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Many Ministries BEATING with One Heart

My heart is full. In fact, like the Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) heart, it's overflowing.

The joy I feel cannot help but spill over as I see the myriad of ministries that comprise the BCH heart. I've witnessed it grow fuller throughout the ministry's 133-year history. BCH was founded in the small community of Thomasville rising from a dream to establish an orphanage that North Carolina Baptists could call their own.

BCH's heart began to beat on November 11, 1885 when nine-year old Mary Presson became the first child to enter the orphanage's care. From there, the heartbeat only became stronger.

Today, we have grown to include ministries to special needs adults, aging adults, single mothers, college students and entire families. You don't have to look very hard to discover the reason why we provide ministry and outreach to people of every age. The answer is found at the center of the BCH heart — *the cross*.

Jesus' sacrifice on that rugged tree was a gift to us all, and it is our desire to see the Gospel shared with everyone who turns to us in search of help and hope. After all, it is God's unconditional love that mends the most broken of hearts.

We are the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. We are "many ministries beating with one heart"— *the heartbeat of Jesus*.

Michael C. Blackwell | BCH President/CEO



BCH PRESIDENT HONORED, LEADS PRESENTATION

Michael C. Blackwell, Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) longest-tenured leader, was recognized for his 35 years of service in 2018. During the **Family Gathering: Special Edition** on June 19, a day of fellowship and worship uniting everyone from BCH's statewide locations, Dr. Blackwell was recognized on stage by staff members. He received a custom piece of artwork, depicting BCH's many ministries, that was specifically created in his honor. Trustees hosted a celebration on October 23 surprising him with the establishment of **Blackwell Grove**, a commitment by the Board to plant 35 maturing Legacy Maple trees at BCH locations across the state. At the Annual Meeting of the Baptist State Convention (BSCNC) on November 5, Dr. Blackwell led approximately 150 children, adults and staff for BCH's presentation, entitled **One Heart**, to messengers. Applause and praises filled the room as children and adults shared their stories of hope through testimony and song. Later, BSCNC Executive Director-Treasurer Milton Hollifield recognized Dr. Blackwell and his wife, Catherine. Hollifield presented Dr. Blackwell with a commemorative plaque and a bouquet of red roses to Mrs. Blackwell celebrating her service as well as her birthday which was also that day.

HURRICANES FLORENCE & MICHAEL CAUSE DAMAGE

After barely recovering from devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew in 2016, BCH has once again sustained major damage. Hurricane Florence temporarily displaced children from Kennedy Home in Kinston, Odum Home in Pembroke, and Cameron Boys Camp and Camp Duncan both located in Moore County. Kennedy Home was hardest hit as 19 of its 23 buildings were impacted causing hundreds of thousands of dollars to the property. McNeill Home at Indian Beach also sustained damage and several trees toppled at Mills Home in Thomasville hitting two buildings. Recovery efforts, including the help of skilled volunteers, are ongoing.

FAMILY FOSTER CARE MINISTRY GROWS

A rising BCH ministry is Family Foster Care. In addition to the cottage homes BCH provides to children throughout its statewide locations, dedicated couples are coming forward and opening up their homes to hurting children. BCH comes alongside the couples providing the training and support needed for their homes to be licensed. Also, several churches are partnering with BCH. Couples from the church commit to becoming foster families and the churches provide support and community to boys and girls coming into the homes. Family Foster Care is already proving to be a natural complement to BCH's caring cottage homes as there are times where it is a better fit for children due to their specific circumstances. In one year, BCH's family foster homes has tripled from 11 in 2017 to 33 homes in 2018 serving 42 children.

RELATIONSHIPS BRING BLESSINGS TO CHILDREN

Both church and community relationships have resulted in new friendships and support for BCH's children and families. **The Broyhill Home Barbecue Festival**, an annual, volunteer-driven event by Ninevah Baptist Church in Waynesville, raised more than \$41,000. The **Ride to Clyde** motorcycle charity ride, led by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, brought in \$55,000. And the **Hope in Style** back-to-school style show, bringing together business and community support, raised \$85,000. The generosity of friends from churches, individuals and community members is essential to BCH's ability to provide more than a dozen statewide ministries, and in Guatemala, to people of all ages regardless of their ability to pay.

NCBAM'S OUTREACH INCREASES

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) launched eight new educational workshops, three new programs (*Disaster Preparedness, Home Safe Home, The Heart of the Caregiver*), and added a third title to its **CareAble** curriculum -- *Servant Volunteers in Action*. The NCBAM Call Center experienced a 27% increase in calls and a 44% increase in needs met. Seventy hurricane-related calls were handled during hurricanes Florence and Michael. With \$10,000 from Fancy Finds proceeds, NCBAM helped 40 churches increase their ramp outreach during *Rampin' Up 2018!* Four *Senior Adult Leadership* events and three *Aging Well Conferences* were held across the state. In addition, programming for Caswell and Caraway senior adult retreats was expanded to address more issues relevant to the health, safety, and independence.

GREATER VISION IMPACTS COMMUNITY

In 2017, the Tucker Greater Vision Outreach Ministry (GVOM) began making a difference across the state before the new ministry's permanent location was even constructed. Many of the 9,393 lives helped in GVOM's three months of operation experienced loss due to Hurricane Matthew. Today, GVOM, whose purpose is to offer resources to NC families searching for support and stability, is fully operational at its Thomasville headquarters and has created a network of corporate and nonprofit partnerships to meet the variety of community needs. In 2018, its first full year, GVOM impacted 64,040 lives through the following ways:

- 48,314 meals served
- 14,471 pieces of clothing and 10 items of furniture distributed
- 681 visits (pastors, nonprofits, community groups, etc.) made to increase awareness
- 138 people received gifts for their children through GVOM volunteer efforts at Christmas Toy Store through Memorial United Methodist Church.
- 418 people reached through outreach events (Feeding at the Gazebo, MLK event, etc.)

LEADERSHIP

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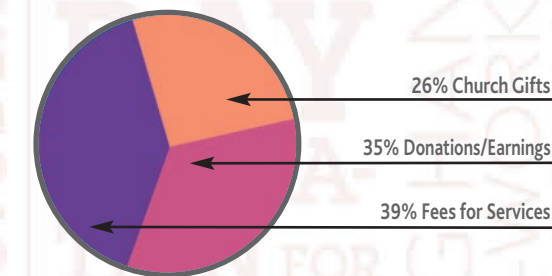
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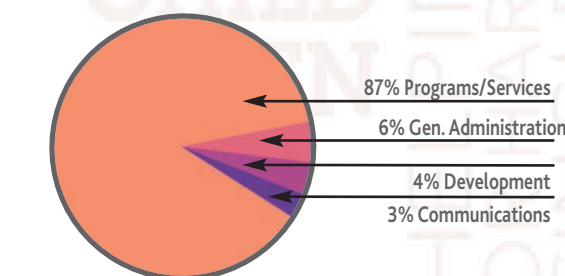
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Operating Expenses



TRUSTEES

Wayne Adams, Jr. – Carthage

Carl Anderson – Leasburg

Pam Annas – Hudson

John Cashwell – Concord

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Connie Coble – Raleigh

Denise Critcher – Deep Gap

Dana Dixon – Garner

Jim Dyer – Wake Forest

Abe Elmore – Dunn

Gayla Freeman – Conover

Jim Goldston – Raleigh

Jim Gorsuch – Hildebran

Ken Haigler – Wilmington

Nancy Hall – Apex

Marcia Heckman – Concord

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Ronnie Holman – Granite Falls

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Gail King – Reidsville

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Justin Lee – Clinton

Joann Lutz – Boiling Springs

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David Powell – Elkin

Kenneth Robinette – Marston

Nathan Sanders – Wilmington

Sandy Saunders – Fayetteville

Elaine Scarborough – Polkton

Steve Shreve – Pleasant Garden

David Smith – Lenoir

Sybil Stewart – Sherrills Ford

Bobby Tucker – Kannapolis

OUTREACH

Children & Family Services

Children Served	Families Served
979	795
Days of Care	
117,013	

Evangelism & Outreach

Lives Impacted
20,521

Developmental Disabilities Ministry

Residents & Families Served
52

Greater Vision Outreach Ministry

Lives Impacted
64,032*

*See previous page for breakdown of service numbers

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

Clients Served	Call Center Calls
7,896	14,611

Decisions for Christ

133


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