



Home HAPPENINGS

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



FROM A VOLUNTEER'S VIEW

Twenty-one years ago, my husband rode in the first toy run for the Eldridge Children's Home. When he got home, he said, "Honey you are going to want to be a part of this". The next year we both rode our motorcycles and joined the group leaving from Sulligent. Little did I know that twenty years later I would still be involved. I only rode for a couple of years because help was needed to prepare the food for those who come. Whether riding or helping as a volunteer, each person who participates is important.

This Home is not here by accident. God saw a need and laid it on many people's hearts to do something about it. It is heart-warming to know that no matter their circumstance, the children are being nurtured in a safe and loving family environment.

Even though there is so much to see and do, the highlight of the day for me is getting to sit with the children as they open their Christmas presents. The joy on their smiling faces and their hugs of thanks is what it is all about. I encourage everyone to join us on this very special day. Whether two wheels, three wheels, or four wheels, just come so you too can experience this special blessing.

Remember: "ALL ROADS LEAD TO **Eldridge**
THE FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER!"

Kaye Jagers, Benefit Team Member

JUST A NOTE: *Despite the rainy weather approximately*
250 motorcycles *came to the campus.*

In addition, about **1000 people** *attended.*

At press time the donations were approaching a new record!





MANDY MITCHELL

DIRECTOR'S DESK

One of our greatest joys here at the Home is watching our children grow into their potential. To see a shy, withdrawn child, who has never been able to trust anyone, become a mature, funny, loving, goal-oriented person warms our heart. To witness the work of a loving God changing these children's hearts and lives is a reward that cannot be described.

We received a note from an individual who sponsored one of our children for Christmas for three years in a row. The sponsor commented how it was such a joy to watch this child turn from a shy little girl into a mature butterfly. She commented how it has been such a thrill to watch her blossom and bloom during that time. Even though she only visited with her once a year, she could see a huge difference.

A safe, loving home, that keeps Christ first, makes a huge difference in a child's life. For most of us, having anything less than is unimaginable. But families in our world are in trouble-the very entity itself is under attack in every way. We are so thankful for your continued support through donations and prayer that allow us to step in and be a sanctuary to these children who need a home. May the Lord bless you this New Year as the Lord has blessed us.

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HONOR ROLL



Great work! We are proud of your efforts.

MAKAYLA | JIMMY | ZA
JAMES | SKYLAR | SOPHIA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Hope you have a special day.



JAMES 01-04-12
DICK (STAFF) 01-31
HOWARD (STAFF) 02-07

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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Memorial Gifts

Below are memorial contributions from November/December 2023.
We thank all those who honor their loved ones in this special way.

IN MEMORY

Carey Pickett
Jerry "8-Ball" Evans
Mark Rakestraw
Will Besant
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IN MEMORY

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Micheline Eberhard

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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Christmas Time

The Christmas season was a wonderful experience around the Home. There were lots of lights, decorations, and parties to enjoy. Our Home Christmas party provided good food and competition. It also gave us the opportunity for the staff and children to focus on the first Christmas gift, Jesus. Then there were the individuals, churches and organizations that brought gifts throughout the month of December. We are so grateful for the generosity of these friends. They truly make Christmas special for our children. It seems so inadequate but **THANK YOU!**

