



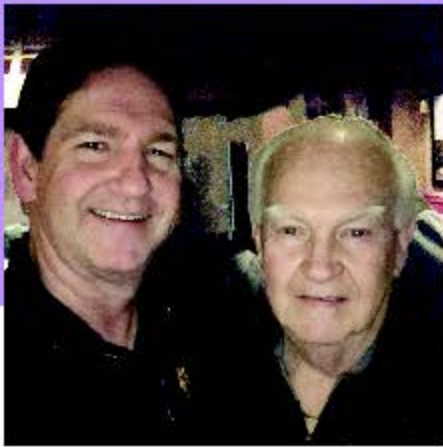
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A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



How about a “dad” story leading up to Mother’s Day? I’m blessed to still have my mom this Mother’s Day and I pray she will be around for many more to come! This year will be different though. This will be Mom’s first Mother’s Day without Dad in 63 years. And if you are any kind of a husband, you help your children celebrate mom on Mother’s Day, right? Right!

My dad died on March 1 this year. And as I think about Mother’s Day, I can’t help but think of what my dad taught me, my older brother, Keith, and my younger sister, Lisa, about family life. Our dad was a great dad and one of the reasons I say that is that he deeply loved our mom. Period. There was never a time in our lives when we wondered about how Dad felt about Mom. They were married just two weeks shy of 64 years. Did they ever have an argument? Of course. Did they ever get on each other’s nerves? Probably. But if you wanted to get into big trouble, disrespect Mom!

Thanks, Dad, for loving Mom. And happy Mother’s Day to you, Mom! I know the day will remind us of who is missing, but even on the hard days I’m thankful for the memories.

Friends and supporters of TBCH, will you join me in giving a gift for the kids in honor/memory of your mom this year? Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg".

Greg McCoy, President/Treasurer



A Traditional Dish...

To honor the value of motherhood in this Mother's Day edition of @TBCH, we've included the fine China and dinnerware patterns held dear by the mothers and grandmothers of some of our staffers. As you flip these pages, we hope these designs spark your own fond memories and appreciation for a dinner table, set with care by someone who was a loving mother to you.



Blue Willow

In memory of Emma Oldham, grandmother of Beth F. and Beverly P., Finance

Happy Mother's Day!

The MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING



Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

WITH YOUR SUPPORT

TBCH welcomes children in hard places into safe homes with the love of Christ.

Residential Care

Providing safe, Christ-centered homes on campuses in Millington, Brentwood and Chattanooga for children aged 5-18, and Independent Living Services for residents transitioning to adulthood.



Foster Care

Providing safe homes across the state through free training and support of Christian foster parents, and placement services through a no-cost contract with the Department of Children's Services.

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RESIDENTIAL CARE



OP Co. Syracuse, China Floral
In honor of Bertha Hague,
mother-in-law of Susan E. and
Joyce H, Chattanooga campus



Regal, Style House
In memory of Wanda
Gardner, mother of Bill G.,
Ministry Advancement



Building kids as well as homes...

Our Firm Foundations Project is seeing construction progress on all three campuses, and we expect the first new homes for the kids to be completed this summer! Check out TENNESSEECHILDREN.ORG/FIRM-FOUNDATIONS for more details.



How Sweet!

Our local friends at The Franklin Noon Rotary Club made Valentine's Day sweeter this year by delivering goodie baskets to our staff at the Brentwood Campus. We are blessed to have a loving community of supporters!



Mavis by Noritake
In memory of Jane Alley, mother of
Kim B., Ministry Advancement

Construction isn't the only thing keeping us busy. Among many other activities, two of our residents will soon be on a mission trip to Nicaragua with their housedad, another will serve as a student mentor at taekwondo camp, and several of our seniors are preparing to join Independent Living in Chattanooga. Please remember to pray for these, as well as all our kids!

Visit us online for info about our campuses, houseparenting, and getting involved in our Residential Care Program.

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(To give a gift now,
just scan here!)

Hazel by SCIO

In memory of Grace Finn, great-grandmother of
Devan W., Ministry Advancement



First Baptist Church Collierville loaded up the commissary at the Ranch at Millington with their recent food drive. Our kids go through tons of food each year, so efforts like this really make a difference!

Thank you to Denise Whittemore and the board at Ramsey Family Foundation for approving a \$20,000 donation to go toward our Firm Foundations Project, as well as their commitment to pray for the impact this will have on the kids in our care.



Murfreesboro Realtor Tony Crabtree combined creativity, generosity and holiday cheer to raise money and awareness of TBCH and foster care with an online Christmas Lights Scavenger Hunt. Dozens of local residents signed up to participate in this unique and inspirational fundraising event.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF OUR MANY SUPPORTERS WHO BLESS OUR KIDS BY
PRAYING, SERVING AND GIVING, AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THEM ALL!

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HONOR AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN TRIBUTE TO THOSE NAMED HERE.

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THEIR LOVE AND SUPPORT OF THE CHILDREN
IN OUR CARE.

Addie L. Rigsby, Ann Krisle, Sherry Foronda, Avis Miller, Barbara K. Stow, Beth Clark Boothe, Bill Lee, Bobby McDaniel, Bruce and Bonnie Meriwether, Buck White, Carl S. LeLand, Carolyn Harriss, Catherine Lowery, Cheryl Baltimore, David Morgan, Dot Lewis, Edward Campbell, Edward K. James, Edwin Stewart, Erika Sailors, Gary Smithson, Gayle Oldham, Gene E. Gafford, Gerald L. Stow, Gerron Carter, Grace Marie Brown, Greg L. McCoy, Greg Watkins, Harrison Gosnell, Henry H. Smith, Howard Reed, Jack Forrest, Jack W. Stillwagon, James & Carol Williams, James H. Ragsdale, James Inlow, James McCracken, James Sewell, Jarrett B. Millsaps, Jeannie Green Watson, Jerry Edwin Griffin, Jimmie Juanita Winningham, John David Hangstefer, John Gilmer, John P. Oldham, Joyce Faye Kirby, Juanita Cate, Judy Crutchfield, Julie Miller, Kenny and Jane McLin, Leann Drinnen, Lena Terry Boggs, Lonnie Roberts, Louanna Tollett, Lowrey E. Loft, Luke and Katherine Troutt, Madeline Floyd, Martha D. Burke, Mary Looney, Melvin Sloan, Mike Lumley, Nancy Mathis Madden, Norma H. Steadman, Pat Telford, Paula Moore, Phil Kittrell, Rachel H. Baxter, Raymond Burnett, Reed Stacy, Rich Corbett, Robert D. Evans, Ron and Mardi Lucas, Ronnie and Diana Fine, Sandy McPherson, Sarah Mingle, Shaun and Jill Etheridge, Sid Harris, Sonja J. Williams, Stanley Scott, Suzanne Croft, Syd and Norma Welch, Todd and Emily DeVree, Wanda G. Gardner, Warren Richard McCoy, Wesley and Sharon Curtis, William D. Dockery, William Teeters, Wilton Lewis, Zach Moses, Bill McCoy

Welcome New Neighbors! February was our second annual push to grow our Neighbors Monthly Giving Program. This year, 17 new donors made monthly commitments. Our Neighbors now account for nearly \$25,000 annually.

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The MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING



Tennessee Capital Children's Home



Royal Albert, Old Country Roses
In honor of Mary Goolsby, grandmother of
Mary Beth A., Brentwood houseparent

FOSTER CARE



Lenox, Butterfly Meadow
In honor of Kathy Mineard, mother
of Kim M., Foster Care



Reasons to Celebrate!

While our campuses need new homes built, our Foster Care Program has been filling others homes across the state. We anticipate approval of 13 additional foster families, and currently serve around 100 foster kids on any given day. We are celebrating some of these who have who made decisions for Christ and been baptized, and two adoptions so far this year, with several more already in process. Your prayers for the kids, families, and workers involved in each of these cases are always appreciated!

Corelle Spring Blossom
In memory of Doris Hanners, grandmother
of Nicole A., Administration

Foster care comments from our recent surveys:

"TBCH has been great to work with from the very beginning. Being new at foster parenting, TBCH has been the guiding light every step of the way."

"Their genuine concern for our children's well-being is apparent in every conversation, and it's reassuring to know the kids have someone on their team with their best interest at heart."

"I recommend TBCH to literally every other foster parent I know!"



Copeland Spode, Billingsly Rose
In memory of Dorothy Dougan,
great-grandmother of Sarah
Rodriguez, Foster Care



Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Our Foster Care staff in East Tennessee came together earlier this spring for a quarterly team day, including a self-defense training session, and time to volunteer at Compassion Closet in Knoxville.

They also attended the TBRI Summit in Chattanooga sponsored by Empowered to Connect. TBRI, or Trust-Based Relational Intervention, is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. Our direct care workers are trained in TBRI, and some are certified TBRI Practitioners.



Visit us at online for info about
our Foster Care Program or becoming a foster parent.

Lenox, Poppies on Blue
In memory of Wanda Strawbridge Perry,
mother of Ella Keeley, Foster Care



Noritake, Violette
In memory of Flossie Tucker,
grandmother of Laurie C.,
Administration



Johnson Bros., Old Britain Castles
In memory of Elizabeth Romberg,
grandmother of Cheryl C., Ministry
Advancement



Poinsettia by Block Spal
In memory of Gayle Oldham,
mother of Beth E. and Beverly P.,
Finance

A DIFFERENT SORT OF ADOPTION

If there was ever a doubt that foster parents are heroes, you'll have a hard time finding any better evidence than the following, shared by a TBCH Foster Care Case Manager recently (faces covered and names omitted for privacy).

One of our foster families is a single mom who has been fostering for about ten years. She has adopted three children out of foster care and is committed to meeting the needs of as many children as she can while she has the ability to do so. Last year, she jumped in again and took in a sibling group of three.

They quickly adapted into her family, but still grieved the life they used to have, as many foster kids do. Over the last year or so, the foster mom has done her best to keep the children connected with their birth family—through weekly video calls and occasional in-person visits. One day, when the oldest of the siblings was on the phone with his Peepaw, he learned that his childhood dog had been taken to the Humane Society. He was devastated, as this dog had been with him and his sisters through most of their childhood.



Unbeknownst to him, his foster mom was at work behind the scenes, making a plan to pick up the dog after updating its vaccinations, and surprising the kiddos by adopting their beloved childhood pet. To say that the kids were excited is an understatement! Through the thoughtfulness and love of this foster mom, they were reunited with this four legged member of their family, putting a piece of their lives back in place.

Yorktown by Pfaltzgraff
In memory of Margaret Campbell Porter,
mother of Kelly Campbell, Ministry Advancement

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Bob Schuchard
Ministry Advancement
Officer, Brentwood

Graduate of Lubbock (TX) Christian University. Longtime career in sales, training and business management with Becton-Dickinson & Co. Began with TBCH as a volunteer visiting family with his wife. "We feel blessed to be associated with so many great people at TBCH that have a passion for helping children in need!"



Bert Spann
Program Director, The
Ranch at Millington

Undergrad at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR, and MDiv from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. Served as pastor in Michigan and Hohenwald, TN, and as a board member for TBCH. "What an honor it is to serve Jesus by following Him at the Ranch. Lives are being changed and Jesus is being put on display here. It's a great day to be a part of the TBCH family!"



Zaria Williams
Foster Care Case
Manager, Kingsport

BS in Early Childhood, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. "TBCH is a Christian-filled organization where I can love God out loud and spread His gospel while caring for children who need a good and reliable influence."

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As our Independent Living Director at the campus in Chattanooga, Tiffany Vincent goes over and above to use her influence for more than just helping our residents. She also equips others to do the same by working with volunteers and supervising interns. One such intern, Hannah Borstad, was mentored by Tiffany while she served at the Chattanooga campus. Tiffany then stepped up as Hannah's Field Instructor to help her complete further internship requirements for an MSW program at Southern Adventist University. Not only did Tiffany eventually have the honor of participating in Hannah's pinning ceremony, she also received special recognition from the university for her investment in Social Work Field Education.



Tiffany and Hannah at Hannah's pinning ceremony

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