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A Ministry of the
Free Will Baptist
Children's Home



Home HAPPENINGS

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

TWENTY YEARS OLD

The annual Eldridge Toy Run and Benefit Ride will reach a milestone this year. The event will be 20 years old! What began as a few motorcycle riders who brought Christmas gifts to the children at our Home has now grown to one of the longest and largest benevolent events in this region of the United States. Twenty years of helping children has resulted in amazing increases of people attending and money being raised for the Home.

In the recent years, the event held on the Home's campus has grown to over 1500 people, over 750 motorcycles, and over 40 antique vehicles. The funds raised each year have followed, increasing to over \$120,000. In fact, last year set a new record with the total reaching \$161,000.

Since this is the 20th year, the Benefit Team will have some special ways to commemorate the milestone. If you have never attended the Toy Run, this would be a fabulous year to do so. Come and enjoy the event. Better yet, come and be a volunteer. Come and watch the smiles of the children as they receive their gifts. Come and watch the bigger smiles of those who give the gifts. Come and have your heart warmed. You will be glad you did.

Visit our website www.fwbhome.org for more information.



20TH ANNUAL
ELDRIDGE TOY RUN
DECEMBER 3, 2022

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



MANDY MITCHELL

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DIRECTOR'S DESK

Along with providing a safe and loving home for children in need, part of our mission is sharing the love of Christ with our residents. We run our Children's Home with a Biblical worldview-which is a new experience for our children. We do not let the world dictate our rules and how we entertain ourselves. Just recently one of our newer residents said that we went "overboard on the whole Christian thing." He said that going to church three times a week and listening to Christian music, and not being able to watch anything they wanted on TV was "a little much."

This is not an uncommon opinion from new residents, especially teenagers. It is our job and privilege to show these children that Christianity is not something we do, it is who we are because of what Jesus did for us on the cross. We share what Jesus did for us because we know that is the key to their life being successful. If we love them, we will share with them the best thing that ever happened to us and is the source of our joy and peace-something that they so desperately need.

In the past 12 months we have had 8 residents make salvation decisions. This is the single best thing we can brag about. Most of these children had never been to church before. They have not heard the Bible lessons of Jonah, Moses, or Adam and Eve. They didn't know how much God loved them, even when it seemed like no one else did.

Thank you for being part of this victory with us. Please keep praying for our residents-that they will continue to grow and strengthen their relationships with the Lord, as well as those who have not made salvation decisions yet.



The school year is progressing quickly. Several of our children are participating in extra-curricular activities such as sports and music. Here are a few photos of our family involved in these activities.



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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HARVEST DRIVE

Thank You



This year's Harvest Drive was a real help. Thanks to all who brought supplies and/or gave money for the drive. It was a blessing to see long-time friends and to meet new supporters. Your gifts of supplies is not only a financial help, but it is also an expression of love and concern. May God bless you!

NEED TO KNOW MORE?

If your church or organization would be interested in having a Home representative come and share with you about our ministry, please give us a call (205) 924-9751 and we will be glad to schedule a time. It is always our privilege to meet our many supporters in person and to share what God is doing.



ZOE	11-02-11
DRAVEN	11-03-16
GRACIOUS	11-04-03
MIA	11-04-09
MIKA	11-08-05
SOPHIA	11-12-11

GINA (STAFF)	11-22
HOLLY	11-30-06
BRITTANY (STAFF)	12-02
MATTHEW	12-21-04

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

IN MEMORY

Fayrene Chambers
 Peggy Owens
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CHRISTMAS AT OUR HOME

Yes, Christmas is quickly approaching. It will be here soon and in the meantime, excitement will begin to grow in the heart of our young people. You, our friends, help make that possible. Each year our supporters through gifts, visits, parties, and cards share the joy of the season with our children.

We look forward to seeing many familiar faces and welcoming new friends into our family. If you are interested in participating in "Christmas at the Home", contact Gina by calling the office or e-mailing her at gina@fwbhome.org. She will be glad to provide any information you may need.

Thanks for making Christmas special for our children.

