

Items Needed

- Cream of chicken
- Cream of mushroom
- Cream of celery
- Coffee/Tea bags
- Salad dressings
- Tomato sauce/Rotel
- Lemonade mix
- Chicken noodle soup
- Tomato soup
- Snacks/Chips
- Oatmeal
- Cereal
- Sugar
- Pancake mix
- Cooking oil/Spray
- Can fruit
- Washing detergent
- Clorox
- Fabric Sopsner/Sheets
- Windex
- Cleaning supplies
- Dish detergent
- Spot remover
- Furniture polish
- Toilet tissue
- Styro cups/plates
- Paper towels
- Cheese sauce
- Can vegetables
- Spaghetti sauce/Noodles
- Bisquick
- Tuna
- Mayo/Ketchup/Mustard
- Diced tomatoes
- Cookie mix
- Spices
- Onion/Garlic salt
- Black pepper
- Sage
- Red pepper flakes
- Olives
- Chili/Taco seasoning
- Mops
- Brooms/Dustpans

HOME News

The children's bathrooms in some of our houses were updated as a result of a grant given to the Home.



Several of our residents are participating in sports at their school.

The **Father to the Fatherless** campaign is held each June. When you receive the mailing, please take time to read the information and contribute as generously as you can.



March/April 2018

A Ministry of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home



SUMMER Camp

Summer Camp will be here before you know it. Our supporters help make camp possible for our children by donating the \$75 snack and activity fee. It is a wonderful way to invest in a child's life. Thanks for helping them experience a Christian camp.



If you would like to help, make a gift and be sure to earmark it for "camp".



Home HAPPENINGS

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

MINISTERS OF GOD

There are many areas of ministry in God's kingdom. Pastors, musicians, teachers, deacons, preachers, and missionaries are examples of those we are quick to name as ministers. Not many people would name house parents, but they definitely deserve to be included on that list. A minister by definition is a servant – a servant of God and a servant to others.



The team of house parents at our Home certainly fits this definition. Each day they demonstrate the love of God often in the midst of difficult situations and harsh reactions. Hectic schedules, emotional stress, repeated illnesses, and unending questions must be faced with grace and patience. They have been called of God to serve the children who need a home and do it as representatives of the Lord.

It can be a difficult task without much appreciation, but there are some wonderful rewards. There is the joy of seeing one of those children follow Christ. There is the internal warmth from seeing smiles on a child's face. And then there is the incomparable feeling of satisfaction that comes from being obedient to the Lord.

We are very blessed to have these ministers of God serving here in Eldridge: Judy, Dick, Barb, Lynn, Howard, Kellie, James, and Brittney. How proud we are that they are a part of our team. We ask you keep them in your prayers.

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 Join us on Facebook: [Alabama FWB Children's Home](https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaFWBChildrensHome)
 E-mail us at: admin@fwbhome.org

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ST. CROIX Bound

Congratulations, Justin for being selected for E-team, but also for being inducted to the National Honor Society at the Winfield City High School. We are proud of you!

Hello from the FWB Children's Home in Alabama! I'm Justin Skelton and I have exciting news to share! I have been chosen to serve on E-TEAM St. Croix 2018. My team and I will spend three weeks in training and serving on the mission field. I know there will be much work to be done on the island because of the hurricane damage.

I'm asking for your help. First of all, please begin praying for my team and me to have a positive impact on the people to whom we will be serving. Ask the Lord to prepare hearts (ours and theirs) so we can have a fruitful time there for the Lord's glory. Secondly, I'm needing financial support. I have to raise \$3,700 in order for me to make the trip. If you are able to help, I would be very grateful!

You may send your donation to the following address:
Justin Skelton, c/o ALFWBCH
P.O. Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554
Please make checks out to the Children's Home and earmark it "Justin's E-TEAM 2018".

Thank you in advance for your help!
In Christ,
Justin

MARK YOUR Calendars

Block off **Saturday, July 14, 2018.**

You will want to be present for the dedication and open house of the renovated Thorogood house. The sandstone home built in the 1890's has been going through repair and restoration for the last several months. The house is looking fabulous and we want our friends and the community to share in the celebration of the project's completion. A dedication and ribbon cutting at 1:00 pm will get the event started. Touring the property and enjoying refreshments will continue until 3:00 pm.

Hope to see you there!



NEED A SPEAKER?

Want your church or organization to hear more about the Home? Our Director, Mandy Mitchell and Representative, Skip Sutton are both available to address your group. Just give us a call at (205) 924-9751 and we will discuss scheduling a time for you.

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MANDY MITCHELL

We feel humbled, blessed, and extremely thankful that the Lord would allow us to have a small part in these children's salvation decisions.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

With 2018 in full swing I took some time to review 2017 at the Children's Home. In 2017 we had 54 children come through the doors of our Home. Fifty-four children whom we were blessed with the opportunity to love on, provide for, and ensure that they had everything they needed. A majority of these children came from neglectful situations where they did not have a safe home to live in or their basic needs met.

For many of these children, we were able to take them to church for the first time, or for the first time in a long time. For the first time we were able to pray with them and spend time doing family devotions. For many of them we were able to give them their very first Bible and teach them how to read it, use it, and love it. In 2017 we saw 16 children come to know Jesus Christ as their savior. We feel humbled, blessed, and extremely thankful that the Lord would allow us to have a small part in these children's salvation decisions.

You, our supporters, who pray for us and/or support the Home financially, are a part of all of these blessings as well. Thank you for your love and support for the Home. Pray with us that 2018 will see more children's lives changed than ever before.

Happy Birthday!
Hope you have a special day.



3/11/08 Alexis
3/28/07 Maleah
3/30/10 Elly
4/1 Mandy (staff)
4/29/04 Angel

HONOR ROLL

JESSALYNN
ALEXIS
CHARITY
JUSTIN

Congratulations!
Keep up the good work.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We would sure like to hear your opinion of our newsletter, Home Happenings. Do you enjoy receiving it? What could improve it? Please send your comments and suggestions to gina@fwbhome.org

While we are asking, if you would prefer to receive the newsletter by email instead of being mailed just send an email with "Save the Stamp" in the subject to gina@fwbhome.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

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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.

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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