

Thank You

◆ Katelyn Evans and Camino Church brought school clothes, supplies and backpacks.



◆ Tania Jefferson and Valspar Corporation brought school supplies for our residents.



◆ Mark Winstead and Harvest Christian Fellowship brought pizza for the campus



◆ Redemption Outreach Center completed many projects around campus including: office door painted, stained steps at a cottage, lawn care, trimmed bushes, and brought supplies. They also provided pizza for the campus.



◆ Ridgecrest Worship Center toured the campus and brought supplies.



◆ West Cabarrus Church shared a meal and a game of kickball with our residents.



Help support our kids! Our Home mugs are available for a \$15 donation. Find them online at cogch.org and at our campus.



Home Needs List!

Laundry Products

Clorox 2 (bleach for colors)

Household Cleaning Items

Glass Top Stove Cleaner

Dishwasher Detergent

Glass Cleaner

Bathroom Cleaner

Trash Bags

33 & 39-gal. trash bags

Toiletries & Personal Items

Feminine Napkins

Men's Body Wash

Women's Body Wash

Shampoo & Conditioner

Special Needs

Light bulbs

Shower liners

Gas Mix for Weed-Eater

.95 Weed-Eater String

School Supplies

Composition Notebooks

Black Pens

Alert! Alert! Alert!

Canned food (**not commercial size**), dressings, condiments, spices, etc. This offsets the food expense in the cottages.

Gift cards are always a great blessing! We can use them for a variety of things, such as clothes, toiletries, personal items, school supplies, etc.

Contact Us

OUR HOME

Church of God Children's Home of North Carolina

3485 Orphanage Cir.

Concord, NC 28027

(704) 788-1164

home@cogch.org

www.cogch.org



NEWS FROM

Claiming Our Heritage

Reformation Day is October 31, the anniversary of the day on which Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of Wittenberg's Palace Church, protesting the sale of papal indulgences in 1517. It is a good time to reflect on our Christian heritage.

I had the privilege of being born into a Church of God pastor's home. My parents, W. D. and Louise Walker, pastored in North Carolina in the late 1940s until 1960. I honor them for their dedication to God, ministry and family. They represented all that is good about heritage because they lived Christ as they shared Him with the many lives they encountered. They both moved to heaven in 2013, but their ministry lives on through the lives of others. They were examples of the hundreds of ministers and laity who molded the Church of God. As they established churches, they also saw the needs of those outside the church.



During the early years of the Church of God in North Carolina, pastors and members joined with the Kannapolis Church of God to provide for the North Carolina Children's Home. The picture to the left was taken at the dedication of the farm house which was donated by Charles A. Cannon to begin the Home in 1944. It is from this humble beginning that hundreds of children have been helped and introduced to Jesus Christ.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman:

Ken Bell

Co-Chairman:

Dennis Page

Debbie Hudson

David Kimbrell

David Shoemake

Thurman Jenkins

Pat Palmquist

Richard Franklin

Boyd Byerly

Joe Visalli

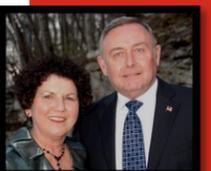
Patrick Jensen

Vincent Tillman

Most of the children who come to Our Home do not have a Christian heritage. They often have no positive memories of family, and their initial introduction to Christ's love is through the dedicated staff at Our Home. They then begin to realize that, not only does the staff care for them, but others do as well, such as the congregation at Living Water Church of God where they attend and also those who visit our campus and support our ministry. Through these interactions, they are often drawn to Christ and accept Him as savior. Psalm 61:5b becomes a reality to them—"You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name."

At their September meeting, Our Home's Board of Directors unanimously voted to open a home for widows on our campus next year. It will accommodate five widows ("widows indeed" 1 Timothy 5:3) and two retired ministerial couples who have very limited resources. Through their interaction with our residents, the children and young adults at Our Home will be enriched by their valuable wisdom and Christian heritage.

Please join us in prayer as we seek to further fulfill James 1:27—"...to care for the fatherless and widows in their distress...." You will receive more information about this ministry as plans progress. Thank you for your continued support of Our Home. God bless you!



Mike & Gwen Walker



Volume 10 Issue 10 October 2016

BECOME A PARTNER

120 Club: \$10 per month

Sponsor a Child: \$25 per month. Receive a picture of a child, limited information and ability to correspond with him/her.

Sponsor a Teen Mother/Baby: \$50 per month. Receive a picture, limited information and the ability to correspond with the mother.

Sponsor a Cottage: \$100 per month. Receive information about a cottage in a monthly letter from the house parents. Correspond with and visit your cottage.



News From Magnolia Cottage



Kozie is playing football for Northwest Cabarrus Middle School. He scored a touchdown against Concord Middle School!

Everyone has adjusted well to their new grade levels and teachers.

The boys' cottage recently moved from Hickory Cottage to Magnolia Cottage. All of the boys have done an amazing job of getting things organized. The fellas have all been earning high marks on their room chores.

Jason is doing great playing JV football for Northwest Cabarrus High School. We are proud of him for keeping his grades excellent.



Sammelia is playing basketball at Northwest Cabarrus High School and is also beginning the driving portion of Driver's Education.



Jayleen is very kind-hearted and goes out of her way to include others in games, activities, and conversations.

Lilly is in JROTC at Northwest Cabarrus High School and recently went to Z Max Racetrack with her class.



News From Shelli Cottage



Ken and Mary Ferrell took the girls to the Cabarrus County Fair for an evening of fun!



News From Angel Cottage



De'Variyah is on the move! She is cruising while holding on to furniture and has just started to let go and stand on her own. Next step, walking!



What is Your Favorite

Thing About Fall?

Ken Ferrell, House Parent: *I like when the air gets that crispness as it turns colder; the colors of leaves falling all around; the beauty of the mountain side so saturated with turning leaves; the new life coming in spring as God has promised.*

Williametta, age 13: *My favorite thing about fall is the warm weather mixed with the wind. Also, I love when the leaves change color and they fall off the trees and there are colorful leaves on the ground.*

Patience, age 16: *My favorite thing about fall is going to Harvest Festival.*

Mary Ferrell, House Parent: *I like driving through the mountains with leaves falling like rain.*

Lilly, age 14: *I like that it is cooler.*

Bintu, age 13: *My favorite thing is the cool weather and the color.*

Harvest Festival



Kenly Campground
Kenly, NC
October 22
11:00 AM

Our Home Campus
Concord, NC
October 13
11:00 AM

Libby Richardson, Community Liaison: *I love going to the mountains to see all the fall colors, spice tea, and making my favorite soups.*

Sammelia, age 15: *One of my favorite things about fall is the colors. Everything looks beautiful, especially the leaves; the wind pulling at my sweaters and boots; the crunching leaves.*

Jo Ann Lucas, Administrative Assistant: *Fall brings some of my favorite things: pumpkin anything, corn mazes, candy corn, hayrides, bonfires, and fall colors.*

Jayleen, age 11: *I like that it's not hot, that the leaves change colors and fall off the trees, and that it's not cold or hot.*

Hannah, age 12: *It isn't too cold or too hot; we get to go trick-or-treating; we have Thanksgiving-That's why I love fall!*

Jaylin, age 11: *I like when the leaves fall off the trees, when it is cloudy, and Harvest Festival.*

John Lucas, Case Manager: *My favorite thing about fall is my daughter was born during this season and I like the changing leaves.*

Kayla, age 16: *I love how the leaves change colors and they fall. I love how the air feels. It's hoodie season and I love wearing hoodies!*

Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.- George Eliot

Raise Funds FOR OUR HOME

Simply by Collecting Gently Worn, Used or New Shoes!



Call or email Stephanie Brewton for more information:
brewtonsr@yahoo.com 704 788-1164

2016 Annual Pow Wow in Franklin, NC

The boys of Outpost 221 attended the annual Royal Ranger Pow Wow in the mountains of Franklin, NC. Our young men won medals in archery, BB range competition, tomahawk throw, atl atl (spear throwing), and bead making. The Outpost won 2nd place in having the cleanest most organized campsite. Most of our young men also earned the Lashing merit badge in which they had to demonstrate: square, diagonal, round, shear, and continuous forms of lashing rope together. The group also built a tool rack out of bamboo sticks and rope. The kids learned how to properly fold and care for our nation's flag, the Christian flag, and the Royal Ranger flag. They were respectful during the morning assemblies and showed honor to our country. On Saturday evening we had a council fire worship service in which several young men sought for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. After the speaker was finished everyone prayed around the fire for at least another hour seeking God's presence. We were very proud of how our young men conducted themselves throughout the weekend of activities. Thank you for your support of our Royal Rangers.

God Bless,
Dale Cannon and Ken Ferrell

