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 Helping Vulnerable Children Worldwide  
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*Case Study*

## RetailROI helps 4KIDS Provide Hope for Kids in Crisis

Just over 11 years ago, the eyes of the nation watched in anguish and horror as reports of Florida’s missing foster children flashed across the evening news. At the same time, a grand jury found the foster children in Florida’s Broward County to be in danger and problems so pervasive that they threatened to collapse the entire system. Homes were extremely overcrowded and some families took in children solely for financial gain. One woman was burdened by the plight of the children and began knocking on every door she could find sharing their story. One pastor and one church listened to her burden and saw her passion for taking care of the orphans in South Florida. Her vision became their vision, and **4KIDS** of South Florida was born.

Since that time, 4KIDS has provided protection, provision, and permanent solutions to over 8,000 abused, neglected, and abandoned children in South Florida. 4KIDS has provided hope by matching modern-day orphans with loving families, mobilizing the faith community, and meeting the need one child at a time. In Broward County, 4KIDS partners with ChildNet and is the exclusive contractor for SafePlace, the starting point for children who enter the foster care system.

In addition to licensing foster families and homes, 4KIDS provides family-style residences for sibling groups who would otherwise be split up. 4KIDS also provides adoption support and homes for young girls facing a crisis pregnancy. And for the youth who “age out” of the foster care system, 4KIDS provides life skills training, mentors and housing to help them become productive adults through the Spirit of Success Institute.

4KIDS has established unique partnerships with individuals, businesses, government, foundations, and churches...

...thousands who are committed to using their talents, resources and influence to solve the foster care crisis. “4KIDS has become the national model for faith-based care...” said Jedd Medefind, former Deputy Director, White House Faith-Based Initiatives.



Over the next three years, 10,000 children will become “temporary orphans” in South Florida as they enter the foster care system. Each will need a loving, stable home, and 4KIDS of South Florida will respond to the mandate to create the families they need. The grant from RetailROI will provide necessary funding to help maintain and expand the SafePlace.

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