

A Ministry of the  
Free Will Baptist Children's Home

# Home HAPPENINGS

"Providing a Loving Home for Hurting Children"

## The Wilds

The Wilds 2025 was a success just like other years. This camp has an incredible impact in lives! We have been fortunate enough to attend this camp for many years. Many of our children have made decisions to commit their lives to Jesus during camp weeks. This year was no different with decisions including salvation, repentance and wanting to grow closer to the Lord were made.

Bob Roberts encouraged all of us to be the image of God and to bear His name in our daily lives with our words and actions. Pray for him. 'Big Bob' has been the speaker at The Wilds junior camp every year that we have attended. The children love Big Bob! He has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. It has not stopped him from serving God. He taught them with more compassion than I've ever seen him before. He told them he may not have much more time to reach children for Jesus so "I'm not running a marathon - I'm in a sprint now".

We all need to be doing the same because none of us know how much longer we have to reach people for Jesus. It is our responsibility to share the gospel message for it is the news of salvation. God has blessed us with great opportunities to help each of our children learn about Jesus and serve Him with their lives. Please continue to pray for them and pray that we will always do our best to teach them with our own words and actions.



## 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 four 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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MANDY MITCHELL

*"One of our goals here - for our children to feel like they have a place to belong."*

## DIRECTOR'S DESK

Back in the spring one of our girls celebrated her birthday with us for the first time. Our houseparent's really try to make each child's birthday special, which is something many of them have never experienced. This young lady decided she wanted to have homemade burgers on the grill and eat them on the back deck of their house. The houseparent shared that she looked around at everyone there and said that this was the best birthday she ever had, that she just loved being with them, and how they all were just laughing and having a good time. She said for the first time she felt like she belonged to a real family.

That is one of our goals here - for our children to feel like they have a place to belong. Don't we all want that? We are so thankful that we can provide a home for children who have never felt like they have a place to belong. We also get to teach them about how with their heavenly Father, they always have a place to belong. Thank you to our donors who make this possible with your prayers and financial support.

## AROUND THE CAMPUS

- ✓ Some of our residents and staff have been working on a prayer garden.
- ✓ A new sign has been erected on the Home's property at the intersection of AL 13 and AL 118. The sign is another means of letting people know about our ministry.



## LOOKING



We are blessed when we consider the tenure of our house parents. We have very little turnover. In fact, one of our parent staff has over 30 years of service, and another over 20 years. Obviously, there comes a time for staff members to start considering retirement. That time is approaching for us. Therefore, we are looking for quality, Christian people interested in serving the Lord as house parents. Applicants must have a heart for children and possess godly character. If you or someone you know would like to know more, contact Mandy Mitchell at (205) 924-9751.





# Memorial Gifts

Below are memorial contributions from April - June 2025.  
We thank all those who honor their loved ones in this unique way.

Congratulations to our campus counselor, **Ralinda Aspy**, upon her completion of her Ph.D. from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. As part of our staff, she works with our residents who are struggling with emotional and behavioral issues. She is also available to meet with private clients (in person or on-line). The cost is nominal and based on income so anyone can avail themselves to this service. Call (205) 924-9751 and ask to speak with Ralinda.

## School Supplies



School will start back in early August for our children. We wanted to let you know again about some of the items we will need for them when they go back. Listed below are some of the things we will need:

*Mechanical pencils, sharpies, computer paper, earbuds/headphones, pens, scotch tape, highlighters, expo markers, Kleenex, 1 & 2-inch binders*

If you prefer, you can make a financial donation, and we will purchase the items. There are several school fees we must pay, too. These fees include computers, lockers, sports, etc. Also, another need would be a financial donation to purchase some of their back-to-school clothes and shoes. They always enjoy having a new outfit for the first day of school. Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated.



*Hope you have a special day.*

RALINDA (STAFF)	7- 1	ELLEN	9-09
KATONNA	7-24-08	MASON	9-13-12
ZA	8-08-08	JUDY (STAFF)	9-18
ERICA (STAFF)	8-15	KATRINA (STAFF)	9-21
NOAH	8-16-12	MEDJOUNA	9-22-12

### IN MEMORY

Carey Pickett  
Melissa B. Howell  
David B. Beasley  
Jan Miller Bliss  
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Reba Maddox  
Stephen Wesley Floyd  
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Sue Hallman Key  
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### IN HONOR

Glenda Key

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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.*



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# Fall HARVEST DRIVE

*The Fall Harvest Drive has been an annual event for the Home since the 1960's. Over the years churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals have donated tons of food, cleaning supplies, and paper products. The drive is a major element in stocking our pantry and reducing our expenses. It is also a wonderful way for folks to have a practical and more personal method of supporting our children.*

*In this issue of Home Happenings, we have provided an extensive list of specific items we presently need. We encourage you to join others in making this year's drive a remarkable success. Thank you for thinking of us. Whatever you are able to give, it will definitely be appreciated!*

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| Dried/Can Red Beans       | Pickles/Olives               | Shampoo/Conditioners   |
| Pinto Beans/Lima Beans    | Cooking Oil/Spray            | Deodorant              |
| Black-Eye Peas            | Meal/Flour-Self Rising       | Toothpaste/Mouthwash   |
| Green Beans               | Cereal/Pop Tarts             | Tylenol/Pain Relievers |
| Northern Beans            | Hot Chocolate Mix            | Band-Aids              |
| Hot Manwich               | Sugar/Brown Sugar            | Shaving Cream          |
| Turnip Greens             | Onion/Garlic/Sage            | Liquid Hand Soap       |
| Tomatoes/Rotel            | Coffee/Family Size           | Laundry Detergent      |
| Chili/Chili Beans         | Tea Bags/Family Size         | Fabric Softener        |
| Can Fruits                | Gatorade/Bottled Water       | Dryer Sheets           |
| Instant/Can Potatoes      | Lemonade Mix                 | Dishwashing Liquid     |
| Can Chicken/Ham           | Salsa/Chips                  | Dishwasher Detergent   |
| Salsa/Chips               | Peanut Butter/Jelly/Syrup    | Garbage Bags/All Sizes |
| Can Yams/Sweet Potatoes   | Snacks of All Kinds          | Paper Towels/Napkins   |
| Chicken/Beef Broth        | Foil/Saran Wrap              | Kleenex                |
| Hamburger Helper          | Crock Pot Bags               | Toilet Tissue          |
| Pizza/Enchilada Sauce     | Parchment Paper              | Furniture Polish       |
| Cream of Celery, Chicken  | Zip Lock Bags/All Sizes      | Windex                 |
| Mushroom Soups            | Styro Cups/12&16 oz.         | Lysol Spray            |
| Can Carrots/Mixed Veggies | Styro Divided/Regular Plates | Brooms/Dustpans        |
| Cake Mix/Frostings        | Mayo/Ketchup/Mustard         | Mops                   |
| Hot Sauce/BBQ Sauce       | Salad Dressings              | Clorox                 |
| Crackers/All Kind         | Spaghetti Noodles            |                        |
| Instant Puddings/Jello    | Bodywash                     |                        |