## Who Is Saint Francis?

In 1945, Father Bob Mize, Jr., a young Episcopal priest from western Kansas, began pursuing his vision of providing a caring, family atmosphere where troubled youths could heal. As "Father Bob" worked with the young people, he applied his philosophy of treatment, Therapy in Christ, which would define his ministry and continues to be the foundation for Saint Francis Ministries. Today, Saint Francis is a donor-supported child welfare ministry, bringing hope and healing to thousands of children each day through programs that include foster care, reintegration, family preservation, and adoption.



## Take the first step

Call **866.999.1599** today or go online to **www.SaintFrancisMinistries.org** and let us help guide you to becoming a parent to a child that belongs with a loving, supportive family.

## About Saint Francis Ministries

A voice for the vulnerable since 1945, the mission of Saint Francis Ministries is to provide healing and hope to children and families. We honor human dignity and potential through our programs and services to thousands of youth and families in Arkansas, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas.

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# Adoption



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## Interested in Adoption?

If you are interested in adoption, but not sure where to start, Saint Francis Ministries can answer your questions, provide information, and explain the process of becoming an adoptive family.

## Why Should You Adopt?

If you've considered adopting a child, there are many children in Kansas who are waiting for a loving, caring, supportive place to call home. Adoption is the best way to give children the love and security they need, providing a sense of belonging and a supportive place to call home. Adopting a child is a life-changing experience and is a commitment that should be considered carefully.

## To Adopt:

- You must be 21 years of age or older.
- You can be single or married.

## Complete the Assessment Process that Consists of:

- Background checks (criminal, child abuse/neglect, fingerprinting)
- Health assessment
- Employment verification
- Family history
- Budget
- References
- Attend and complete the state required PS-MAPP (Permanency and Safety-Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) training.



## Children in Need of Adoption

Children who need adoptive homes come in all ages and ethnic backgrounds, and some have special needs. Some children are waiting for adoption with their siblings, looking for families who will keep them all together.

## How Do I Adopt?

Call 866.999.1599 today or go online to www.SaintFrancisMinistries.org. Saint Francis has a team of professionals to answer your questions and to assist you in the adoption process. This process will help match your family strengths to the needs of a child.

## Saint Francis Can Help

Saint Francis provides services for children who are available for adoption. Our organization seeks loving, supportive families who can provide for the children's needs while they are going through the separation and loss of their birth family and becoming a permanent part of a stable, loving family.

Saint Francis provides training and support services to families throughout the process, for those who want to adopt or foster-to-adopt. Saint Francis is dedicated to the success of families with adoption team members ready to assist you.



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