



Media Fact Sheet

About CAFO

The Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO) unites more than 290 respected organizations and a global network of churches to inspire and equip Christians to effectively answer God's call to care for vulnerable children and families. Since 2004, CAFO members have sought to "leave their logos and egos at the door" to join in shared initiatives to grow and guide effective responses for the world's most vulnerable children, from foster care and adoption to family strengthening and care for vulnerable children worldwide. CAFO is a 501c3 non-profit organization headquartered in McLean, Va. To learn more visit cafo.org.

CAFO Initiatives

Our shared initiatives seek to inspire and equip Christians around the world, including church lay leaders and pastors, nonprofit directors and staff, child welfare professionals, foster and adoptive parents, local/national network leaders and others. These devoted individuals pour themselves out daily, but often feel overwhelmed in the face of immense need. CAFO Initiatives unite and invest in changemakers so they can feel refreshed and empowered for the ongoing work of serving children and families.

- **CAFO SUMMIT:** This three-day conference has become a global hub of connection, learning and action – strengthening 2,000+ leaders, advocates, pastors and parents from every U.S. state and more than 50 countries every year. Learn more at summit.cafo.org.
- **RESEARCH & BEST PRACTICES:** The Center on Applied Research and Best Practices for Children and Families (also known as CAFO Research Center) improves the quality of care for vulnerable children and families worldwide by helping Christian organizations apply the best available knowledge in their work.
- **PURE RELIGION PROJECT:** The Pure Religion Project exists to equip, connect and support churches as they live out their calling to care for vulnerable children and families while growing closer to Jesus as His disciples.
- **GLOBAL NETWORK:** The Global Network initiative unites and strengthens more than 50 locally-led and globally-informed networks of churches, NGOs and agencies working

together to see every child in a loving family, embraced within a collaborative community.

- **MORE THAN ENOUGH:** More Than Enough works to see the church provide more than enough well-supported families for every child in foster care, including foster, kinship, adoptive and restored biological families. More Than Enough aims to help start or grow a local church network covering every U.S. county.
- **DEVELOPMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP:** The Development and Discipleship Initiative expands Christian adoption, foster care and orphan care worldwide by helping child-serving ministries build more effective fundraising programs.
- **FAMILY-CENTERED HEALING AND HEALTH:** The Institute for Family-Centered Healing and Health (also known as CAFO Family Institute) equips parents and other caregivers to cultivate whole-person healing and health in children who've experienced special adversity, rooted in Scripture and science.

Quick Facts:

- CAFO Membership unites 290+ organizations and a global network of churches
- CAFO Member organizations serve more than 2 million children annually across 100+ countries.
- CAFO Summit brings together over 2,000 leaders from more than 45 countries each year
- CAFO President [Jedd Medefind](#) previously led the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for President George W. Bush.
- CAFO is an accredited member of ECFA and has a 4-Star rating with Charity Navigator

Orphan and Vulnerable Children Statistics & Research

- [Understanding Orphan Statistics](#), CAFO
- [Should the Term Orphan Be Abandoned?](#), CAFO
- [Original Published Research](#), CAFO Research Center
- [U.S. Foster Care Statistics](#), More Than Enough
- [CAFO Member Directory](#), CAFO