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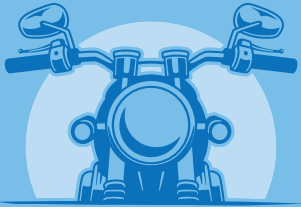
A Ministry of the
Free Will Baptist
Children's Home



Home HAPPENINGS

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

THE SECRET INGREDIENTS



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

20TH ANNUAL
ELDRIDGE
TOY RUN
December 3, 2022

*"All roads lead to
Eldridge the first
Saturday in December!"*



Many recipes, especially long held family recipes, have secret ingredients. These ingredients make the difference between an average entrée or dessert and a memorable one. The success of a ministry like the Home is also dependent on some key ingredients ...prayer, accountability, love, etc. One element that is unique in our ministry is the long tenures of our house parent staff. Our four houses are supervised by parents with tenures ranging from over 30 years to 5 years. That works out to an average of 16 years.

Not many group homes have lengthy tenures. Our long-term staff is evidence of people with a heart for children and a call of God on their life. Their experience and maturity cannot be bought. If our residents prosper, the house parents will be an important element. Please pray for our house parents that they will be used of God to impact the lives of our children.



WELCOME

The Home would like to welcome Ruben and Erica Zavaleta. Erica was hired as a relief houseparent in June. Erica and Ruben moved here from Durham, NC. They have four children and one granddaughter. We are pleased to have the Zavaleta's on campus and ask you to pray for them as they adjust to life at the Home.



MANDY MITCHELL

We know we cannot succeed in this ministry without His guidance.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

One of the issues that many of our children struggle with is self-control regarding their emotions, their words, their actions, and even overeating. For children who have experienced trauma, their brain is already overwhelmed with dealing with fear responses related to that trauma. Other brain functions, such as self-control and everyday coping skills, can be harder to manage.

I think we can all agree that being a child these days is hard enough, even more so when your past experiences cloud what is on your mind and can affect your ability to make good choices. Not to mention that self-control is something that needs to be taught and modeled - which is something that most of our residents have never received.

Thankfully we have the Bible we can look to when teaching self-control. We know we cannot succeed in this ministry without His guidance. One of the greatest examples of self-control is of Jesus tempted by Satan in the desert in Matthew chapter 4. We can also model self-control in front of them every day. We need to show them that when we are angry, stressed, or overwhelmed, it is possible to remain calm and be in control. This in itself is a big responsibility - our house parents are human. As they are taking care of these children, they are still dealing with the stresses and trials of their own lives.

What we do is challenging, but the Lord helps all of us every day. Proverbs 25:28 states "A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls"- Pray for us as we attempt to help these children have futures like a city with walls.



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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.

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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NICK'S KIDS

We were so pleased to be invited back to the University of Alabama for the Nick's Kids Luncheon. We had our first invitation in 2014 and have been able to go every year except the 2 years they canceled it due to the Pandemic. The children were able to get autographs from players, pictures with the cheerleaders and Big Al, a delicious BBQ lunch, and of course, a photo with Coach Saban and Miss Terry. The Home also receives a financial contribution from the KIDS foundation.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rodney Yerby, Chairman
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Back to School

Our friends out did themselves in their response to our request for school supplies, fees and money for school clothes shopping. We received supplies and money for our children's school expenses again this year. What a **BLESSING!** We appreciate you!



Happy Birthdays!

HOPE YOU HAVE A SPECIAL DAY.

- ELLEN (STAFF) 9/ 9
- SKYLAR 9/10/13
- JUDY (STAFF) 9/18
- KATRINA (STAFF) 9/21
- BARB (STAFF) 10/6
- JAMESON 10/7/04
- JAMES (STAFF) 10/17
- PRESTON 10/30/06

IN MEMORY

Bro. Randall Mayo went to be with the Lord on June 25, 2022 at the age of 83. He had a special love for this ministry and we had a special love for him. Since the 1970's, Bro. Mayo would bring his Aunt Myrtis Mayo to the Home so she could bring the quilts she had made for the children. Then later on his church would purchase Christmas presents for each child. Bro. Mayo and Bro. Russell Clouse would drive from Mississippi and hand them out. He continued this even when his health started declining. He certainly had a heart for the Home. We will miss his visits, but we will forever appreciate supporters like Bro. Randall Mayo.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Below are memorial contributions from July/August 2022. We thank all those who honor their loved ones in this special way.

IN MEMORY

- Carey Pickett
- Frank Barron
- Lecil Curtis
- Rebecca Aliff
- Randall Mayo

DONOR

- Faye Lovelady
- Regina Barron
- Cheryl Webb Family
- Piney Grove FWB Church
- Jacklyn Jeanes, Patsy Jeanes Sterling Akers, Dave & Rathel Young Harold & Mathel Ambrose

E. R. & Alma Mayo

Enterprise 1st FWB Church

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Fayette 1st FWB Church
Jimmy & Sheila Bynum

IN HONOR

Mother's & Father's Day

DONOR

Arley United Methodist Church

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.



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Harvest DRIVE

The fall Harvest Drive has been an annual event for the Home since the 1960's. Over the years churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals have donated tons of food, cleaning, and paper products. The drive is a major element in stocking our pantry and reducing our expenses. It is also a wonderful way for folks to have a practical and more personal method of supporting our children.

In this issue of "Home Happenings" we have provided an extensive list of specific items we presently need. We encourage you to join others in making this year's drive a great success. Thank you for thinking of us. Whatever you are able to give, it will definitely be appreciated!

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| Green Beans | Salt/Pepper | Pancake Mix/Syrup | Plastic Wrap/Foil |
| Sweet Peas | Garlic/Onion/Sage | Pickles (spears/slices) | Paper Towels |
| BBQ Sauce | Cooking Oil/Spray | Green/Black Olives | Napkins |
| Lima Beans | Brown Gravy Mix | Nature's Seasoning | Kleenex |
| Diced Tomatoes | Mac & Cheese | Mustard/Mayo | Toilet Tissue |
| Veg-All | Elbow Macaroni | Ketchup | Wet Wipes |
| Honey Mustard | Lasagna/Egg | Brown Sugar/Sugar | Glade Plug-in Refills |
| Bread Crumbs | Noodles | Salad Dressing | Awesome Orange |
| Tomato Sauce | Saltine/Ritz Crackers | Styro | Floor Cleaner |
| Rotel/Chili | Corn Meal/Flour | Plates/Cups/Bowls | Clorox Wipes/Lysol |
| Cream of Chicken | Pudding | Plastic Forks | Body Wash |
| Tuna/Chicken | Pop Corn | Plastic Spoons | Face Wash |
| Manwich | Gatorade | Oven Cleaner | Deodorant |
| Pinto Beans | Country Time | Dish Detergent | Shampoo |
| Chili Seasoning | Lemonade | Dishwasher | Conditioner |
| Taco Seasoning | Creamer | Detergent | Hairspray |
| Chicken/Beef Broth | Splenda/Equal | Laundry Detergent | Shaving Cream |
| Cream of Celery | Lemon Juice | Bathroom Cleaners | Hair Brushes |
| Tea/Coffee | Confection Sugar | Window Cleaner | Hair Combs |
| Juices/Kool-aid | Cereal/Pop Tarts | Clorox | Hand Soap |
| Black-eye Peas | Snacks/Chips | Dryer Sheets | Construction Paper |
| Minute Rice | Canned Pears | Fabrice Softener | Pens/Mechanical |
| Cream of Mushroom | Apple Sauce | Vinegar | Pencils |
| Soups-all kinds | Peaches/Pineapple | SOS Pads | Color Pencils |
| Bush Bake Beans | Fruit Cocktail | Magic Erasers | Sheets/Pillows |
| Pizza Sauce/Salsa | Cranberry Sauce | Garbage Bags (all sizes) | Dish Cloths/Towels |
| Peanut Butter/Jelly | Cake Mixes/Frosting | Parchment Paper | Towels/Wash Cloths |
| Refried Beans | Brownie Mix | Ziplock Bags (qt/gal) | Batteries |
| | Cookie Mix | | |