a week of positive memories in a safe environment.

Two children are assigned to each camp counselor.

The camp is configured as a family with Grandma and Grandpa, aunts and uncles.

Camp administrators and counselors go through intensive training using recognized professionals in the field.

An intensive screening process is used for counselors and staff. This includes background checks.

Strict policies are enforced for behavior of all involved to assure that there is never an unsafe or questionable situation.
