

If you've ever built a house, you know the planning that goes into the process is enormous. You have to know where to place the electrical outlets, if the door should swing in or out, and a thousand other decisions. However, the most important part of building any structure is the foundation. A foundation is a critically important structure that has to support the weight of the building. The smaller and lighter weight the foundation, the smaller and lighter weight the building must be.

There are all kinds of foundations. The most commonly used foundation in this area is the slab foundation. There are also crawlspace, basement and pier and beam foundations. It is really odd that we put more thought and time in choosing paint colors than we do on the foundation. Foundations are the most important part of any structure but after the building is built you don't see them.

Foundations are an integral part of raising children. We are building foundations with heart and soul, not brick and mortar for our children here at Tipton Children's Home. Usually our children don't come with a foundation, or if they do it's damaged. When a child's foundation is built on abuse, neglect and trauma, it's impossible to build a solid structure. It is our mission to see that our children build or rebuild their foundation upon Jesus Christ, a foundation built upon love, hope, forgiveness and trust. Unlike earthly foundations children take years to build, not weeks. I hope and pray that you can help us this year in our endeavor to raise our children with firm foundations, built with Godly rather than worldly materials. This is our mission.

Happy Holidays,

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