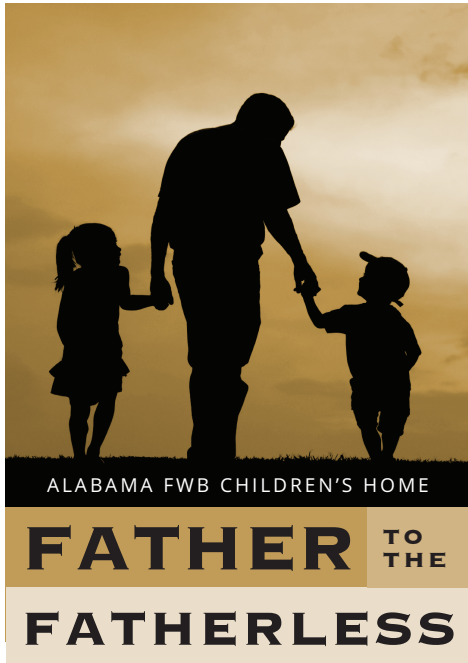


A MINISTRY OF THE  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME



# Home HAPPENINGS

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



We have seen hundreds of children arrive on our campus. They come from diverse situations and various locations. Though they may be very different in personality or appearance, they have one thing in common; they need a place to stay where they are loved and safe. They need a home.

Every June on Father's Day we ask our friends and supporters to do a couple of things. First, we ask them to pray specifically for our children and staff. Second, we request a special financial gift to help us provide for our children. We call this the Father to the Fatherless offering. Your gift enables the Home's staff to daily fill the role of a good father as we provide:

- **Physical necessities** - shelter clothing food medicine
- **Educational opportunities** - school, training, correction, encouragement
- **Emotional support** - hugs, listening ear, expressions of love
- **Spiritual direction** - prayer, Bible reading, church attendance

You may mail your gift to PO Box 8 Eldridge, Alabama 35554 or you may go to our website, [www.fwbhome.org](http://www.fwbhome.org) and give online. Either way, please mark your gift as "Father" so we will know how to use it. Your gift is appreciated!



Thanks to all who participated and sponsored the Donut Dash on Saturday, April 20th. Approximately 40 people participated in the Fun Run and 5K. Join us next year for this event. *It is an enjoyable time while benefiting the Home.*





MANDY MITCHELL

*To see them be able to smile despite all of their hurt gave me hope.*

## DIRECTOR'S DESK

Recently I was able to get our residents together for a group photo. I always promise them a silly photo if they will give pretty smiles for a "regular" one. After the "regular" photo they jump into their silly poses except for a few that are too mature for such foolishness. While the camera was out, they got into their little squads and asked me to take more pictures of them. It was a fun few minutes as I indulged them in their poses and antics.

When I looked at the pictures later, I found myself staring at each one for a long time. Seeing their smiles and joy is such a blessing. I know what each of those children has been through. The abandonment- over half of them abandoned more than once, the abuse, neglect, and the violence they have witnessed. To see them be able to smile despite all of their hurt gave me hope. They are resilient. Even though they can smile, I know that they still have deep wounds.

It is the greatest blessing for each one of our staff members to be a part of this ministry. To be able to provide these children the opportunity to smile, make good memories, and to experience childhood in a loving and safe environment. Then to be able to introduce them to the Lord, who is the key to permanent peace and belonging that each of them seek. Thank you for being a part of this ministry, through prayer and or financial support. You help us to make these smiles possible.



4TH ANNUAL 5K & FUN RUN

APRIL 20, 2024



## HONOR ROLL

*Great work! We are proud of your efforts.*

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## 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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FWBCH does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality, or ethnic origin.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rodney Yerby, Chairman  
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# SUMMER CAMP

Please consider sponsoring one of our children for summer camp. We are excited about helping all residents attend a quality Christian camp. A gift of \$125 meets a child's fees including snacks and activities. Hope you will consider being a sponsor. It is a great investment in a child's life. If you would like to help, send your donation, and be sure to earmark it for camp.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School will be out soon, and before you know it, school will be opening again. The list provided below details what the schools have requested for the students. There are also fees for items like lockers, sports, and computers. If you prefer, you can make a financial donation and designate it for school supplies and we will purchase the items. Any assistance you can provide is a blessing to us.



- MECHANICAL PENCILS • SHARPIES • PENS
- EARBUDS/HEADPHONES • COPY PAPER
- CLEAR PAGE PROTECTORS
- COLLEGE RULE NOTEBOOK PAPER
- EXPO MARKERS • SCOTCH TAPE
- CLOROX WIPES • KLEENEX

# Memorial Gifts

*Below are memorial contributions from March/April 2024. We thank all those who honor their loved ones in this special way.*

### IN MEMORY

Carey Pickett  
  
Mike Earrey  
Daryl Rowe, Sr.

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Bro. Terry & Joyce Booker

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*Hope you have a special day.*

KENNY 5/3/12  
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ANDREW 5/13/08  
KELLIE (STAFF) 5/15  
LYNN (STAFF) 5/16  
ADILEIGH 5/31/07

*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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-  Join us on Facebook: [Alabama FWB Children's Home](#)
-  E-mail us at: [admin@fwbhome.org](mailto:admin@fwbhome.org)

- Tomato Soup
- Vegetable Beef Soup
- Lima Beans
- Chicken Broth
- Chili/Chili Beans
- Can Carrots
- Can Potatoes
- Can Sweet Potatoes
- Diced Tomatoes
- Tomato Sauce
- Spaghetti Sauce/Noodles
- Gravy Mix
- Can Fruits
- Cereal/Pop Tarts
- Egg Noodles
- Cooking Oil/Spray
- Tea/Coffee
- Sugar
- Pancake Syrup
- Snack Foods
- Foil/Wax Paper
- Plastic Wrap
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels/Napkins
- Toilet Tissue
- Ziplock Sandwich Bags
- 20 oz. Sytro Cups/Plates
- Laundry Products
- Cleaning Products
- Light Bulbs

**HOW YOU CAN HELP!**  
MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE LISTED ABOVE.