

Hephzibah62:4
2022-2026 Quadrennial Report
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Every day in every community, children suffer from neglect, abuse and abandonment because their families are in crisis and outside support is severely lacking.

[Hephzibah62:4](#), a subsidiary of The Wesleyan Church, provides coaching, resources and financial support to churches and families throughout the U.S. and Canada so they can engage effectively in transforming the lives of vulnerable children in their communities for generations to come.

HISTORY: Founded in 1900, for over 118 years Hephzibah Ministries, Inc. (HMI) served the needs of vulnerable children through its residential programs for the orphaned, homeless, abused and neglected.

REVISIONING AND TRANSITION: On January 17, 2018, HMI announced a bold [ministry redesign](#). That same month a revisioning team was formed. A prayer-filled and multi-faceted process began of transitioning HMI from a residential model to a decentralized model of ministry, which greatly expands Hephzibah’s reach.

HEPHZIBAH62:4 NAME: Our updated name honors the legacy that began with our founder, Bettie Tyler. In those early days God revealed the name “Hephzibah” through Isaiah 62:4, which means, “my delight is in her.”

HEPHZIBAH62:4 MISSION: Equipping and mobilizing local Wesleyan churches to transform the lives of vulnerable children.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

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| ❖ Wesleyan Centered | ❖ North American in Scope |
| ❖ Local Church Focused | ❖ Faithful to the Vision and Spirit of Hephzibah |

PILLARS OF ENGAGEMENT:

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| ❖ Trauma-Informed Care | ❖ Family Preservation |
| ❖ Sanctity of Human Life | ❖ Foster Care |
| ❖ Special Needs Ministry | ❖ Adoption |
| ❖ Anti-Trafficking | |

KEY DEVELOPMENTS SINCE 2022:

- Increased staffing to better serve our Wesleyan churches ([Meet our Staff & Board](#))
- Our [Financials and Reports](#) page details our financial model and commitments
- Updated [Benefits Chart](#) and [Grant Opportunities](#) by category
- Our [Partnership Policy](#) reveals how we are navigating complexities in our culture
- A unique [Sanctity of Human Life Toolkit](#)
- Many [stories of impact](#) shared

IMPACT: Because of our rich legacy, built through God’s faithfulness, Hephzibah62:4 is experiencing an exciting new season of exponential impact. Since our relaunch in March of 2019, Hephzibah62:4 has:

- Achieved operational self-sustainability and growth while investing in Wesleyan churches, families, and students with over **\$410,000 in total grant funding**.
- Grown a collaborative community of “**Hephzibah62:4 Churches**” who are investing in church-led, discipleship-focused ministries to vulnerable children and families according to their unique contexts. [View church map](#).
- Invested significant grant funding in families, leaders and ministries in **more than 60 Wesleyan churches** throughout the U.S. and Canada, to bolster our shared mission.
- Committed Adoption Grants to **25 families**, to help **26 children** join their forever families. Additional grants were invested in therapies, parenting and marriage support for **nine families** impacted by foster care, adoption and special needs, to help them heal and strengthen.
- Provided an increasing number of in-person and online **equipping opportunities for Wesleyan leaders**: gathering annually at both the Disability & the Church (DATC) Conference and the Christian Alliance for Orphans (CAFO) Summit, our Hephzibah62:4 “Better Together” gatherings, a variety of cohorts and individual coaching conversations.

Each grant and equipping opportunity is carefully vetted or designed to help build momentum for our movement within the Wesleyan movement while encouraging participants to grow through applied biblical principles, current best practices, access to supportive and collaborative relationships and excellent shared resources to help their ministries thrive.

TESTIMONIES:

“We are so blessed by the coaching, mentoring, and care that the Hephzibah62:4 team have given us as a church plant. They’ve provided resources, direction, and reliable sources and training for us to lead our community in caring for vulnerable children and their families.” – Pastor Emma, Church Plant Grant Recipient from Hope Church, DE.

“Our request to adopt privately was unexpected and we were so incredibly grateful for the quick financial support from Hephzibah. Their support made (Piper’s) addition to our family and this world possible. Thank you!” – Mike and Emily, Adoption Grant Recipients from Houghton Wesleyan Church, NY.

“(Getting involved in Jonathan’s Heart Ministry) was truly the first time I felt like we belonged. Solid Rock has opened their doors for families like mine.” – Pam along with Kingston, her grandson with autism, are regular participants in the special needs family ministry at Solid Rock Wesleyan Church, Church Ministry Grant Recipients in Newfoundland, Canada.

“I did not realize how weary I was from my adoption/parenting journey. I came away renewed and with so many practical strategies on how to better serve myself, my family and my community. The last speaker I heard said, ‘I hope you walk away from here with courage in your bones and hope in your hearts.’ I feel that in my soul and am so thankful for the people who poured into me at CAFO2025.” – Casey, Adoption and Conference Grant Recipient from Ransom Church, SD.