

A Legacy of Protecting Children and Strengthening Families

Founded as Chicago Baptist Orphanage in 1895 and Hudelson Baptist Children’s Home in 1903, today, One Hope United is a private human service organization that has been investing in children and families for over 120 years, offering a diverse array of early childhood education, prevention, intervention and community-based programs. Our team of more than 800 talented professionals serves nearly 10,000 children and families each year in Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Florida.

Named for Rev. and Mrs. Ezra Scofield, who were instrumental in the formation of Chicago Baptist Orphanage; and Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Gibbs and their daughter Alice, who established the Hudelson Baptist Children’s Home, the Scofield-Gibbs Society was established to recognize their important contributions and to provide continued support of their vision and mission.

Having dedicated their lives to missionary work, Rev. and Mrs. Scofield were not wealthy and had no children of their own. Although they were not considered prominent by society’s standards, their kindness and fierce dedication to protect children produced something extraordinary—a humble orphanage for abandoned and homeless children.

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Gibbs, and their daughter Alice who cared for two homeless children in her parent’s home, was asked to serve as first matron of an orphanage dedicated to protecting children. Her father, wanting to encourage her work, gave his residence and twenty acres of surrounding land to aid in the establishment of the Hudelson Home.

The Scofields’ and Gibbs dedication, vision, and their acts of kindness and service remains a solid foundation of One Hope United.

We invite you to become a member of the Scofield-Gibbs Society by establishing a gift through a bequest, trust or other planned arrangement. Your contribution will ensure our important work—providing quality solutions that enhance lives, communities and futures.



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