



Team ACH Rides for Children



Pictured left to right, sitting: Linda Fitzgerald and Tracy Brinkley. Standing, front row: Doug Aderhold, Tim Bell, Gretta Stookey, and Lynn Staley. Second row: Barry Sink, Russ Gobble, R.P. Hughes and Mike Hatfield. Not pictured: Brian Fitzgerald, Larry Fagge, and Bo Pierce.

As the weather cooled across the Triad, a team of 12 bike riders crossed the state in October as part of the Cycle North Carolina "Mountains to the Coast" Fall Ride to benefit the American Children's Home. For the third year, members of Team ACH set out to ride nearly 500 miles in seven days as part of the Cycle North Carolina "Mountains to the Coast" Fall Ride to raise money and awareness for the American Children's Home. The CNC — Fall Ride, which drew over 1,100 riders, is designed to promote physical

fitness and health and provide economic impact and publicity to rural communities across the state while showcasing the state's beauty, scenic attractions and cultural diversity. Russ Gobble, team member and ACH president, said, "For the riders, it is not only a personal challenge, but an opportunity to do something for kids." The goal is to raise money to be used for the building campaign to continually refurbish cottages as needed to provide suitable living conditions for the children who call our campus home.

Traveling an average of 70 miles per day, the team left Elkin on October 2 and arrived in Corolla on October 8 making stops for the night in Mayodan, Mebane, Henderson, Rocky Mount, Plymouth and Manteo. The team's jerseys were sponsored by Old Red Bike, Team Uncle Lynn, Don Juan's Mexican Restaurant and the N.C. State Council — Jr. O.U.A.M. Gobble said that with over 30 teenagers calling the ACH campus "home," it is costly to keep up with the wear and tear on their cottages. Team ACH has raised over \$35,000 in three

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years. "According to author Pat Conroy, the words 'tell me a story' comprise four of the most powerful words in the English language" said Tracy Brinkley, who rode for Team ACH for the third time. "As Team ACH pedals across North Carolina, telling the story of the American Children's Home becomes second nature to us. We are passionate about combining our love for cycling with the opportunity to share how ACH's vision is meeting the tremendous needs of these children."

Letter from the President

Russ Gobble, Ed.D. President/CEO

I love to hear a story that brightens my day or have the opportunity to tell a story that does the same for someone else. As important as this is to me personally, I also understand that stories are an important component of an organization and often have a direct effect on the success of an agency to complete its mission. In their book entitled *Reframing Organizations: Artistry, choice and Leadership*, the authors Lee Bowman and Terrence Deal reinforced my understanding when they stated that stories convey the morals and values of an organization and they also serve to establish and perpetuate traditions. Since our mission is to help children, I like to share stories that reflect our mission and the positive relationships we develop with the children entrusted to our care. My goal for this letter is to share my favorite story with you.

The story involves a young man named Patrick. If you knew him this story might have more relevance for you, but it is fair for me to say that he has overcome some difficult circumstances in his life; however, he has managed to keep his sense of humor intact. One day Patrick arrived outside my door and asked if he could come in and talk to me. I said, "Sure, have a seat." I had my back to him and was in the middle of trying to finish an e-mail that seemed like it didn't want to be finished, so I said to him, "Patrick if you will give me one minute to finish this e-mail I'll give you my undivided attention." He replied, "No problem." He sat down and remained quite while I attempted to hammer out the rest of this complex message. After about a minute, he broke our agreement for silence and said, "Dr. Gobble." Interrupted and slightly annoyed by this breach of verbal contract, but without stopping or turning around in my chair, I said, "Yes, Patrick." He asked, "Did you know that you have a little bald spot on the back of your head?" I replied, "Patrick, I am aware of that and thank you for reminding me, but I still need a few minutes before we can discuss whatever it is that is really on your mind." I went back to work and he sat silently behind me – for about two more minutes. He again broke the silence and said, "Dr. Gobble." A bit more exasperated at this point, I said, "What Patrick?" He said, "You know that they got stuff for that."

Well, as most of you know, there are times that you can't help but laugh even when perhaps you would be better served to produce a different response. Before this laugh had time to fully develop, I wheeled around in my chair and was greeted by a smile about the width of my office. I said, "Out!" and I added, "If that is all that was on your mind then I have better things to do." I finished my "false rant" with a smile to match his. At that point we both shared a laugh and to this day I'm not sure I ever found out what he really had on his mind that day or if giving me a hard time about my hair (or lack of) had been his plan all along. Whatever the circumstances were for his decision to come to my office, the end result was a stronger relationship between the two of us. Now, two years later, he will sometimes remind me that my bald spot is getting larger and I still insist on running him out of the room.

This story and many others like it make the American Children's Home a very special place. Fortunately for us we get to live these stories, cultivate them to remind ourselves that values can come to life and use them to re-enforce traditions that change the lives of children. Our staff understands and appreciates that without your help and support that these stories would be fewer, farther between and not nearly as rich. As a reminder, and especially with the fast approaching holiday season, we would invite you to remember that you too are an important part of these stories, part of our history and an active participant in our mission to change the lives of children. From all of us we wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

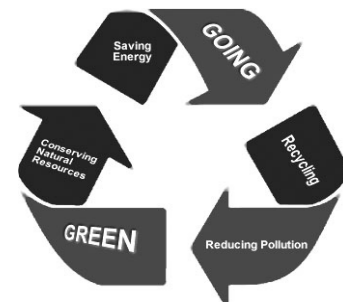


We're Going Green!

As we continue to strive to spend wisely, we are also trying to reduce our carbon footprint. We intend to start by offering our donors and readers the opportunity to read our newsletter on-line. This will not only reduce our costs of printing and mailing the newsletter, but will help save the environment by reducing our use of paper, ink and energy.

As with our mail list, we will respect your privacy and work to protect it. We will not sell, rent, give away or in any other way share your e-mail address. We value your support and will do everything possible to keep your information safe and secure.

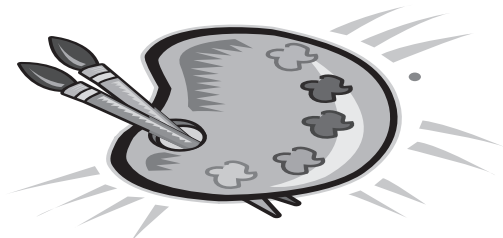
We will begin this process with the February 2012 edition of the newsletter. The newsletter will be posted on our website and a link will be e-mailed to those choosing to participate.



To receive the e-mail version and discontinue receipt by mail, subscribe at: news@ach-nc.org.

Back To School Doings

Summer was filled with activities and events from wakeboarding at Uwharrie Point and enjoying a hot dog and a Grasshoppers Baseball Game at Newbridge Bank Park to a day at Camp Walter Johnson and friends who visited on campus. To close the summer and celebrate a return to school, the children (and staff) participated in field day activities and then danced the night away to music provided by 'DJ' Chris Bechtler and his wife Pat.



ACH hosts Arts Discovery Camp



ACH served as Host Site for Arts Discovery Camp's County Camp the week of July 25-29th. The camp sponsored by Grace Episcopal Church gives rising third, fourth and fifth grade students the opportunity to explore the arts through music, dance, drama, and visual arts.

The American Tour Bike Ride



Early on the morning of August 20, 79 riders gathered on the campus of ACH to participate in a 10, 30, or 58 mile route around High Rock Lake and across the Yadkin River. ACH staff, children and the Lexington Council #21 – JOUAM members hosted five rest stops throughout the course leading one participant to state, "This is the best supported ride I have ever ridden." A fajita and taco bar was provided for lunch by Haggi and Juan Montoya of Don Juan's Mexican Restaurant. Haggi helped set up the lunch after riding in the 58 mile route. Walmart of Lexington and Walmart Store #2472 of Winston-Salem were the Rest Stop Sponsors.

Our thanks also go out to the Davidson County Sheriff's Department for traffic control and Healing Springs VFD, Southmont VFD, Transit Damage Freight, and Union Lutheran Church for serving as Rest Stop sites. Also thanks to Steve Berrier and Beth Gobble for driving the SAG wagons and providing support for our riders.



Take Advantage of IRA Charitable Rollover

The compromise tax bill ("Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Authorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010") extends until December 31, 2011, a provision known as the "Charitable IRA Rollover" which allows taxpayers age 70½ or older to make tax-free transfers (of up to \$100,000 per year) directly from their IRA to charities. The law, originally enacted in 2006, expired at the end of 2009, but has now been renewed for an additional two years, through December 31, 2011.

The provision exempts from taxable income any funds transferred ("rolled over") from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to a charitable organization. Taxpayers age 70½ and above are required to make annual distributions from their IRAs. The distributions are included in the taxpayer's adjusted gross in-

come (AGI), and taxpayers pay taxes on them. The IRA Charitable Rollover permits taxpayers to make donations directly to charitable organizations without paying taxes on them. The following limitations apply:

The donor must be age 70½ or older. The cap on annual IRA rollovers is \$100,000. The contribution must be a direct gift to a charity (no planned gifts).

For more information on tax deductible gifts and/or planned giving, talk with your tax or legal advisor for professional counsel. For information on helping insure that the American Children's Home continues to provide a safe and loving home for children, call (336)357-7126.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

June 16, 2011 through October 15, 2011

Bold Type represents persons REMEMBERED



James "Jim" Albertson
Brown and Ruby Loflin

Ellen P. Allen
Robert E. Allen, Jr.

Lionel Alley
Annie Alley

Becky Allison
Mr. and Mrs. David Wright

John W. Barden
Handy Dandy Railroad
Denton Farm Park

Charles and Ruby Barker
Molly Barker

Kaye Beck
Jeff and Lorie Mast

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Louise P. Ferguson

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Directors, Officers & Employees of
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Dickey Bobbitt

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Doris H. Boyd

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Joe and Gail Biesecker
Ginger Briggs

Edith Brinkley
Craig and Bobbie Burris

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Nettie Ruth (Robinson) Brittain
Ann and Dean Brittain,
Stewardson, & Michael Brittain
Elfriede Oller
Karolina Straw

Shirley and Howard Burkhardt
Frances Morgan

Boone and Louise Burris
The Lambeth Family

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Jerry B. Byrd

Hubert J. Carden
Betty C. McCrary

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Senator and Mrs. Stan Bingham

Sandra Carrick
Ken and Evelyn Truell

Debra and Gary Carter
Josh and Marquita Hamilton

Ruth Cecil
Jessie G. Myers

Clifford Chappell
Annie Chappell

Cal Chasteen
Judy Terrell

Clarence "Skinny" Corn
Giles T. Crowell

Ann Costner
Jim Costner

Hilda Cranford
Wilson Carter
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Kirkman

Jack Lee Craven
Senator and Mrs. Stan Bingham

Wayne Craver
Harold and Evelyn Mann & Joe

Beatrice and Weldon Davis
Laura and Elbert Davis

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E. Byron Edwards
Mary Yost

Paul H. Edwards
Elizabeth W. Edwards

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Dr. Barbara L. Everhart

Robert A. Floyd
Margaret Floyd

Zula R. Friday
Adelaid F. Talbert

Austin Frye
Giles T. Crowell
Ken and Cindy Easter

Ernest J. Gayda, Sr.
Ernest J. Gayda, Jr.

Thurston O. Godwin
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William E. Hackett

Christene Young Harris
Robert Rumley

Coy L. Hedrick, Sr.
Patricia E. Hedrick

Margaret Hedrick
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Allred

Odell Hedrick
Frances Morgan

Olin D. Hedrick
Anne and Roy Bevan

Kenneth Hester
Charles M. O'Connor

Bobbie C. Hill
Pamela Hill

Jane M. Hill
Curtis Ray Hill

Uncles Cline & Manson Hilton
Patricia C. West

W. H. Howington
Trophy Council #29, JOUAM-Building Corp. of High Point

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ReElla B. Johnson

June Warren Kenny
F. Roy Meserole

Charles Kempley
Ken and Cindy Easter

Gwyn (Shine) Kilby, Sr.
Barbara G. Widenhouse

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Opel M. Kimbrell

Rebecca Kittrell
Mrs. Tammy K. Armstrong

Susan F. (Sue) Koontz
Ann and Olen Easter, Jr.
Giles T. Crowell
David and Kathy Wright

Bill Leatherman
Bob and Doris Biesecker

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David and Kathy Wright

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Dorothy L. Craver
Richard E. Lumsden

Leo and Edna Leonard
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Robbie Lindsay
Frank Atkinson

Pansy Livengood
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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kirkman

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Bruce Lohr

Laura Jo Long
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Phyllis Mabe

Kevin Mallard
Jean Mallard

Richard Markham
Sarah M. Ferris

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Bill and Melinda Parker
Lin and Jessie Rogers

James Mashburn
Giles T. Crowell

Estelle and Leroy Matthews
Deborah Matthews

Dorothy Eddinger Meredith
Senator and Mrs. Stan Bingham

Ruth Miller
William B. Miller

Sadie Miller
Conrad and JoAnne Harrold

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Frank B. Atkinson

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Frances D. Morgan

Joel Alton Motsinger
Rowan and Jenny Motsinger

Joy Myers
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Trophy Council #29 JOUAM

Willard Neighbors
Andrew J. Brightbill
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Mr. and Mrs. Edwin D. Kiser
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Lee and Anne Templeton
Jim and June Turner



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Hugh B. Payne

Beverly Wood Phillips
Frankie Wood Burrow
Linda Wood Spearman
Raymond L. Wood
Samantha Jean Wood

Jenell Potter
R. V. Potter, Sr.

Betty Nichols Potts
Connie Magee Decker
Connie and Rodney Decker
Nelson and Connie McMahan
Gladys Snider

Frances H. Quinn
Mr. and Mrs. Armando G. Llorente
& Family

Betty Rickard
Senator and Mrs. Stan Bingham

Nona Raper Rogers
Barbara Bowman

Rodney Rouse
Bloundenia Rouse

Kenneth R. Sailer
Gail L. Sailer

Gerald Self
Gloria and Kerry Hilton

Joe Sexton
Craig and Bobbie Burris

Fred Sink
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Brown and Ruby Loflin

Dr. Foyell P. Smith
Mrs. Jessie P. Smith

Gordon Edward Smith
Mrs. Grace Smith

J. Marcus Smith
Sarah Calvin Rackley

Ann Smolowe
Richard Smolowe

Mary Catherine Stanley
Mike Windham

Cranford Odell Stokes
Richard E. Lumsden

Esther "Leckie" Tallant
Mary Kay Helms

Jeffrey Byron Taylor
Paul and Jean Taylor

Leila Torabzadeh
John and Doretha Craver

Joey Tucker
L. Davis Tucker

Bryce Weaver
Gary, Joanie and Taylor Blankenship

Golda Skeen Weddington
Wilson Carter
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kirkman

Doris Whisnant
Michael Whisnant
Billy R. Whisnant

Bill White
Marvin J. Burke

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Mrs. Joan Wilkins

Gerald and Virginia Williams
McCoy and Tammy Hill

Jerry Lee Wilson
The Whitlow Family Reunion
Trophy Council #29, JOUAM

Edgar (Eddie) Windham
Trophy Council #29, JOUAM

Ethel Wise
Juanita Perrell

Charles Leonard Wolff
Cynthia W. Smith

Horace M. Wolff
George H. Futch



HONOR GIFTS

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Bold Type represents persons HONORED



All HomeKids
Craig and Bobbie Burris

Mr. and Mrs. Todd Arnold and Girls
Mrs. Joan Briles

Davis Beck
Johnny and Sydney Beck

Danny Burkhart
Jewell Burkhart
Lafayette Burkhart
Marquita Burkhart
Frances Morgan

Stewart and Kay Burkhart
Donnie and Jeanine Tate

Steve Ennis
Tommy and Diane Wright

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Johnny and Sydney Beck

Vince Gobble
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Jerry R. Tysinger

Josephine Hedrick
Frances Morgan

Sadie Kilcrease
Jerry Kilcrease

Ross Lanier
Ardell and Edna Lanier

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Wayne Pressley

Mary Katherine McPherson
Tony and Belinda McPherson

Mike and Sherry Marley
Joe and Doris Marley

Lisa Nichols
Iris Corzine

Our Service Members in the Army, Navy, Air Force Marines & Coast Guard
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Angela Shelton
Fran McMillan

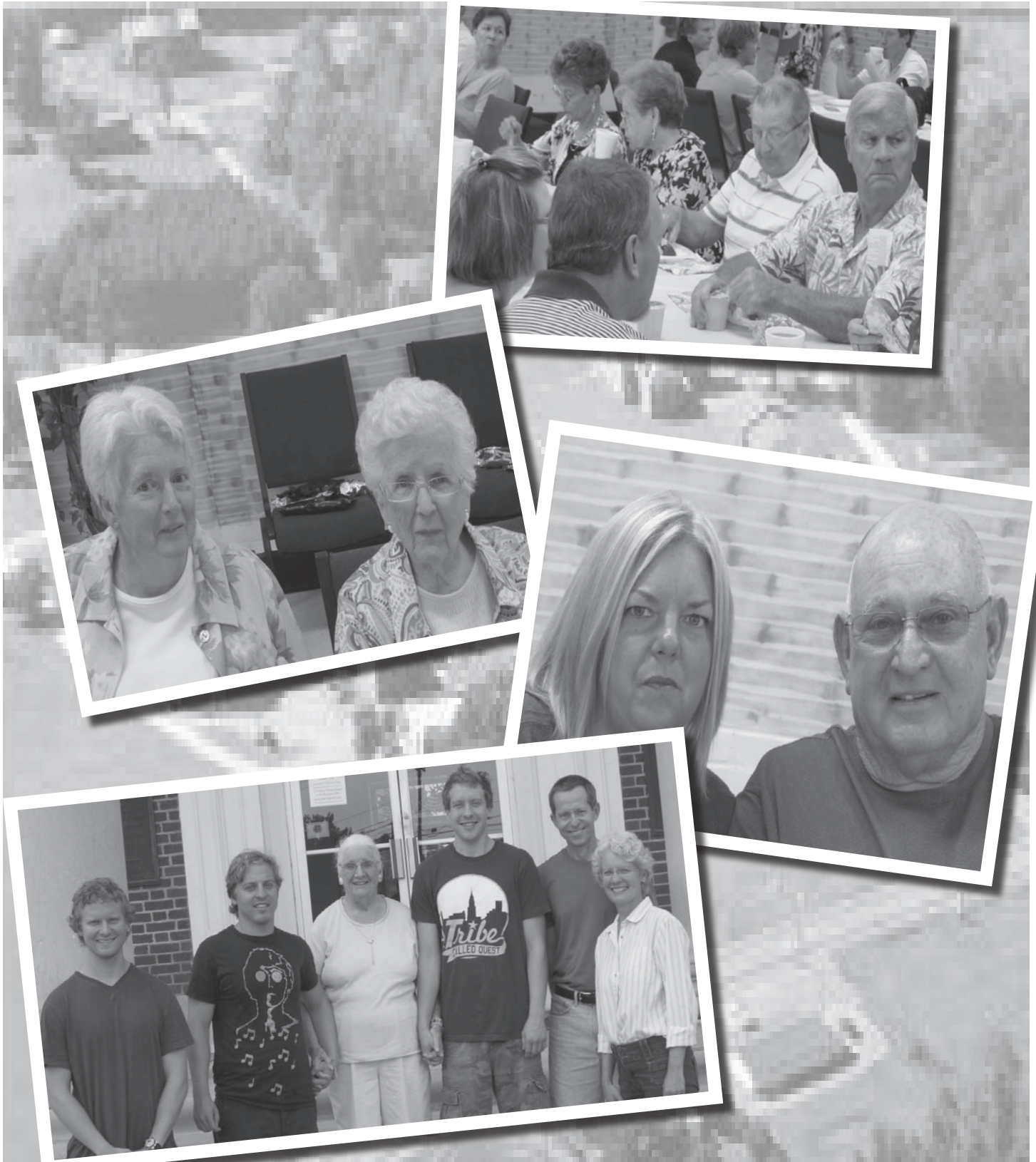
Staff of American Children's Home
Helen Spillers

Bradley and Brandon Wilkes
Dena Wilkes

Dylan Key Wilkes
Dena Wilkes

Scenes from Homecoming 2011

On the weekend of August 5-7, Homekids returned to campus for Homecoming. Activities included a golf tournament, dinner and dance, church service and brunch. Over 100 were in attendance with some families including three generations



OUR VOLUNTEERS



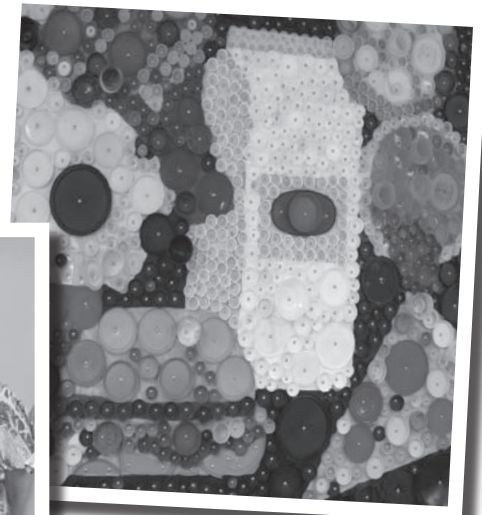
Food Lion Distribution Center Picnic

Food Lion associates invited the staff and children of ACH to their employee picnic held at Dan Nicholas Park in Rowan County in September. The children enjoyed rides, bouncy attractions, bingo and prizes, and plenty of food.



"Food Fight!" Bottle Cap Mural Completed August 1st – 5th by Artists in "Got Caps?" 2011 Summer Art Camp Directed by Lyn Lambros

Lyn Lambros directed this Summer Arts Enrichment Program for students offering age and development appropriate art experiences this summer. Artists created a "CAPtivating" food themed mural for the American Children's Home Cafeteria. This was a once in a lifetime experience where students learned and grew artistically as well as gave back to their community in a meaningful way.



OUR VOLUNTEERS



Joseph tests his skills during the afternoon's activities.



Members of Calvary Baptist Church donated 30 filled backpacks to get the children ready for school. The group also led activities similar to "Win It In A Minute" and held a cookout for this back-to-school bash.



Kimberly-Clark associates chose projects at ACH for the United Way Week of Caring. Projects included repainting lines on front parking lot, planting Encore Azaleas at Cobb and Phase III buildings and removing decades old wallpaper from the President's House.

ACH is grateful to both Kimberly-Clark and the United Way for helping give our children a beautiful campus to call Home.

Easter/Sailer Golf Tournament

Ken Easter coordinated the 5th Annual Parks Easter/Ken Sailer Memorial Golf Tournament on August 20 at the Lexington Golf Club resulting in a \$4,200 donation to the American Children's Home.



1st Place Team pictured left to right: Matt Swift, Kyle Swicegood, Tournament host – Ken Easter, and Mark Cromer. Not pictured: Landis Bumgarner



Sponsors

Ginnie Easter
Johnny & Sydney Beck
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Sim Sicheloff
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Lane & Lori Evans
Cliff Sailer
Brad & Margo Easter
Delhaize Distribution
Sapona Country Club

Larry Sailer
Ardell & Edna Lanier
David McClintock
Sally Phillips
John & Sharon Easter
Don Puckett
Harvey Dick
Zack Hayes
Lexington Golf Club

November

DeMario 11-10-92
 Rashon 11-15-94
 Nate 11-24-96
 Dillon 11-29-95
 Joseph S. 11-29-96

January

Doug M. 1-09-97
 Darian 1-26-95

Happy Birthday!



December

Breanna 12-03-96
 Vasco 12-12-94
 Willie 12-20-93
 Cinthia 12-25-93

February

Ashley 2-02-95
 Fernando 2-15-94
 Savannah 2-22-97

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

tickets for events or attractions
 movie tickets
 board games & puzzles
 arts & Crafts supplies

COTTAGES

bed pillows (new)
 twin comforters (new)
 towels & washcloths (new)
 Charcoal grills/laundry baskets
 small appliances/pots & pans
 cleaning supplies (non-aerosol only)

PERSONAL

shampoo & conditioner
 deodorant
 antiperspirant
 Combs & brushes
 body wash/razors
 cocoa butter lotion
 chapstick/Kleenex

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

3-ring binders
 large backpack book bags
 washable markers
 highlighters / 3x5 notecards
 USB flash drives

NEEDS LIST

Funds needed for clothing, activities and general operating needs.

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Our Privacy Statement: American Children's Home respects your privacy and works to protect it. We do not sell, rent, give away or in any other way share any information about our donors or supporters. We value our donors and do everything possible to keep your information safe and secure.

A copy of our license to solicit charitable contributions as a charitable organization and financial information may be obtained from the Department of the Secretary of State. Charitable Solicitation Licensing Section, by calling 1-888-830-4989. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the State.

Be A Christmas Sponsor... ...and give a child the gift of Hope, Peace, and Love

Your gifts to the American Children's Home enable us to provide a magical Christmas for the boys and girls in our care. For many of our children, Christmas has not been a happy time. Because of your help, during Christmas' past, we have heard children exclaim, "this is the best Christmas ever!"

Your monetary gifts help to buy clothing, towels, sheets, toasters, heat, electricity and transportation costs for everyday living throughout the year as well as gifts and events for the children during Christmas.

Others choose to sponsor a child and buy gifts to donate or to sponsor a cottage to attend an event.

Either choice helps us to meet our mission of providing nurturing care to help heal broken spirits. We can't do it without your help!

Mail donations to: American Children's Home, P.O. Box 1288, Lexington, NC 27293-1288. For information on sponsoring a child or other ways to help, contact the Development Office at 336-357-7126 or e-mail kberrier@ach-nc.org



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