



On the cover: The Cooks are one of BCH's foster families. They have one biological son, four foster children and they have adopted Makala, their first foster child. Makala accepted Christ just a few short months after becoming a permanent part of the Cook family.

There's no place like **HOME**



"There's no place like home!" It may be a cliché to quote Dorothy's renowned line from the 1939 cinematic sensation, *The Wizard of Oz*, but it by no means diminishes the truth of Dorothy's sentiment. Children throughout our state long for that feeling of "home" and sense of "place." Too many have been physically or emotionally displaced and neglected by their families. They are desperate to know what it is like to be loved, valued and to belong. Our calling — our "place" — as Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) staff members and you, as our prayer warriors and gracious supporters, is to provide them with these missing pieces. We have the power to give them a home and connect them with a loving family. Whether it's through our compassionate cottage homes or in the arms of a BCH foster family, you are giving children a caring family and sharing with them the love of Jesus Christ, the One who goes to prepare an eternal place for them. Thank you for giving children a home. — MICHAEL C. BLACKWELL, BCH PRESIDENT/CEO

COUPLES, CHURCHES JOIN GROWING FOSTER CARE MINISTRY



Thanks to the dedicated support of North Carolina Baptists and donors, **Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) Family Foster Care** ministry is growing.

In addition to the cottage homes BCH provides throughout its statewide locations, couples are coming forward and opening up their homes to hurting children. BCH provides the training and support needed for their homes to become licensed foster homes.

Several churches are partnering with BCH to begin their own foster care ministries. The churches provide support and community to couples in their congregations, who have become foster parents, and the boys and girls in their care.

Family Foster Care is a natural complement to BCH's cottage homes. Having both ministries allows a child to be placed in the option that will best serve his or her needs.

In 2018 alone, 16,796 North Carolina boys and girls had to be removed from their families by statewide Departments of Social Services. Parents are being crippled by addiction including the opioid crisis that is gripping both North Carolina and the nation. As a result of the tremendous need, BCH's vision is to grow its number of family foster homes to 100 in each of the state's 100 counties by the end of 2020.

MINISTRIES ALIGN FOSTER AND ADOPTION EFFORTS

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH) and **Christian Adoption Services (CAS)** have partnered together to offer ongoing comprehensive foster care and adoption services to families throughout the state. BCH provides foster care expertise while CAS facilitates the adoption process.

The collaboration between the two nonprofits goes beyond supporting North Carolina children and families. Their efforts are also about providing quality placement options to the state's

child welfare system that is removing children from their families at an alarming rate. In North Carolina, there are now 3,000 more children in foster care than in 2011.

GREATER VISION INCREASES ITS REACH TO FAMILIES



The Bob and Carolyn Tucker Greater Vision Outreach Ministry has continued to grow in its efforts to provide a pathway of help, hope and healing for the economically depressed, the spiritually discouraged and the emotionally distressed. Through partnerships with other nonprofits and

volunteers, families receive education and resources needed to achieve self-sufficiency. In 2018, Greater Vision impacted 71,946 lives through the following ways:

- 70,616 meals served
- 1,103 individuals received food, clothing, household items and furniture
- 53 families (196 household members) served by Greater Vision's self-sufficiency program
- 31 individuals participated in training classes

Greater Vision, based at Mills Home in Thomasville, will be adding a new location at Kennedy Home in Kinston.

NCBAM CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF MINISTRY

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2019 by forging ahead with the creation of innovative programs and services. NCBAM's most ambitious outreach to date, *One Hope*, will address the epidemic of social isolation and loneliness affecting older adults and contributing to many health risks. In addition to the NCBAM *Hope Line*, the ministry to aging adults also helps churches implement their own ministries to those experiencing loneliness in their communities.



NCBAM released new educational workshops in 2019: *Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program* and *Peace of Mind* (home invasion prevention and protection). NCBAM also hosted a workshop to raise awareness of the opioid epidemic's effect on older adults and developed materials to help churches support foster families.

NEW FACILITIES LEAD TO EXPANDED OUTREACH

BCH celebrated the opening of new facilities that expand ministry opportunities both in North Carolina and beyond.



The **Bob and Carolyn Tucker Greater Vision Center** was dedicated on January 15, 2019. The Center was built through a lead gift from the Tucker family, the founders of Show Shoe, Inc. The Harris family, who own and operate Furnitureland South in High Point, provided the furnishings for the Center as well

as Stokes Cottage at Mills Home. The children's cottage, which was also dedicated that day, was renovated thanks to a lead gift from Kenneth and Ruth Samuelson in Charlotte.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the **Ammons Education Center** located at Cameron Boys Camp took place on May 7, 2019.

The creation of the 10,000 square-foot center was made possible by a lead gift from Justus "Jud" Ammons and his late wife Jo Ellen Ammons of Raleigh. Additional BCH friends, including

North Carolina Baptist work teams, and donors united their resources to build the Center. It will serve both the boys at Cameron as well as girls living at Camp Duncan.

Longtime BCH trustee and supporter Jay Westmoreland and his family provided the lead gift for the **Westmoreland Family Children's Home** in Guatemala. The home is named for Westmoreland's father, Dr. Ted G. Westmoreland. It houses seven orphans and serves as a complement to BCH's affiliate orphanage, the Good Shepherd Children's Home. the same day.



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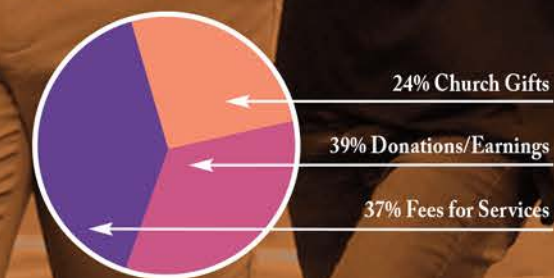
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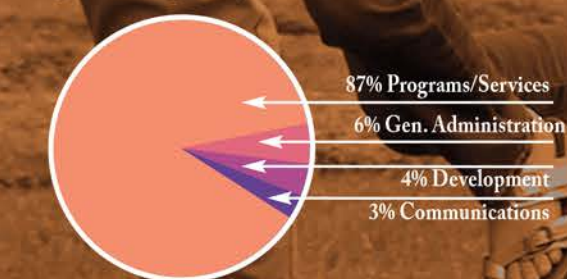
Sterling Wall – Lexington

Jay Westmoreland – Fort Mill

Operating Revenues



Operating Expenses



Outreach Numbers 2019

Children & Family Services

Children Served	Families Served
1,038	737
Days of Care	
121,118	

Evangelism & Outreach

Lives Impacted
25,409

Developmental Disabilities Ministry

Residents & Families Served
52

Greater Vision Outreach Ministry

Lives Impacted
71,946*

*See previous page for breakdown of service numbers

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

Clients Served	Call Center Calls
8,518	7,896

Decisions for Christ

135



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