

JAN/FEB 2019

A Ministry of the
Free Will Baptist
Children's Home



"Providing a *Loving* Home for *Hurting* Children."

REFLECTING ON TOY RUN 2018

"Rainy and Messy"... that is one way to describe the latest Toy Run. We had received several inches of rain in the days leading up to the event. The day of the event brought more rain to the already saturated soil. We expected the weather would hinder some from coming and it did. Despite the conditions we still had approximately 250 motorcycles and over 500 people attend.

Another way to refer to the benefit ride would be "blessed and thankful." Even though the attendance numbers were not up to recent years, the financial contributions were tracking very closely with last year's record total. In fact, at press time the total was over \$100,000! The children had a great time and received wonderful Christmas gifts from sponsors. Volunteers shared their time and love for the residents. The benefit team stepped up and worked tirelessly. How could we not feel blessed and thankful when we reflect on all the time, work, and sacrifice so many of our friends made for this ministry!





DIRECTOR'S DESK

MANDY MITCHELL

Thank you again for your continued support to our Home. It has been amazing to see how the Lord has used all of you to be a blessing to us this past year.

One of the house parents and myself were in a meeting at one of the County Department of Resources with a family regarding their case. Their children were placed at the Children's Home the month before. At the end of the meeting the houseparent told the parents "I want you to know that we pray for you every night." This really touched me.

Obviously, the parents had their children removed because of some action or inaction that put their children at risk. No matter what they have done, they are people and sinners just like us who deserve prayers and support, like everyone else. In conversations I have had with others regarding children who are placed with us, it is not uncommon to hear derogatory comments regarding their parents. Sometimes it can be too easy for us to pass judgment. For many of us, we could all be a few bad choices away from being in a predicament such as them. I often thank God for His guidance and for the people He put in my life to keep me on the path I should be.

I am very thankful for a staff who prays for our resident's parents. They know God alone is the only source of sustainable change. Will you join us in praying for them as well? Thank you again for your continued support to our Home. It has been amazing to see how the Lord has used all of you to be a blessing to us this past year.

Christmas Time

The Christmas season was a wonderful experience around the Home. There were lots of lights, decorations, and parties to enjoy.

Our Home Christmas party provided good food and competition.

It also gave us the opportunity for the staff and children to focus on the first Christmas gift, Jesus. Then there were the churches and organizations that brought gifts throughout the month of December. We are so grateful for the generosity of these friends. They truly make Christmas special for our children.

It seems so inadequate, but **THANK YOU!**



PURPOSE

Free Will Baptist Children's Home is a ministry of the Alabama State Association of FWB's. As a non-profit organization, FWBCH provides a loving, home-like, Christian atmosphere for children struggling with life's challenges and turbulent domestic situations. Our task is to help children hurt by life to find faith in God and enter adulthood as responsible Christian men and women with a purpose in life.

The FWB Children's Home Newsletter is published six times per year to keep friends informed of current activities, programs, and service. If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments, please contact us.



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STAFF LUNCHEON

On November 27, at a staff luncheon, we honored Steve Bryant and Cynthia Knowles for their contribution to our Home.

- Steve has been a valuable assistant around the campus. He has been a great help to our Maintenance Manager, Curtis Crumpton. Together they keep things operating in good condition. Thanks Steve, for your willingness to volunteer and demonstrate a servant's heart!
- Cynthia has filled the role of relief house parent. With our resident population in the 30's, we have needed additional help. She actually lives in South Alabama, but she drives the distance to care for our children as needed. We appreciate your contribution to this ministry, Cynthia!

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

As a result of grants and special gifts, we were able to make some improvements to some of our buildings on campus. An additional bedroom and bathroom were added to one of our resident houses to provide a handicap accessible space. The same type of addition will begin on the final of our four houses in the near future.



The Lambert Administrative Building received a facelift in the dining area in November. The outdated paneling was replaced with sheetrock. It has made a big difference in not only appearance but also in sound. These type projects are part of our ongoing effort to be good stewards of the campus God has given us and to do all things with excellence.

We Love Children!

Recently during the time the US flags were at half-staff, one of our house parents asked the girls in the house, "Why do you think the flag is half-staff?"

One of the girls who had been in trouble that week blurted out, "**It wasn't me! I promise!**"

I haven't touched that flag this morning!"

Happy Birthday!

Hope you have a special day.

MATTHEW	1-7-09
ALYSSA	1-9-03
DICK (STAFF)	1-31
AIDEN	2-1-11
HOWARD (STAFF)	2-7
JOSH	2-13-04



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Below are memorial contributions from November/December 2018. We thank all those who honor their loved ones in this special way.

IN MEMORY

Bill Loden

Yvonne Clay

Della Mae Boshell

Deborah Taylor

Marlon Harris

James Kevin White

Joe & Jane Burkett

Calvin Edgil

Carolyn Pelphrey

Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Carroll

Mr. & Mrs. James Rodgers

Ron Melton

Jewell Ray Franks

Bruce & Frankie Roberts

Larry S. Hall

Mark Steadman

Ida Akins

Wallace Mooneyham

Rev. & Mrs. W. E. George

Dorothy Phillips

Laren & Dee Williams

Clyde & Sandra Black

Clyde C. Black

DONOR

Piney Grove FWB Church
Mollie Lunsford & Family

Roy & Arlene Clay,
Cheryl Teter
Larry & Pat Clay

Carbon Hill 1st FWB Church

Deep Creek FWB
Ladies Auxiliary

Cleveland Moffett
Funeral Home
The Sims Family

Magnolia FWB Church

David & Brenda Edgil

Stoney Creek FWB Church

Jesse & Helen Carroll

William Simons

Vernon 1st FWB Ladies
SS Class

Bill & Sandra Roberts

Patricia Hall

Union Chapel Baptist Church

Lori Howard

Frankie Henslee

John & Karen Cima

John & Judy McCarley

Bart Black

David & Cynthia McDonald,
Gregg Black,

Donald & Deborah Frazier,

Mary Beth Stukes,

Linda Sue Black,

William B. Long,

Billie Ruth Drummond,

Abbie Drummond

IN HONOR

Linda Sue Bonner

Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Grace

Mr. & Mrs. Doug McClung

DONOR

Glenn Ingle

Anthony & Robbin Allen

You may pay tribute to your loved one with a donation in their honor. Please include with your gift the information needed to notify the family.

Recognition will also appear in the upcoming newsletter.



Items Needed

- Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Dish Detergent
- Clorox
- Clorox Clean-Up
- Hand Soap
- Ziploc Bags
- Styro Cups – 16oz
- Styro Plates/Bowls
- Plastic Forks/Spoons
- Paper towels/Napkins
- Saran Wrap/Foil
- Wax Paper
- Crackers
- Brown/Confectionary Sugar
- Jiffy Cornbread Mix
- Pickles/Olives
- Cereals
- Garlic/Onion Salt
- Bathroom Cleaners
- Kitchen Cleaners

4 Ways You Can Be Involved!

PRAY

for the Home, our children, and staff.
Prayer is the most important thing you can do for us!!

FINANCIAL

Would you consider donating to the Home?
Either a one-time gift or monthly.
Credit card donations can be made through Paypal on our website.

ESTATE PLANNING

Would you consider donating to the Home as part of your end-of-life planning? This is a way for your family to be a part of what the Lord is doing at the Children's Home for years to come.

A **VISIT** to the Home for a tour or to complete a ministry project is a great option.
Call our office and we will be happy to discuss this with you.

E-mail us at: admin@fwbhome.org

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