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Path to Purpose: A Family for Life

God's Model to Transform a Child into a Successful Adult

How does a child become a successful adult? If you stop and think about the person you've become, chances are you'll find a long list of people who helped shape that journey. Parents who taught responsibility. Grandparents who shared wisdom. Teachers, coaches, pastors, and friends who believed in you before you knew how to believe in yourself. They encouraged you when life became difficult. When you weren't sure what decision to make next, there was usually someone you could call for help or advice.



▲ Thanks to many of the lessons he learned from the Dave Ramsey's Foundations in Personal Finance course in Path to Purpose, Steven was able to purchase his first house in 2020.

None of us become successful adults on our own. We become successful because someone saw potential in us and invested their time, love, guidance, accountability, and support. That is God's design. Family is more than the people who raise us. It is the support system that walks beside us through life, helping us navigate challenges, overcome failures, and become the adults we were created to be. But what if you didn't have that kind of support?

Show-Me witnessed too many young people leave "home" with talent, intelligence, and potential, only to struggle when they were on their own. Lacking the support system many of us take for granted, small setbacks often spiraled into major obstacles, pulling them back into the very cycles Show-Me had worked so hard to help them escape.

In 2012, Path to Purpose (P2P) was launched to bridge that gap for current and former Show-Me children. The vision was simple: family doesn't end at eighteen. Young people should never "age out" of their support system. They should "age into" healthy adulthood through it.

Experiencing a Bigger World

For children to best understand their world, they must experience it. Through play, they



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Compelled by Christ to Rescue & Restore Young Lives

Prayer Requests

We Praise God & Pray for...

... our students and staff as they head back to school on July 15th

... safe and memorable summer travel for the kids and families

Please Pray for...

... a Family Life Coach to join the team at our Galt home

... Children to join our families and fill our homes

Join our Prayer Partner List to receive bi-monthly and urgent prayer requests. Call 660-347-5982 or sign up online at:



www.ShowMeHelpingKids.com

► Show-Me has provided 23 donated vehicles to Path to Purpose graduates since the program's start in 2012.



▲ *Path to Purpose uses field trips, hands-on activities, and programs like BizTown to connect the lessons kids learn today to the future jobs they may pursue.*

begin discovering how the world works and imagining how they might fit within it. That process begins early through P2P. Educational field trips and hands-on experiences help children see how what they are learning today connects to jobs they may pursue tomorrow. A farm isn't just a place where crops grow. It's a small business that utilizes technology and requires strong math skills, planning, communication, and an understanding of science. Their eyes are opened to how the subjects they are learning in the classroom today are the stepping stones to the careers and lives they dream of tomorrow.

One of the most exciting opportunities comes through Junior Achievement's BizTown program. Students spend weeks learning personal finance, business concepts, communication, and teamwork before stepping into a simulated community where they put those lessons into practice.

Created for a Purpose

As young people grow older, the focus begins to shift from discovering the world around them to discovering themselves. Each child learns that God uniquely created them for a purpose. Not everyone is gifted in the same way, interested in the same things, or called to do the same job. Judi Crawford, the P2P Coordinator, works with each student individually to help them discover the path that's right for them.

The new P2P classroom has become an important part of that journey. The larger dedicated space allows young people to learn together while exploring career interests, preparing for ACT and ASVAB testing, building technology skills, and participating in career assessments designed to help them better understand themselves. Hands-on learning opportunities allow them to explore careers and environments they may never have otherwise considered.

As they begin identifying their interests, young people continually dive deeper through job shadows, college visits, part-

time employment, military exploration, and other career readiness activities. What begins as curiosity gradually becomes direction.

Freedom Comes Through Responsibility

Many of the most important lessons of adulthood aren't learned from a textbook; they are taught through experience. Managing a budget. Preparing meals. Learning home and vehicle maintenance. Keeping commitments. Showing up on time for work. Understanding how freedom and responsibility go hand in hand.

P2P gives students opportunities to take on increasing responsibility in a safe and supportive environment. Like any healthy family, responsibility is gradually handed over as trust is earned. Young people are given the freedom to make decisions, learn from mistakes, and take ownership of their future while trusted adults remain close by to provide guidance and support when needed.

"Path to Purpose helped me branch out and build the courage to step out into the adult world."

– Kerenda

That growth often includes part-time employment and driver's education. As students demonstrate responsibility, they earn greater trust and independence. By their junior year, many begin driving themselves to work, managing their own schedules, saving money, and taking greater ownership of their future. Each success reinforces that they

can handle the real challenges and responsibilities that come with adulthood. As Kerenda explained, *"Path to Purpose helped me branch out and build the courage to step out into the adult world."*

Crossing the Bridge Together

Graduation isn't the finish line for P2P. It is the first step across the bridge into adulthood. Some graduates will pursue a four-year degree, while others will



attend a technical school, enter the military, or move directly into the workforce. While each path is different, many of the obstacles are the same. As graduates step onto that bridge, P2P continues walking beside them. *"My hope is that the relationship we build while they are here continues even after they graduate, so they know they always have a Show-Me family that they can lean on,"* stated Judi.

One of the first hurdles is simply figuring out the paperwork required to get started. Financial aid applications, scholarships, admissions paperwork, and housing forms can quickly become overwhelming. Because of the challenges they have already overcome, many graduates qualify for grants, scholarships, and other forms of assistance.

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— Josie

"I honestly wouldn't be where I am today without Path to Purpose," said Josie. "They have assisted me from my associates degree to my master's degree! Mrs. Judi has always been someone I can call or text if I have questions."

Tools for the Journey

Just as important as helping graduates identify opportunities is ensuring they have the tools needed to pursue them. All P2P graduates placed at Show-Me leave with a driver's license, an offer to pay for their first year of auto insurance, and are provided with a reliable starter vehicle. Depending on individual needs, support may also include laptops, work equipment, housing assistance, and other resources that help graduates succeed.

Thanks to the generosity of churches, boosters, and individual



▲ College visits and career fairs helped Dante discover that his interest in mechanics could become a career in machining.

supporters, Show-Me has provided 23 vehicles to Path to Purpose graduates since the program began. Those vehicles have helped young adults get to work, attend classes, complete training programs, and build independent lives.

When Life Happens

Even with a plan and the right tools, adulthood still comes with unexpected challenges. Cars break down. Apartment deposits are due. Utility bills arrive. Textbooks cost more than expected. Jobs change. Life happens.

P2P alumni know they still have a Show-Me family they can call when they need help. Whether it's assistance with housing, transportation, emergency expenses, or simply advice from someone who cares, they don't have to face those obstacles alone. Alumni also have access to donated furniture, household items, clothing, and other practical resources that help them furnish a first apartment, stretch a tight budget, and keep moving forward.

"Nothing prepares you for the moment when you look at your bank account with only \$3 in it, and you realize you have a lot of bills left to pay," Dante recalled. Extra help came especially handy when his Precision Machining Technology program required \$3,500 worth of tools, and again when his car broke down just one week before he was scheduled to start a new job.

A Family for Life

At its heart, P2P is not about vehicles, classrooms, scholarships, or career plans. It is about family. The same kind of family support that helped shape many of us into successful adults is what Show-Me seeks to provide for every child who comes through its doors—not for a few years, not until graduation, but for life.

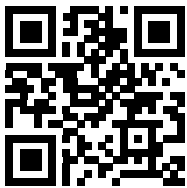
By helping young people build their lives on a firm foundation, P2P helps break destructive patterns and replace them with hope, stability, and opportunity. The result is adults who go on to build strong families, strengthen their churches and communities, and invest in the next generation—just as others invested in them.

◀ Cooking, Driver's Ed, and basic vehicle maintenance are some of the life skills that young people are taught before leaving Show-Me.



Show-Me Needs List

Help stock our shelves and fill our homes. Below is a list of items needed.



Need more ideas?

Take a peek at our
"Show Me Christian Youth Home"

wish list at Amazon.com



Main Campus

La Monte

- Chicken breasts
- Paper plates
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Baby wipes
- Softsoap bodywash
- Dishwasher pods
- Trash bags (13-gallon)
- Laundry detergent or pods
- KitchenAid stand mixer
- Bike air pump
- Pool floats
- Gardening tools & gloves
- Utility wagon for outdoors
- Chest freezer

Drysdale Campus

- Plain Cheerios
- Honey
- Canned fruits
- Paper plates
- Kleenex facial tissue
- Disinfectant wipes
- Laundry soap (No Extra or Oxyclean please)
- Pine-Sol cleaner
- Bath toys for boys
- Propane gas grill
- Side-by-side UTV

Family Care

- Soups (Cream of chicken/ mushroom/ celery)
- New bed pillows (firm preferred)
- New brooms
- Silverware sets
- Baking sets (cookie sheets, cake pans, mixing bowls)

Judd Home

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Tide pods
- Dishwasher detergent
- Dog food (Small dog)

Kitchen

- Canned peas, corn, carrots (Large cans)
- Wooden spoon & tongs
- Cake & brownie mixes
- Whisks of various sizes
- Blender

Medical

- Sunscreen
- Bug repellent sprays
- Tylenol/ Ibuprofen
- Cough drops
- Anti-itch creams

Show-Me School

- Sweaters for school uniforms (Dark blue/ White/ Gray/ Black)

- Two 8' anti-fatigue floor mats
- \$5 Gift card incentives

Leadership U

- New hoof rasps
- Seresto flea And tick collars
- Diamond high-energy dog food
- Small square Alfalfa bales
- Small square Brome bales

4-H & Art

- Heavy-duty stapler w/ staples
- Ultra fine point set of 12 black Sharpies
- 6 Elmer's white liquid glue
- 18" Clay wire cutter
- Speedball 4131 Linoleum Cutter Set

Path to Purpose

- Reliable "starter vehicles" for our graduates

P.E. & Sports

- 18" rubber cones
- Baseball throwdown rubber base set
- Adult-size team set of pinnies
- 12 segmented jump ropes
- Playground rubber kickballs





◀ This Spring, Show-Me had a new filly join the family!



Volunteers (April - May 2026)

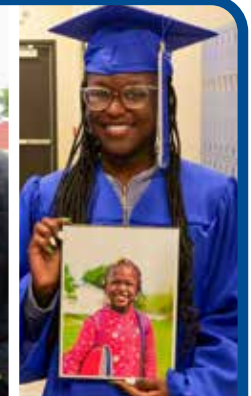
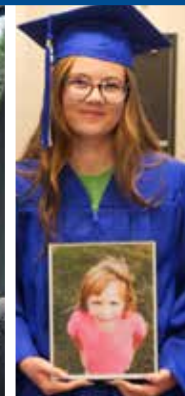
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For the latest volunteer opportunities, contact us at 660-347-5982 or volunteer@showmekids.org.



Kagan was selected by the Kansas City Royals to go on the field and lead the crowd in chanting "Play Ball!" before the first pitch. He also got a special behind-the-scenes tour of the press room.



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Advice from the Show-Me Christian Youth Home Class of 2026

“
Nothing lasts forever.
Things change quickly,
so enjoy where you are
at right now. Time will
pass, no matter how slow
it may feel, so try not to
take anything for granted!
- Samantha

”
Continue to lean on God
because you will find the
rest and peace you need!
- Taija





2026 ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Saturday,
September 12, 2026
10 AM - 3 PM

Come see
Show-Me

- ✓ Meet the families
- ✓ Tour the new school
- ✓ Enjoy lunch
- ✓ Fun kids' activities all day
- ✓ Horse program



EVERY CHILD DESERVES A HOME AND A FAMILY

Show-Me Christian Youth Home is Compelled by Christ to Rescue and Restore Young Lives. We believe that every child deserves a home and a family, an opportunity for a better future and an excellent eternity.

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