

JULY/AUGUST 2020

A Ministry of the  
Free Will Baptist  
Children's Home



# Home HAPPENINGS

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

## MAKING MEMORIES

Many of us have very fond memories of vacations we took with our families when we were children living at home. Whether we went to the mountains, or the beach, or to visit family, it was an opportunity to see new things, laugh together, and just have fun. Can you remember some of your favorite vacation trips? Many of those places and activities are etched permanently in our mind.

Sadly, many of our children here at the Home have never had the opportunity to go on a vacation. It is part of our program to provide the means for each of our houses to take a vacation each summer. Many times, these trips are full of firsts for our children. It may be the first time to for playing miniature golf, eating specialty food, staying in a hotel, buying souvenirs, riding amusement rides, etc. Or it could be the first time to see the ocean, or view the mountains, or walk under a waterfall, or build a sandcastle.

The residents of each house travel with their houseparents as a family. It is lots of fun watching them pack up the vans and pile in for the road trip. It is anybody's guess how many times the question is asked, "How much longer till we get there?" When it is time to head back to Eldridge, no doubt someone is going to say, "Do we have to?"

Thank you for your financial support of the Home. Your summer gifts help us provide the finances so the vacation trips can be enjoyed. You are helping these children make their own memories!





MANDY MITCHELL

*We do believe that every child that enters our doors was put here by God for a reason.*

## DIRECTOR'S DESK

A few weeks ago, I was meeting with two of our boys who are brothers. The younger brother, for lack of a better term, was throwing a fit. It doesn't matter what the fit was about, the bottom line is that the little boy has some underlying anger towards his situation and it doesn't take much for that anger to flare up. The older brother was trying to calm down his little brother, and was doing a great job. I was proud of this young man for the wisdom and sense that came out of his young teenage heart. The little brother admitted that he was angry that he wasn't at home with his mom and dad, which is understandable. As the older brother was trying to console him, he said "You know I think God put us here for a reason."

I'm not sure how much that statement meant to his 7-year-old angry little brother, but it blessed my heart. We do believe that every child that enters our doors was put here by God for a reason. In all cases I believe the Lord sends us children to draw them to Himself. It means seeds of His love and promises can be planted by our houseparents and the pastors of the churches we attend. We are very proud to say that many of our residents do accept Christ as their Savior while they are with us. I also believe that the Lord sends children to us to experience what a loving, stable home is like. They can know what is possible for them and their future. Their life does not have to be chaos and uncertainty.

One former resident said this:

"In the years I lived at the Children's Home I learned acceptance, love, guidance, patience, bonding, forgiveness- the list could go on and on. You never felt alone. This place of love allowed an emptiness in our hearts to be filled. I appreciate everything and will never get to pay that back. The unselfish adults that put their lives aside to open their heart and arms to these children are true angels!"

We are so thankful for our houseparents and staff who love our children, and with the Lord's help, attempt to fill the emptiness in their hearts. Thank you for your support and prayers which allow us to care for hurting children every day!

## *Congratulations*



We congratulate our Counselor, Ralinda and her husband, Nick, on the birth of their son. Declan was born on April 7, 2020. He is welcomed by two sisters, Brenna and Nora. Ralinda has served as our full-time campus counselor since May, 2018. We rejoice with the Aspey family on this new member of their family.

Ralinda not only provides counseling for our children and staff, but also offers counseling for community clients. People can even arrange for remote counseling, which allows counseling service without the client leaving his home. Call (205) 924-9751 for more information.

## 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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## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Well school will start back in early August for our children. We wanted to

let you know again of some of the items we will need for them when they do. Listed below are some of the things we will need.

Mechanical pencils, sharpies, computer paper, index cards, scissors, earbuds/headphones, glue sticks, pens, scotch tape, highlighters, expo markers, washable markers, notebook paper, clorox wipes, kleenex, composition notebooks, calculators, pocket file folders, 1 & 2 inch binders

If you prefer, you can make a financial donation and we will purchase the items. There are several school fees we must pay, too. These fees include computers, lockers, sports, etc. Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated.



## WITH THE LORD

We are saddened to report the news of Cynthia Knowles passing on Saturday, May 2nd. Mrs. Cynthia had been a volunteer relief house parent

for us for the last few years. She was an excellent example of serving the Lord with your all to the very end. After her husband's death and her retirement from the Geneva County School System, Mrs. Cynthia gave her time and energy to being a servant. She was active at her church (First FWB, Dothan), was the treasurer for the Alabama Women Active for Christ, and a great volunteer for the Home. Even after being diagnosed with cancer, she continued to drive to Eldridge and watch our children so our house parents could have some time off. She loved our children and she had a wonderful personality and spirit. We are so appreciative of the time we had with this fine Christian lady and definitely miss her.



Consider supporting the children at our Home through Amazon Smile. Use our Amazon Smile link, and a portion of the proceeds will go to our Home: <https://amzn.to/2WThH9I>

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

Below are memorial contributions from May/June 2020. We thank all those who honor their loved ones in this special way.

### IN MEMORY

Gene Rollins  
James "Big Jim" Swindle  
H. E. Bostick, Jr.  
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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

- Mayonnaise
- Vinegar
- Pickles/Olives
- Chicken Noodle
- Chicken Broth
- Can Chicken
- Jelly
- Pancake Mix/Syrup
- Cooking Oil
- Cereal/Pop-tarts
- Salad Dressings
- Cheese Crackers
- Peanut Butter Crackers
- Chips
- Snack Cakes
- Bread Crumbs
- Rotel
- Dice Tomatoes
- Tomato Paste
- Peaches
- Can Carrots
- Taco Seasoning
- Spaghetti Seasoning
- Chili Seasoning
- Toilet Tissue/Kleenex
- Dryer Sheets
- Laundry Detergent
- Windex/Furniture Polish
- Fabric Softner
- Garbage Bags (13/33gal)
- Dishwasher Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Light Bulbs
- Styro Plates/16/20 Oz. Cups
- Plastic Forks/spoons
- Batteries AA/AAA,9 Volt



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Hope you have a special day.

RALINDA (STAFF)	7- 1
ISAIAH	7- 3-13
DEANNA	7-14-04
TY	7-23-05
KATONNA	7-24-06
HUNTER	7-31-06
WESTLYN	8-15-06

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