

MARCH/APRIL 2021

A Ministry of the
Free Will Baptist
Children's Home



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

DONUT Dash

5K & FUN RUN

Looking for a way to help the children in our care? May we suggest an event which will provide publicity and income for the Home while providing exercise and fun. The first ever FWB Children's Home **Donut Dash 5K and Fun Run will be held April 17, 2021.** It will take place at the Home's campus with registration beginning at 7:00 am. The 5K begins at 8:00 am followed by the 1 mile Fun Run which starts at 8:45 am.

We need participants and sponsors to make this event successful. People who enjoy running and those who want to enjoy the spring outdoors are encouraged to visit our website and look for the registration tab. The registration fee is \$25 for the 5K and \$15 for the Fun Run.

There are two types of sponsors for groups, churches, and businesses. They can be T-shirt sponsors or Sign sponsors. T-shirt sponsorship is \$350 and will put the Business or group name on the back of the Race Shirt and on the Children's Home website. Sign sponsorship is \$100 and includes the name of the sponsor on a sign along the route and on the website. All the information to become a sponsor is on our website (fwbhome.org) or call the office (205-924-9751). The deadline for T-shirt sponsorships is March 19 and Sign sponsorships is March 31.

We hope you join in the fun for our First 5K and Fun Run.



MANDY MITCHELL

DIRECTOR'S DESK

By the time this newsletter reaches your homes, one year will have passed since the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic. I know many of us have learned a lot during this year- about our country and its leaders, our communities, our families (as we faced weeks and months in quarantine together), and ourselves. As a Christian, I am always thankful to know that challenging times are for a purpose-they are for God's glory and they are lessons for us to learn from.

As a Children's Home we faced so many challenges with quarantines, home schooling, numerous COVID cases with our children and staff, and obstacles regarding our resident's situations that stood at standstills or went at a turtle's speed.

In the early days I know my family enjoyed a slower pace, the simple things like made-from- scratch goodies on a daily basis and nights at home instead of the busyness of life. At the Children's Home our houseparents did their best to take advantage of outdoor activities such as hiking and landmarks. One houseparent even made a competition of eating out on a dime...once a week she and her girls would drive to all the local fast food restaurants and get only dollar or BOGO deals while they enjoyed their treats from the van. It did not take long for most of us to get a bit stir-crazy and frustrated. As a Children's Home we faced so many challenges with quarantines, home schooling, numerous COVID cases with our children and staff, and obstacles regarding our resident's situations that stood at standstills or went at a turtle's speed.

During this past year we have had about 45 children on our campus. I'm so thankful that we have been able to be a haven to them. During this challenging year, with schools closed or doing virtual education, there are so many children who have not gotten a respite from their challenging, and in many cases, abusive and neglectful home situations.

Despite everything this year, we have been so blessed and also challenged. We have been challenged to greater faith, greater service, and a closer relationship and a deeper commitment to our Lord. We have also learned how much we may have taken for granted, like our in-person church services. The churches that we attend do so much to encourage, love, and support our children and staff.

As you continue to pray for us, we pray that you would be blessed this year with all of God's precious promises. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to our ministry!



SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp will be here before you know it. Our supporters help make camp possible for our children by donating \$125 to sponsor a child for camp.

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".

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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Happy Birthday!

Hope you have a special day.

VANESSA	3/09/07
MANDY (STAFF)	4/1
ANGEL	4/29/04



HONOR ROLL

WELL DONE!

Keep Up The Good Work.

ANGEL • MAKAYLA • MIKA • SKYLAR
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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: amzn.to/2WThH9I.

FUN IN THE Snow



MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

IN MEMORY

Frank Barron
 Mark Rakestraw
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IN HONOR

Faye Forrester
 Chase & Lydia Robertson
 Shirley Postell

DONOR

Travelers Rest Church Family
 Mark & Karon Barber
 David & Laurie Johnson

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

- Carrots (Can)
- Lima Beans
- Pinto Beans
- Coffee/Tea Bags
- Salad Dressings
- Tomato Sauce/Rotel
- Lemonade Mix
- Baked Beans
- Pink Salmon
- Bread Crumbs
- Manwich Sauce
- Chicken Broth
- Salsa/BBQ Sauce
- Cake Frosting
- Gravy Mixes
- Snacks/Chips
- Oatmeal
- Cereal/Pop Tarts

- Crackers
- Brown Sugar
- Confection Sugar
- Sugar
- Pancake Mix
- Cooking Oil/Spray
- Can Fruits
- Laundry Detergent
- Clorox Clean Up
- Fabric Softner/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/Chicken
- Mayo
- Diced Tomatoes
- Cookie Mix
- Spices
- Onion/Garlic Salt
- Black/White Pepper
- Sage
- Red Pepper Flakes
- Olives/Pickles
- Chili/taco Seasoning
- Mops/brooms/Dustpans

E-mail us at: admin@fwbhome.org 

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