

This is the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina: Many ministries, to the glory of God, beating with one heart.

The journey we have been on since November 11, 1885 continues. This year, we will serve 195,000 people! And we're just getting started.

The march for safety, security and salvation goes on.

The march for children who have been abused, abandoned, traumatized, and tossed aside — **that march goes on.**

For aging adults who are alone or lonely or in frail health and who need "help for the journey" from the North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry, **that march goes on.**

For unborn babies who deserve a chance at life, who deserve a chance to be held by their mother or by loving parents who adopt them and care for them through Christian Adoption Services, **that march goes on.**

For special needs adults who are blessed by God but have intellectual and developmental challenges and who come to us Baptists for love and protection and sunshine, **that march goes on.**

For orphans in Guatemala who are loved in the name of Jesus and who come to know him as Lord and Savior, **that march goes on.**

For our many outreach ministries that feed the hungry and console the downtrodden, **that march goes on.**

For college students, for boys and girls who live outdoors in our two wilderness camping programs, for children in residential care, foster care, adoption care, foster-to-adopt care, birth mother care, **that march goes on.**

This is BCH! **We will not be discouraged. We will not be defeated.** God is on the side of children. And, so is the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

So, join hands with me, North Carolina Baptists — frail children of God though we may be — and affirm that the dream of safety and security and salvation **for all God's children — EVERY CHILD** — is a dream that will never die.

Strong now...strong then...strong forever.

Michael C. Blackwell | President/CEO

His remarks on November 9, 2021 at the Annual Meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina



EVERY CHILD Partnership Unveiled

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH) and the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) launched a new partnership — EVERY CHILD Foster & Adoption Ministry.

Unveiled at the Annual Meeting of the BSCNC in November 2021, the mission of EVERY CHILD is to equip NC Baptists to be a part of foster care and adoption. With approximately 16,000 children in the North Carolina foster care system, BCH is able to come alongside churches to train and license couples in their congregations to be foster parents. BCH also works with churches to help them establish their own foster/adopt ministries.

At his evening address on November 8 at the Annual Meeting, BSCNC executive director-treasurer Todd Unzicker presented BCH president/CEO Michael C. Blackwell with a \$300,000 check to help fund the EVERY CHILD. As liaison to 77 local Baptist Associations, the BSCNC is able to help cast the vision for EVERY CHILD throughout its statewide network of almost 4,400 churches and connect them with BCH's foster/adopt staff.

EVERY CHILD is an outgrowth of the family foster care service that has allowed BCH to establish nearly 120 family foster homes (current to November 2021) throughout North Carolina. Its foster and adoption ministry is a complement to its cottage care program where children live with cottage parents in family-style homes owned by BCH. When one option is not the best fit for a child, the other ministry is available to meet that child's needs. Learn more at every-child.org.

River Hill Refuge Fills Void in the State

The building of three new Family Foster Homes for children will soon begin as North Carolina Baptists and friends of BCH have met the \$4.3 million fundraising goal for River Hill Refuge. Baptists, donors and other friends celebrated at ground-breaking ceremony on September 11, 2021. River Hill Refuge establishes a much-needed presence for BCH in this area of North Carolina.

Brothers Jay and Wes Westmoreland donated acreage from their family's River Hill Angus Farm in Shelby, the inspiration for the project's name. They also gave a lead gift to build the first home. The lead gift for the second home was made by Whittier residents Tom and Marcia Huskey. The gift for the final home was made by "The Tucker Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength Foundation," a foundation established by longtime BCH friends and Shoe Show, Inc. founders Bob and Carolyn Tucker of Concord.

Each home will have a set of BCH recruited Christian foster parents who care for as many as five children at one time. The foster parents will care for the children the same way as other foster parents, except live in the BCH properties. They will be trained and supported by BCH foster care staff, but are licensed as state foster parents. This Family Foster Home model has been introduced at BCH's Moody Home in Franklin and Smith Home in Robbins.

Blackwell Releases BCH History Book

Michael C. Blackwell published *Founded on Faith...Built on Love*, the new book tells BCH's story from the last 20 years while summarizing the entire history of the nonprofit ministry from 1885 through 2020. It is the sixth book from BCH's executive leader and a follow up to *A Place for Miracles*, the history book he published in 2002. Blackwell said he took on the task of writing the new book because it was "absolutely imperative to let our various publics know the diversification and the tremendous growth" that BCH has experienced in the past two decades. A grant from the Broyhill Family Foundation made the new book possible. *If you are interested in a copy, contact Pam Burgess at 333.474.1286.*

New Websites Launch in 2021

The new bchfamily.org website was unveiled on July 15 giving BCH's flagship site a much-needed new look. The goal of the streamlined approach was to make it easier to find information about BCH's many ministries, events, and stories. BCH's blog — the hub for news, events and success stories — has been integrated into the new site but can still be accessed at bchblog.org. Also, the new foster care and adoption website, every-child.org, was published in November 2021 coinciding with the Annual Meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. It contains information and resources for churches and couples interested in foster care and adoption.



BCH to Open Home for Birth Mothers

A residential home that has been given to the nonprofit will become a birth mothers ministry operated by BCH's Christian Adoption Services. Located in the historic district of Thomasville and within arms' reach of the Mills Home property, it will

provide compassionate care and support for up to five birth mothers who have chosen adoption for their babies. The home, which had fallen into disrepair, is being restored thanks to Baptists on Mission volunteers, donors and a lead gift made by Chris and Darci Horne of Charlotte. It will be named "The Emmanuel Home" in memory of the couple's close friend. Baptist volunteers spent several days removing debris as well as structural and cosmetic elements that could not be salvaged. Their efforts have prepared the way for the home's restoration process. In addition, hiker Win McCollough trekked 600 miles across the state for the "Restore Walk." The walk raised restoration funds and brought awareness to the new ministry. A dedication program was held at the

Emmanuel Home property on November 6, 2021 to pray for the forthcoming ministry, which will open in late 2022, and celebrate the fundraising goal being met.

NCBAM Addresses "Digital Divide" Challenges

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the digital divide as seniors lacking the necessary internet skills or internet access struggled to make vaccination appointments. NCBAM's Call Center helped many navigate the process to receive shots. The ministry also created a model for churches to address the digital divide that isolates many older adults.

"Camp BAM" debuted in June 2021. Intergenerational campers met at Mills Home in Thomasville for four nights and completed 19 service projects for local seniors. The ministry also received \$29,947 from the annual "Tractor Ride" fundraiser held at Denton Farm Park. Funds will be used for "Rampin' Up!" in 2022.

North Carolina's Division of Aging and Adult Services presented the George L. Maddox award to NCBAM to recognize its "excellence in creative programming for older adults."

A Call Center client in Kings Mountain accepted the Lord as his Savior "because of the way NCBAM treated us and the workers building the ramp."

Greater Vision's Community Reach Continues *

The Bob and Carolyn Tucker Greater Vision Outreach Ministry continued serving the needs of the central and eastern areas of the state despite navigating COVID-19 challenges. Last year, BCH expanded Greater Vision from its original location in Thomasville to a second location at Kennedy Home in Kinston. Both locations impacted 114,910 lives through the following ways:

- Meals Served: 114,742
- 70 families (236 household members) served by the self-sufficiency program
- 98 partnering agencies who distribute items to additional individuals and families in crisis through their own networks

Leadership

Dr. Michael C. Blackwell
President/Chief Executive Officer

Keith Henry
Chief Operating Officer

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Executive Vice President
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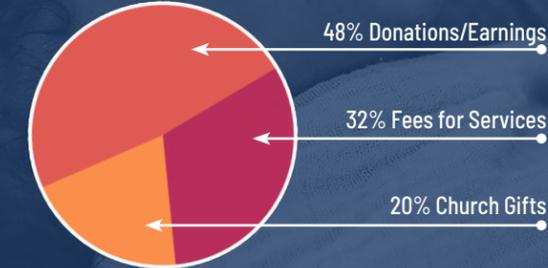
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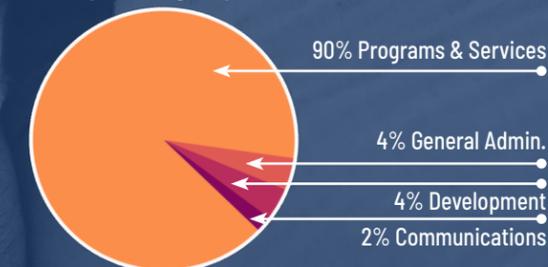
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Carl Anderson | Leasburg
Pam Annas | Hudson
Bill Boddie | Rocky Mount
Bobby Boyd | Conover
John Cashwell | Concord
Lenuel Chamberlain | Yadkinville
Denise Critcher | Deep Gap
Dana Dixon | Garner
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Matt Hollifield | Davidson
Ronnie Holman | Granite Falls
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Sterling Wall | Lexington
Chris Watkins | Raleigh
Jay Westmoreland | Fort Mill, SC

Operating Revenues



Operating Expenses



Outreach Numbers 2021

Children & Family Services

Children Served	Families Served
932	1,465
Days of Care	
96,854	

Evangelism & Outreach

Lives Impacted
16,567

Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities

Residents & Families Served
52

Greater Vision Outreach Ministry

Lives Impacted
114,910

*See previous page for breakdown of service numbers

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

Clients Served	Call Center & One Hope Calls
6,534	14,048

Decisions for Christ

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Main: bchfamily.org | Stories of hope: bchblog.org
EVERY CHILD Foster & Adoption: everychild.org
Annual Offering: bchoffering.org

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