



FROM HEARTACHE TO HOPE TO

Angela and Elliott Turbeville knew they wanted to adopt children, but did not know what God had in store for them. Angela always said she desired a big family – ten kids, to be exact! After having their three biological kids, they knew they wanted to foster and adopt children, and when they moved to Georgia, they learned about HOPE Foster Care. The Turbevilles saw an ad for HOPE and then shortly after, noticed a HOPE billboard in the background of a photo taken by one of their daughters. God was surely preparing this family for an adventure of a lifetime!

After becoming certified foster parents through HOPE, they received a placement of a sibling group of four, not knowing there were three more siblings who were separated from them. It wasn't long before they learned about all seven siblings and knew they needed to be together. Within ninety days, this family of five grew to a family of twelve! Angela and Elliott have always believed, "Why not give children

that need a home a chance?" So, that is what they did.

Angela recalls the children's excitement when they were all able to be together again, and she assured the older kids they would try their hardest to keep them all together. They had been let down so many times in their lives, it was hard for them to believe her. But, **"from the moment they walked in, they said they never wanted to leave. They were happy because we assured them they were safe and we promised to care for them."**

Of course, there have been challenges and struggles, but Angela and Elliott know this was the plan for their family. "So many people are scared of fostering or adopting older children because of their backgrounds or not knowing what challenges they will face. Yes, we do have several children with behavioral challenges, but we monitor it to be sure they get what they need... **It's worth taking the chance to help children who need care.**"

There are lots of children who deserve a good home, and if you feel you are able to give love and support, you should consider fostering."

Elliott says, "There is never a dull moment! It is amazing how quickly they took to us and started calling us mom and dad and said, 'love you!'" His advice for those considering fostering or adopting is "don't get discouraged. Expect challenges, but know they are worth it in the long run. **Anything worth having you have to work for. It's about the kids and helping them have a better life."**

The Turbevilles are moving to a new home with a lot of land to give their children space to run around, care for animals, and start their new beginning together. Zander, their thirteen-year-old, shared, "**We have**

been through a lot of trauma in our past and we get to restart now... We get a second chance." He says, "Now that we have our second chance, we have a family who can actually take care of us and treat us the way we should've been treated before... **Having a big family strengthens us because we've all been through the same stuff, so we can help other people."** He is excited about their new house because, "I might be able to have my own room!"

Elliott, who asked to change his name to match his dad's, said, "**My mom and dad have taken care of me and treated us well and loved us.** I'm looking forward to feeding animals and playing at our new house!"

We are inspired by the love this family of twelve has for each other and are grateful the Turbevilles took the chance on this sibling group of seven. Because of their love for these children, all of their lives have been changed forever!

A NEW HOME



HOPE Foster Care was recently awarded a contract with the Office of Adoptions to provide Adoption Services for children defined as "hard to place" – children ages 13 and older, sibling groups of three or more, and children with significant behavioral challenges and/or mental health issues. We are grateful for this new opportunity to serve more children and families in Georgia.

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