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## BCH's Weekday Education leads by providing children inclusion classes

By Jim Edminson, Editor



Envy uses a stander to keep her upright so she can more easily move around the classroom. Classmate Alessandro and Lead Teacher Gabby Kellison help guarantee her days are joyful and productive.

**T**hree-year-old Envy's eyes are bright. They dart throughout the room as she keeps track of classmate Alessandro. The boy is on a mission to bring her a favorite toy. Her stander supports her and keeps her body erect so she can interact upright with the other children. The toy is colorful with buttons she pushes to make sounds. The duo are best friends.

Envy is part of an inclusion class at Fleshman-Pratt Education Center on the Mills Home campus in Thomasville. The class is designed for both typical and atypical students.

"We are trailblazing," says Weekday Education Director Brooke Child. "We intend to set a standard of excellence for the care of infant and toddlers with special needs."

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## Independent students find help to succeed

**A**udrey was evicted from her apartment after her roommates skipped out, leaving the place in shambles. The landlord demanded restitution for the damage they caused. Three months of Audrey's saved rent money was spent on repairs. Appeals for help made to the landlord were rejected. A sheriff deputy allowed Audrey to take what she could carry and the rest of her belongings were locked behind her as she was escorted off the premises. Audrey's life crashed around her.

Now alone and penniless, the Western Carolina University (WCU) junior sits in the school's cafeteria calling shelters, hoping to find a place to sleep. Tears roll down her cheeks as she realizes she is homeless. She is afraid.

"Independent college students live in the shadows," says HOMEBASE Director Jim Dean. *(Continued on page 3.)*

# Campers on Mission do what they are called to do

By Jim Edminson, Editor

For nearly two decades, volunteers from North Carolina Campers on Mission (NCCOM) have given of their time to help with the annual Food Roundup, benefiting boys and girls of Baptist Children's Homes (BCH). NCCOM offers their members planned service opportunities as well as plenty of time for fellowship while on mission across North Carolina and in other states. During the Food Roundup, NCCOM volunteers help process thousands of food items and cleaning and paper products donated every year and stored at Broyhill Home, Mills Home, Kennedy Home, and Cameron Boys Camp, logging thousands of hours of service.

"We embrace the children by serving," says Ellen Dean Saunders. "We believe God gives them to us to love. We see them as our children and want to do anything we can to help."

Ellen Dean and James Saunders' history with BCH began in the 1970s. The couple attended Cherryfield Baptist Church near Brevard. BCH cottage parents Cloe and Kyle Crowe were in the Saunders' Sunday school class. The class produced an annual Christmas party for the Crowe's cottage at Broyhill Home in Clyde.

When the Saunders joined First Baptist Church Brevard in 1980, they approached their daughter Anna's youth minister and proposed the youth group become involved. The youth minister did more by challenging the whole church to produce a Christmas party for the entire Broyhill Home campus. The church agreed, and for the last 42 Christmases they have provided a hot dog meal, presents for every child, and needed items for cottages.

"It is not Christmas for James and me until we have celebrated Christmas with our Broyhill



Members of Campers on Mission begin their day at Cameron Boys Camp in prayer. Bill and Betty Wilson, right, and Marsha Powell, seated in center, serve each year. The volunteers count, sort, and shelf thousands of food items and cleaning and paper products each year. NCCOM has helped with the annual Food Roundup since its beginning.

Home family," says Ellen Dean.

James coordinates the NCCOM efforts at Broyhill Home with cottage parents Betty and Will Porter. He helps collect food from nearby churches using his truck and box trailer. "It's a lot of hard work," says James. "But everything we do, we do 'as working for the Lord.' It's what missions is all about."

For Bill Wilson, missions has always been a part of his life. His grandparents were missionaries.

"In Campers on Mission, we serve as we go," says Wilson. "We work behind the scenes helping. What we do at Cameron Boys Camp (CBC) helps the Chiefs and workers spend more

time with the boys. It's what they are called to do. And we do what we are called to do." Bill and his wife Betty have been involved at CBC by helping during the Food Roundup since 2006.

Marsha Powell helps out at CBC and Mills Home. "My late husband Butch and I helped with the Food Roundup when it began. I still come every year, driving myself."

NCCOM volunteers arrive at Mills Home and start organizing boxes and bags of groceries. They count everything and shelf it by category. Before leaving, the place is cleaned and left spotless. This year, volunteers put in more than 1,300 hours of service at the Thomasville campus.

Campers on Mission do more than volunteer. The volunteer groups form strong bonds with each other. When Marsha's son passed away in 2017, 53 members came to his memorial service. Some drove more than four hours to attend.



James and Ellen Dean Saunders at Broyhill Home

"We are as close as brothers and sisters. We share lots of laughs, but we share tears, too. When I walked into the service for my son and saw the sea of Campers on Mission blue vests, I realized just how much we love each other."

Campers on Mission work together to bring glory to God and are committed

to do more together than they could ever do apart from each other. Learn more by visiting [nccampersonmission.org](http://nccampersonmission.org).

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# HOMEBASE reminds Audrey she is not forgotten

By **Jim Edminson**, Editor

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**M**any of the students who turn to HOMEBASE have lived for years in the foster care system. Others come from homes where there is little or no family support. Either way, they are living on their own and struggle to succeed in college. Nationwide, only four percent of independent students graduate college by age 26. Most drop out for reasons that are preventable.

In 2016, Baptist Children's Homes and WCU determined to do something to help. Through a unique partnership, the two institutions created HOMEBASE. The innovative ministry launched and began providing a safe place for students to receive the support they need to be successful. At HOMEBASE, located in the former Baptist Student Union building adjacent to campus, students have access to free food, hygiene products and laundry service, a computer lab with printing capabilities, social activities, and emergency housing.

Meanwhile, Audrey's heartache is now turning to desperation. She has no money and no place to live. The clock is ticking and the cafeteria closes soon. Spotting a group of prospective students who were touring the Cullowhee campus, she approaches the student guide. She blurts out, "I need a place to sleep. Is there somewhere on campus that can help me?" Walking out the cafeteria door, he shouts back, "Check out HOMEBASE."

Urgently grasping for straws, she walks across campus and steps into HOMEBASE with her small bag of belongings. She tells the volunteer at the front desk, "I need a bed."

Hearing the girl, Dean comes from his office without looking up, "No problem. Do you need a full or queen size? Or will a blow up mattress be better?" Audrey looks perplexed and answers, "No, I need a place to sleep tonight." Dean has seen the look of hopelessness before. He smiles, "You are in the right place. We can help."

Audrey's tears of sadness turn to tears of relief. The next morning, she remembers waking up and thinking, "I'm not alone."

More students need temporary housing. HOMEBASE offers a place when a student is suddenly evicted from an apartment or when the weather gets so cold that living in a friend's car is no longer an option. Homelessness or the threat of becoming homeless is real for many students.

Every year, more and more students have more needs. Students who do not have someone to help them will stumble and suffer. Last year, the number of students who came to HOMEBASE



HOMEBASE Director Jim Dean and Assistant Sydney Young, center, help Western Carolina student Audrey who needed emergency housing after being evicted from her apartment. Dean and Young have helped Audrey plan for her future as she works this summer to earn apartment rent money to use for the fall semester of her junior year.

BASE doubled. This year, the numbers are ahead of last year's.

Audrey's overnight accommodations has turned into a place for the summer. She is now a part the HOMEBASE community. The kitchen is where she gives back. Her homemade spaghetti sauce draws students and Dean to the table for food and fellowship—the group feels at home. The table is where family gathers to share a meal, play games, laugh, and talk about their days—the highs and the lows.

During the summer, needs can become even more intense for independent students. Support services available during a semester are reduced or are not available. The students who do not go home can find at HOMEBASE the help they need.

Audrey has felt on the sidelines before. "Friends who have families to take care of them are fortunate," she says. "Those of us who do not have these safety nets worry about real things—like what we will eat and where we will sleep. What some people feel is common, to me is a luxury. It is something reserved for someone else."

HOMEBASE Assistant Sydney Young walks with each student who comes through the doors for help. "Audrey felt crushed—like being under

a rock. We helped take the pressure away. Jim will help with any needs regarding her standing with the University. She has a place to sleep, do laundry, and hang out. She can work and save money this summer, rent an apartment when school starts in the fall, and she can start over. We are standing with her so she can take that first step toward hope, and then we will take another step with her, and another."

HOMEBASE doesn't offer a quick fix and then walk away. For a student to be successful, there must be commitment. There must be time to help transition independent students through difficulties they face. It is about moving a student forward, beyond the shadows.

The people at HOMEBASE are now family to Audrey. "I will never forget these days. Not because these were some of the worst days of my life, but because I was down and now I'm standing—a little crippled—but I'm able to lift my head because I feel valued and not forgotten."

HOMEBASE is not only a safe place, it is a positive place. It is a place that helps students reach their goals and succeed. It's that simple.

Visit [www.homebasewcu.org](http://www.homebasewcu.org) to learn more about HOMEBASE.

# Seize the opportunity to change children's lives

By **Brenda B. Gray**, Executive Vice President, Development & Communications

***“Nothing is worse than missing an opportunity that could change a life.”***

As I pondered the words expressed in this quote, I was reminded of the many people that have made this ministry possible and continue to make this ministry possible every day. Embracing opportunity creates legacy, a legacy of caring and a legacy of changed lives.

## ***Legacy = Changed lives***

CB Turner, Dale Greene, and Paul Daley had several things in common. They each shared a life of commitment to their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They each shared a life of commitment to their family. They each shared a life of commitment to make a difference in the lives of others—to seize every opportunity to provide second chances. In the last three weeks, these three legacy makers made their journey home to be with Jesus.

CB and Judy Turner met Will and Betty Porter and the children in Wall Cottage at their church. Will and Betty are cottage parents on our Broyhill Home campus. CB and Judy immediately fell in love with Will, Betty, and the children. They so enjoyed the special times they experienced with the children. They began to pray about how they could significantly impact their lives, those we serve, and those we will serve in the future. In May, we dedicated Turner Cottage in Hayesville. Judy continues the legacy she and CB shared. She continues to seize the opportunity to change lives. Their legacy will live on in changed lives, lives they have already touched with God's love and those that will be changed for years to come. CB's legacy lives on in the lives of each of us that knew and loved him.

Betty Greene loved this ministry. Dale joined in her passion to make a difference in the lives of the “least of these.” When Betty passed, Dale continued her legacy of caring for those we serve. Dale and Betty embedded their passion of caring for others into the hearts of their children as well. Following the influence of their parents, they will continue to seize the opportunity to change lives. Dale and Betty's legacy lives on through the many lives that have been and will be changed through BCH and through the lives of their children and grandchildren. Dale's legacy lives on in the lives of each of us that knew and loved him.

Paul Daley seized opportunities every day to change lives. Paul loved his Lord with every ounce of his being. For more than 40 years, Paul and his wife Lisa lived out their calling to care for children through Cameron Boys Camp and later Camp Duncan for Girls. Paul invested in the lives of his staff and the thousands of boys and girls they cared for over the years.

Paul took every opportunity to share the Gospel. He lived it! Paul's legacy lives on in and through the lives that were changed during his years in therapeutic wilderness camping. His legacy lives on through his children and grandchildren. Paul's legacy lives on in the lives of each of us that knew and loved him.

What do these legacies look like here at BCH. They each significantly invested in the lives of those we serve and those that serve through our ministry. Because they seized the opportunity, thousands of children, families, and individuals have heard the Gospel—lives have been and will be changed.

## ***Legacy = Changed lives***

A young girl came into care. She had been abused from the time she was five years old. Her mother died from an overdose. She had been robbed of her childhood and her innocence. She was afraid and hurting. She was so quiet when she first came into care. But then God began to work in her life. Our cottage parents poured into her, sharing hope and love. She has grown into a beautiful young lady, full of hope and confidence. In December, she will graduate from college. **LEGACY!**

A young boy is isolated and fed only rice as a child. When he came to us he was malnourished and extremely neglected. He was repeatedly told he was “not worth the trouble.” Today, he is in a loving foster home and will be adopted. **LEGACY!**

A young teenage boy rebelled. The pain he experienced at losing his father and watching his mother grieve was more than his heart could handle. His mother lost herself in her grief. He felt like he had no one. At Cameron Boys Camp, he found a safe place and a place of hope and healing. He surrendered his life to Christ. He was no longer alone in his grief. **LEGACY!**

Many of the children who come into care arrive with clothes that are worn out and sizes too small. They will soon begin a new school year. As our children board buses all across this state, they will shine. New clothes, new shoes, and lots of encouragement from cottage parents and foster parents will be a part of their first day at school. **LEGACY!**

A birth mom who recently placed her baby for adoption finds a place of hope and healing at Emmanuel Home. A teenage mom is offered a home for her and her baby at our Teen/Mom program. **LEGACY!**

This is what Legacy looks like at BCH. Through your Legacy, you become a WAY-MAKER for all those we serve. A waymaker of second chances. Take the time to read the encouraging success stories in this issue of **Charity & Children** and celebrate LEGACY.

But wait! What if these had been missed opportunities? What if we had not been here to care for these children and families?

Our legacy is not about what happens at our passing, it is about what happens in our living. It is the opportunities to share God's love that we do not allow to slip by us. It is the impact of a life well lived. Is the legacy you are living and the legacy you are leaving creating changed lives?

There are many opportunities to change lives all around us. I pray they will not be missed opportunities, for me...for you. I invite you to follow the life examples of CB and Judy Turner, Dale and Betty Greene, and Paul and Lisa Daley. In following God's direction to care for the “least of these,” not only is the life of the one receiving the cup of water changed, our lives are changed.

## ***Legacy = Changed lives***



***“A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a child.”***

# Give now for their success

Soon, Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) boys and girls will hear the familiar rumble of the school bus coming to pick them up. As the clock ticks towards the return to class, we are focusing on efforts to ensure every child we serve throughout the state has everything they need to succeed this new school year. ***By giving now, your Back-to-School gift can be a part of helping a child achieve success!***

Your gift is important because we serve children in the foster care system, boys and girls who have been removed from their homes for their well-being, many of them coming to us with little or no belongings. You ensure children have safe homes through BCH, the compassionate care they deserve, and the clothing and supplies they need. ***Because of your generosity, boys and girls are able to focus on their studies instead of their worries.***

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# My brother Tanner and I welcome Israel into our family

By **Ashlee Welch**, Foster Sister

**INTRODUCTION:** This installment is the first of a three-part series telling the first-person account of 20-year-old foster sister Ashlee Welch. Ashlee and her brother Tanner were in high school when their parents, Lisa and John, decided to foster Israel and become a fully-licensed Baptist Children's Homes' foster family.

**W**hen you are born into a stereotypical southern family, it's one daughter, one son, a mom and a dad, grandparents on both sides, home cooked meals, church on Sundays, and lots of football. I was born and raised in a small town here in North Carolina, about 30 minutes from the Georgia line, and about an hour and a half west from the nearest "big city." Dad was born and raised there, same as his father before him and so on.

My dad met Mom when he attended Denver Auto Diesel College in Colorado. One of his buddies lived in the same apartment complex where Mom and her roommates lived. Skipping all the sappy stuff, they met, Dad brought flowers, a few months later they were engaged, and then they married. Back home, Dad built an automotive shop from the ground up. Mom finished up her teaching degree at Western Carolina University and around the age of 30 for them, they finally had me. Hi, my name's Ashlee, the firstborn.

Two years after me, a snotty little boy they named Tanner came along. Tanner was born with epilepsy. It was a bit of a struggle when it came to medicines and doctor appointments. As Tanner grew, his seizures lessened and he got a new neurologist who wanted to test and see what the results would be if they took him off of his medication completely. He was originally told that he would not be able to drive or play sports due to his seizures unless he was five years seizure-free—if he had another one, that clock would restart. The doctor was right. Now seven years later, he is seizure free, drives a car, is an avid member of the high school band, and is planning to head to college next year.

Tanner and I were raised in a typical southern Baptist church, in a majority southern Baptist town. Dad was raised in church and introduced Mom to the church when they came to North Carolina. My great aunt was the one who mostly raised my Dad throughout his teen and young adult life. She taught Dad how to garden, how to can vegetables, how to cook, how to sew, how



Ashlee Welch



A resident of Drake Cottage in Franklin, Israel, right, attended Cowee Baptist Church with the Welch family. Tanner, left, became close friends with Israel. Their friendship led Lisa and John Welch to become the boy's visiting resource family. The relationship between Israel and the family grew and they decided to become his foster family.

to drive, and how to hunt. She taught him about flowers, and how to do well in school—and she taught him about God.

Because of his upbringing and Mom's introduction to Southern ways, Dad and Mom decided to raise their children in church. They made sure to offer their two children the opportunities that they did not have growing up—like going to the aquarium and Disney World, playing sports, and having big birthday parties. But they also taught us the little things that added all together made us who we are today at 20 and 18 years old. We learned to be compassionate, to work hard for the things we want, and to remember where all of it comes from and be grateful.

Tanner and I have always been social kids. When the Drake Cottage boys attended church with us on Wednesday nights, Tanner would talk to the boys his age. Drake Cottage is in our hometown and operated by Baptist Children's Homes (BCH). Drake Cottage is a group home where up to nine boys can call home when they are going through tough times. One Wednesday, the houseparents introduced us to a new boy and his older brother. Israel and Eshawn came from a big city an hour and a half away. The boys had been raised by a single mom who suffered from drug addiction. Eshawn turned 18 and moved

out on his own, but Israel was much younger and stayed at Drake Cottage.

Tanner and Israel were born almost a month apart, so they were placed together in classes at school and very quickly became good friends. Israel was a very bright and had a great love for football.

Tanner and Israel's friendship grew and my parents decided to look into becoming a resource family for Israel—that meant Israel would be allowed to stay with us for 72-hour periods. These were typically what we called weekend visits. Israel's BCH case worker, Crystal Killian (a very lovely lady with a young boy of her own), led Mom and Dad through the process for us to become Israel's visiting resource. There were a handful of requirements and some changes needed to be made to our home. First, we turned Mom's sewing room into a bedroom for Israel. Dad had to secure the hunting equipment and medications were locked in a cabinet.

We then spent the better half of a year doing these 72-hour visits. Israel went on trips with us to my swim meets and his football games. The every-day living together brought us ever so close, building a relationship that prompted my parents to consider foster care. *(Part Two will appear in the September issue.)*

# Camp BAM 2023 makes impact in Triad communities

By Carol Layton, NCBAM, Director of Communications and Administration

The third annual Camp BAM took place July 12-16 on the Mills Home campus of Baptist Children's Homes (BCH). Hosted by North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM), this intergenerational service camp allows volunteers to serve aging adults in the community by building wheelchair ramps, installing smoke alarms, and completing other projects. Forty-one campers from IMPACT Community Youth and FBC Concord participated.

This year's intergenerational camp included teenagers, octogenarians, and every decade between. Camp BAM veterans were able to train new campers in wielding a post-hole digger, using power tools, smoothing concrete, installing smoke alarms, and in the value of measuring twice and cutting once.

Camp began on Wednesday afternoon with campers settling into their rooms on the campus. After dinner, they received training in smoke alarm installation, attended a worship service, and then enjoyed ice-breaker games to get to know one another.

Over the next three hot July days, the group built six wheelchair ramps, mowed, trimmed



Above, this 41-foot ramp was one of the longest built during this year's Camp BAM. Below left, campers kept cool with an afternoon Icy Pop break. Bottom, five groups of campers rotated among work sites. These campers spent one morning pulling weeds at BCH's Greater Vision's community garden.

ministry projects' budget because of grant funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act." (NCBAM received "\$275,000 for safety/home improvement projects in four Triad counties.)

Lindsay Ridenhour appreciated the impact Camp BAM had on her son. "I am beyond grateful for this opportunity for Carson—for the impact not only in the communities, but in these kids' lives as well. What a blessing!"

Philip Hightower's teenagers attended camp and he volunteered alongside them one day. "It was the first time for all of us. I wasn't sure what to expect. The whole experience and seeing it come together was far beyond what I imagined. I'm very proud of this group of kids and their leaders. No doubt this is God's work."

Monica and Billy Talbert lead IMPACT Community Youth and have attended all three Camp BAMs. "I wish everyone could see what we saw

this week. We are incredibly proud of these kids! They stepped out of their comfort zones more than once. We witnessed some pray with the ones we built ramps for. They interacted with children not as fortunate as they are. Billy and I are so proud of the kids and feel so blessed to be a small part of their lives!"

Octogenarian Jeanette Moon traveled three hours to volunteer at Camp BAM. She received services from Camp BAM during last summer's Camp held at BCH's Kennedy Home in Kinston. Jeanette came to Thomasville to reconnect with the campers and to bless them by serving meals and keeping the dining area clean.

Through five days of service, campers acquired new skills, learned to work together as a team, and broadened their perspectives by meeting people outside their everyday lives—from children in care

at BCH to older adults trapped in their homes and struggling to afford basic necessities. Most importantly, campers were able to share their faith with the people they served and see God's hand in every project they completed.



and cleaned three yards, and served three BCH ministries. They pulled weeds in Greater Vision's community garden, organized the ministry's clothes closet, and sorted Food Roundup donations at the Mills Home food locker. Campers especially enjoyed one afternoon devoted to playing games with children in care.

NCBAM's Austin Decker (north central regional director) served as camp director. "We were thrilled this year to be able to stretch our



## Additional Graduates

In last month's edition, it was incorrectly stated that BCH staff member Jacqueline Blount is the mother of Odum Home resident and high school graduate Christina Cook.



Steed

Barrett Steed, son of Jodi Steed, BCH AP Specialist, graduated from Davidson County High School on February 16. He is employed as a coatings specialist working alongside his father.

Valorie Wheeler graduated from Appalachian State University on May 15 with a Bachelor of Science in Recreation Management & Tourism. She is the daughter of Gina Lingle, BCH West Central Foster Care Trainer/Licensing Specialist.



Wheeler

# Envy's special needs are no problem for Weekday Education's inclusion class

By **Jim Edminson**, Editor  
(Continued from page 1.)

Water Day is a highlight for all the swimsuit-clad children. They run around as sprinklers spray them. There are water tables with cups and pails that are filled and then dumped again and again. Envy sits in the middle of the festivities, her feet emerged in a clear plastic pool. Her feet splash as she drips with water and the area around her padded chair becomes drenched. Smiles and laughter are evidence of the joy of play.

The Fleshman-Pratt Education Center in Thomasville offers the highest quality, developmentally appropriate classroom programs for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. This 5-star rated, state licensed center also offers inclusion classes customized to meet the specific needs of intellectually and/or developmentally disabled boys and girls.

"Envy is part of our inclusion class," explains Director Brooke Child. "Through the class, our goal is to provide Envy a quality educational experience and to help the children in her class engage with her. They learn to consider her needs. They play together and laugh together. Being together becomes normal and they don't focus on her disability. She is their friend."

The inclusion class is comprised of typically developing children and atypical children with special needs. A child may look typical on the outside but need extra help—some children's needs are not as great while others need long term and specialized care.

Envy has a very rare condition called Dandy-Walker Syndrome (DWS). It is a congenital condition where the cerebellum does not develop normally. The cerebellum is an area at the back of the brain that controls movement and balance. With DWS, parts of the cerebellum may never develop or may be very small.

"I learned when I was between my fifth and sixth month of pregnancy that something was not right," says Envy's mom Cheyenne.



Envy is the third of Cheyenne's four children. The three-year-old was born with Dandy-Walker Syndrome, a rare congenital condition that impairs development, impacting the ability to control movement and balance.

"It is something an expectant mom never wants to hear. You worry for the baby. I worried I would not be able to care for her like I cared for my two older children. Learning

that Envy would never have a childhood like them—it changed my life."

Parents with very young special needs children have few daycare options. Cheyenne recalls the relief in finding the Center. "I am self-employed and needed daycare for Envy and her younger brother King. I called and called and every program I spoke with said no. When I called Fleshman-Pratt, they said yes."

An inclusion classroom is comprised of one lead teacher, an assistant teacher, and no more than five children. Three

of the students are "typically developing" students who help their classmates learn simply by interacting with them through their daily class activities and routines.

Due to DWS, Envy's needs can be demanding. It takes trained staff like Gabby Kellison,

Envy's lead teacher, to meet those needs. Envy cannot sit or stand unassisted. She has difficulty eating and cannot speak. Gabby (along with Envy's therapists) implements an individualized family service plan to meet Envy's needs and to help achieve goals established with the family.

"Gabby goes above and beyond," says Cheyenne. "It's important for a mom with a special needs child to have a caregiver listen, to learn the child's routine, and invest themselves in getting to know the family. Gabby listens and I feel like we are working together."



Lead Teacher Gabby Kellison works to meet Envy's special needs. As part of the inclusion class, Envy also participates in all the activities of the other typical children. The class is comprised of typically developing children and exceptional children with learning and/or physical disabilities or sensory impairments.

Kellison has provided care for "little people" for 15 years. She has dedicated her life to the task, and finds working with special needs children rewarding.

Envy has become stronger in the two years she has been in the inclusion class. "It can take 20-30 minutes to feed Envy," says Cheyenne. "Envy has gained a pound and 13 ounces in the last few months. The weight gain alone is a great sign that she is flourishing. She has difficulty gaining weight and you have to be attentive. It's hard work and Gabby does a great job."

Children like Envy do not grow out of DWS. Envy's world will need to adapt to her needs for her to thrive. Through an inclusion class, she can exist with other boys and girls and reach her life goals. It is amazing how the other children benefit by being a part of her life as much as she benefits from being a part of theirs.

"I believe Envy and other special needs children thrive when included in mainstream environments like our classes," says Child. "Whatever the needs, we want to help. Whether it's a small need met or a longterm commitment, we will stand with the child

and the family."

Although she does not speak, Envy communicates. She communicates when she is content or when she needs something. She can be cross, but she giggles and coos, too. She laughs with the other children in her class and her three brothers at home.



Envy spends time with the other children outside daily when the weather allows.

Cheyenne has never heard Envy say the words "mommy" or "I love you," simple things she took for granted with her other children. But she dreams of the day when the two can sit across from each other and talk.

"Hope for me is a very big part of my life with Envy," says Cheyenne. "I hope one day she will be able to sit up. I hope one day she will be able to roll over by herself and be able to move independently, grab a toy, and play unattended. It will not come easy. It will be hard work for her. It will be hard work for our family. It will take the help of people

like Gabby who will come into her life, care for her, and work hard. Despite the challenges, I am hopeful."

From helping churches establish daycare programs in the 1960s to leading the way with the addition of inclusion classes, Weekday Education serves as a leader in Christian early childhood education.



## Chief Paul Daley passes

Paul Daley, 75, longtime Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) staff member and mentor to hundreds and hundreds of young people, passed away on Sunday, July 9 at his home. Chief Paul, as he was affectionately known, served for more than 43 years giving himself to Cameron Boys Camp and Camp Duncan for Girls in Aberdeen.

Paul was born in Newport News, Virginia and joined the United States Air Force after graduating from high school. He met the love of his life, Lisa, and they were married in 1977. Paul and Lisa were led to serve at BCH in 1980. In 1982, Paul became assistant director of Cameron Boys Camp, becoming director in 1989. In 2009, Paul helped start Camp Duncan for Girls and served there as director



Chief Paul Daley

until 2019. In recent years, Paul became senior advisor to both camp programs.

Paul is survived by his wife of 46 years, Lisa, his son, Joseph Daley (Sarah), his daughter, Catherine Daley, daughter, Bethany Saburro (Jacob), his three grandchildren, Annabelle, Charlie, and Lucy Daley, and his sister, Peggy Matthews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Lucy Daley, and his daughter, Christy Daley.

Paul was a loving and devoted family man, an artist, a woodworker, a carver, a mentor, a builder, a fisherman, a musician, and an amazing chief. His true passion was serving the Lord with all his heart. He always had a Bible verse to share for every situation and his greatest joy was being able to lead young people to Christ through his work at camp.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, July 16 at First Baptist Church, Southern Pines. The service can be viewed by going to [vimeo.com/event/3558151](https://vimeo.com/event/3558151). Memorial donations can be made to Camp Duncan for Girls (PO Box 1462, Aberdeen, NC 28315) and Cameron Boys Camp (PO Box 277, Cameron, NC 28326) or by giving online at [bchfamily.org/one-time-donation](https://bchfamily.org/one-time-donation). A feature highlighting his ministry will appear in the September issue of *Charity & Children*.



Chief Paul and his wife Lisa celebrated 2022 Thanksgiving with their family. Paul served more than 43 years as part of Baptist Children's Home wilderness camping program, impacting the lives of hundreds and hundreds of children.

# Former Mills Home staff "very much admired" — Alumni saddened by news of passings

By **Lib Johnson** (336) 299-7412 [libsjohnson@triad.rr.com](mailto:libsjohnson@triad.rr.com)

**A**nually, I say in the August column that *Charity & Children* may not reach all of our alumni before Homecoming on August 4, 5, and 6 but it will reach many. So we hope you are planning to be back home with us. You already know good plans have been made for you. See you there!

It was sad to learn that **Cyndi Louise Lash Banner** died October 2 at her home in Old Fort. A native of Mocksville, NC, Cyndi entered Mills Home (MH) in 1969 and left in 1973. Siblings who were with her at MH were **Joe, Ronnie, and Teresa**. Cyndi was a thoughtful kind person to live with and was known the same way as an adult. She was considered a loving wife and sister and was much loved by her family and numerous friends. She is survived by her husband **Glenn**, her sister **Teresa Lash Parker**, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two brothers, **Joe and Ronnie**.

We were saddened also to learn of the death of **Ronald "Ted" Griffin** (June 16) who served with his wife **Judy** at the Aydlett Cottage in the late 60s and early 70s. They were very much loved and respected by the youngsters that they parented. Other tasks Ted handled in his years at MH were working with the boy scouts and managing the gym where he was able to have contact with all youngsters. Before working at MH, Ted was in the US Air Force, US Marine Corps, and the police department of Monroe, NC. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, **Judy Campbell Griffin**; his son **Ken**; grandchildren **Morgan and Seth**; great-grandchild, **Owen**; brother **Dennis** and sister **Delores**. His funeral was held on June 23 and he was laid to rest at Gaston Memorial Park.

Another sad MH loss in June was **Richard David Tritt**, originally from Brevard, NC. He is survived by his loving wife **Kathy McQueen**

**Tritt**; siblings **Danny, Gary, Larry, Lynn, Debbie, Anna Lance, and Kelly Smith**. A Celebration of his life was held at the Revival Tent at Lake Junaluska on June 29.

Although it was sad information, we thank **Julie Maiden Long** for informing us that **Tony Green** recently passed away. Julie knew Tony around 1976 to 1982 at the Bright Brown Family Cottage. She says that he was always a very quiet, shy young man who was well liked by the other youngsters in the cottage. His other siblings at MH were **Tammi** (now Mrs. Roberts) and **Roy Timothy**.

A note from **Bill Bailey**, son of **C. Franklin and Bonnie West Bailey**, reads: "My **Uncle Tam, (Frederick Talmadge West)**, my mother's brother and also a former student at Mills Home, passed away yesterday. He and his siblings (**Bonnie, Annie Belle, Flora Clyde, and Mary Lou**) entered Mills Home in 1934 and he graduated in 1941. His last years were spent in Lincoln Park, MI. He was 93 years old. I will try to post more as I find out."

Sadly, we have other recent deaths to be reported when we can get the information. They are **Harrison Powell, Woody Shields, and William Ellis "Bill" Powell**.

It was great to get an update from **Tancey Marie DeHart Thomson**! Tancey arrived at MH in 1963 with siblings **Sharon, Johnny and Steven**. Living at MH was good for Tancey and she especially loved being in the touring choir, taking piano lessons, and serving as a life guard in the hot summer days. She was very fond of **Mom and Pop Steele** at the Huffman Cottage, **Dr. and Mrs. Wagoner**, and of course, the **Littles** who directed the choir and gave piano lessons. After graduating in 1969, she entered nursing school and established a nursing career. Along the way, she met and married **Fred Allan Tomkinson** and settled down in Salis-

bury to rear their son. Happily, she now enjoys retirement and spending time with her grandchild.

Tancey was a bit apologetic regarding her handwriting which she feels is somewhat deficient because of her present poor vision. (Her handwriting is actually quite good!) Unfortunately, she has been fraught with vision problems that have been brought on by macular degeneration. She explained also that she has had some heart issues which cause irregular heart-beats and shortness of breath. Consequently, those problems are things which make trips to Homecoming harder for her to deal with. She holds great memories, however, of the Homecomings she has been able to attend and reminisce with old friends about their mischievous times on campus.

I'm glad I've had the opportunity to connect with **Judith Morris Ayers** again after so many years. Her parents **Clyde and Gin**, along with siblings **Sandra and Joel**, were one of the best known and loved families on campus. With father Clyde being the campus purchasing agent, most kids on campus were able to spend quality time with him, specifically buying shoes and clothing. They also had quality time with mother Gin since she often assisted in that task. Back in those days, we all mixed together in the church, gym, and valley activities. I became well acquainted with Judith through the church choir, girls' trio, and the Thomasville High School Honor Society. After high school, Judith attended Wake Forest College and went on to become a college administrator herself at Wilmington College in Ohio. There she met and married **Timothy Ayers** and together they reared six youngsters. Their progeny now includes seven grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Special memo-

ries she has of her family's life at MH are being in the choir led by **Lucille Reed**, having **Dorothy Hoffman and Bonnie Young** come by her home to walk her to school on the first day, and singing a Sunday morning special, "The Lord is My Shepherd," with **Lib Smathers and Judy Buckner**. Judith sends a thank you that she is now on our mailing list.

**Coyte Marshall Eller** is a man of few words but we thank him for his faithfulness in filling out the alumni information sheet and mailing it back. Coyte and his sister **Thelma** entered MH in 1942 and he graduated in 1953. He very much admired **Mr. Willard Myers and Mr. Humphries**, the campus electricians from whom he learned a great work ethic. After leaving MH, Coyte married **Alma Houston** and reared four children. They now have five grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. When it comes to faithful homecomers, there is none better than Coyte. Together he and Allie make their way to most of the Homecomings.

Again, please remember that (until further notice) you can contact **Lib Johnson** at [bobjrj@triad.rr.com](mailto:bobjrj@triad.rr.com) or 336-299-7412 with *Charity & Children* address changes, additions, or deletions. Contact **Sharon DeHart Stiles** regarding the use of the columbarium, 1588 Elkhart Circle, Gastonia, NC, 28054 or 704-685-2443. Although the 2023 Alumni Address Directory went to the printer on June 15th, we always need you to send any additions or changes in addresses to **Flora Patton** at 6428 Sisk Carter Rd., Rockwell, NC, 28138. The directory takes year-round attention so that we can print the best directory possible every two years.



Lib Johnson was a resident of Mills Home from 1946 to 1957. Johnson began writing the Mills Home alumni column in 1992.

# Homecoming is time to gather as big family – Russell Simmons remembered as gentle teacher

By **JOHN THOMPSON**, 104 Village Court, Havelock, NC 28532 (252) 671-3515 jthompson117@ec.rr.com

**T**his year's Homecoming will be one to remember. Alumni began arriving early on Saturday, June 3, to see the classic car and truck show put on by **Ed Pait**. He always does a great job. On Saturday afternoon, the alumni started registering in the gym. Alumni played games, conducted the business meeting, had a delicious supper together, and ended the day singing. The music was provided by **Donna Daniels Wade** and her husband. I arrived late because I played the piano for my oldest grandson's wedding (**Timothy Thompson and Grace Cobb**) and then helped "tie the knot" for them. Sunday morning rolled around and began with Sunday School. Then we had a great choir practice and prepared to sing the song that Donna wrote. This year, we sang a lot of songs that I taught the youngins: "Jesus Loves Me," "Deep and Wide," "This Little Light of Mine," "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands." BCH's **Chris Allabaugh** gave us a very warm welcome and introduced Kennedy Home's new manager—**Matt Chilson**. He and his wife are already a great asset. Different alumni officers and other youngins gave reports during the service. We even had our own Santa Claus, **Jim Dyer**, preach the morning service. Following the service, a delicious meal was served in the gym and the alumni photo was taken on the steps of Cedar Dell.

**Mary Lee Etheridge Feige** writes about Homecoming: "This year, I actually had one of the best times in a good while at Homecoming. I hung out with **Joyce** and her sister, **Debbie**. We had a blast! We actually stayed at the hotel together. It was like a slumber party. I cut Debbie's hair. We stayed up all night talking. It

was like being at Kennedy Home again. We had a good time. We cut up a lot and it was nice to get to know them better too—they are a hoot. And then, I actually got to sing in the choir this year which was really fun. I enjoyed it and I enjoyed being able to attend Sunday School. I loved the Sunday lunch, also. On Saturday, I loved the meeting and karaoke which was fun. I just want to let people know that even though people aren't there from when you were there, you can still make friends and you can still realize you have more Kennedy Home family whether you were there at the same time or not—my family got bigger. I am so thankful for all that the Lord has done for me. He always puts the right people in your life at the right time. Now, I can't wait until the Beach Retreat on October 27, 28, and 29. Get there in time for supper on Friday night. I'm so excited. I just can't wait to see all of you again! Take care **Mr. John**! And to all my Kennedy Home brothers and sisters of all ages, I love you!"

**Edward Gaston Pait** posted a great photo on the Kennedy Home Facebook page. If you are not a member, you need to join so you can keep up with your alumni friends. The photo showed Edward digging potatoes on the farm. When **Becky** and I were there, we had a 25-acre garden. **Superintendent Williams** told me that they couldn't pay me much but there was a garden and lots and lots of pigs and beef cattle to eat. **Richard Poteat** was the farm manager at that time and did a wonderful job. He made sure that the farm ran smoothly and everyone had plenty of food to eat. His wife, **Judy**, was secretary in the main office. Richard is a graduate of N. C. State University—the best place to learn how

to do the best farming. Thanks Richard and Judy for all you did at Kennedy Home.

**Debbie Stallings Lassiter** writes to remind us all of the many ears of fresh corn that the garden provided every summer. She said that the youngins would gather at the food locker and prepare the corn. They would have at least 2,000 ears of corn to prepare every day when in season.

**Judy Simmons White** writes to say everyone had a different thing to do when preparing the corn. Some would shuck the corn, some would silk the corn, others bag it. She tells us that some of the older boys would be in charge of boiling the corn in a huge pot.

**Walter Sisk** remembers that the farm had all kinds of vegetables: okra, carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes, field peas, butter beans, potatoes, strawberries, and water melons.

**Edward Gaston Pait** adds he would help dig 100 bushels of potatoes.

**Mr. and Mrs. Simmons** were houseparents at the Bryant Cottage from 1968 until 1974. I could look out my kitchen window and see their cottage. Many of their KH youngins would stop by our house on their way to the gym. Their daughter, **Judy Simmons White**, told me that her father gave up a whole lot to be able to be a "substitute father" and that he was a great influence on so many children at KH.

**Debbie McCormick Caulder** remembers that **Mr. Simmons** was a wonderful man and yes, he influenced a lot of kids. Debbie's parents served in the Bunker Cottage.

**Donna W. Duty** writes: "I remember **Mr. Simmons** being a very kind person, as well as a loving and a gentle man. I'm thankful that he answered God's call to

be a 'father' figure to many."

**Tim Russ** writes: "I worked with **Mr. Simmons** at the farm shop. He was a great teacher with a sense of humor. He made it fun while I was learning. Still using some of those lessons today, and have passed them on to my boys. We all had some great mentors back then."

**Alice Sisk Russum** writes: "**Mr. and Mrs. Simmons** were my houseparents in Bryant Cottage. **Judy Simmons** became my best friend while I was there. She and I were cheerleaders at school. I love her dad a lot. He was like a gentle giant. I remember when we got to go shopping in the local mall in Kinston one Saturday. I was coerced into stealing a few items from one of the stores—I wasn't the only one that stole that day. Needless to say, we were reported by the store owners. **Mr. Simmons** confronted all the folks that went that day and asked if we stole anything, I lied and said no. But a few hours later, my conscience got the best of me and I went to **Mr. Simmons** and told him the truth. He gave me a talking to in such a gentle fashion and it included Scripture. I took back what I stole and was grounded for a while but I never stole another thing in my life. He was just the kindest man and like a father to me. I couldn't have had any house parents better than the Simmons. Judy and I have remained friends all these years. She is like a sister to me now."

I really appreciate the framed "thank you" given to me and in memory of my **Becky**. She loved you as I did—and still do. Please keep in touch. - jt



John Thompson served at Kennedy Home from 1972-1977. Today, he enjoys an active retirement.

# Remember Mom and Dad

**NOTE:** Listed are *all* Honor and Memorial gifts made to BCH from March 1 through July 1.

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By Judith A. Day	<b>Jennie Buckner</b>	<b>Russell Monroe Coble</b>	By Grace E. Hoyle	By Pamela G. Henson	<b>Jessica Hollady</b>	By Society Baptist Church
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## Making News Every Day Around the State



### Couple adopts, adoptions on the rise

Corraei and Reah, who feel God has called them to adopt, welcomed a newborn son through Christian Adoption Services. Currently, domestic adoptions are up 41% over last year.



### Eight decisions for Christ at VBS

Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) Lewis Smith was invited to speak at Midway Baptist's VBS where he share the Gospel as well as the BCH ministry. Eight decisions for Christ were made.



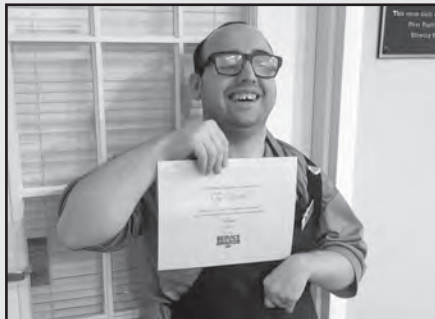
### Alumni gather at Kennedy Home

Former residents who grew up at BCH's Kennedy Home in Kinston campus reunited to reminisce and fellowship with those they affectionately call "brothers and sisters."



### Campers reel in Summer memories

Boys living at Cameron Boys Camp have undertaken a river trip and beach trip this Summer. One of their favorite activities always is seeing who can catch the biggest fish.



### Ty celebrates five years employment

Ty, a resident at Three Forks Home, was recognized by his employer for five years of service. BCH's Intellectual & Developmental Adults Ministry helps residents achieve goals.



### NC Baptist volunteers respond

NC Baptist disaster recovery volunteers responded to trees that came down at Mills Home in Thomasville during a recent severe weather event.



### West Cabarrus students serve

Students taking part in the West Cabarrus Baptist "I Love Cabarrus" camp served at Mills Home. One project was landscaping the playground at The Mill: Coffee & Community.



### Church group organizes Easter party

The "Saved to Serve" class from Village Baptist in Fayetteville hosted Easter festivities at Odum Home in Pembroke. Class members form lasting bonds with the boys and girls.



### Church group serves at Greater Vision

Members of Green Street Baptist helped sort and stock donations at the Greater Vision Outreach Center. The items help community families needing short and longterm assistance.

## Set Your Reminder and Join Us for these Events & Mission Days



### EVENTS

Greater Vision Kinston Dedication  
NEW DATE: Oct 11

Western Area Conference at  
Broyhill Home, Clyde -Sept. 7

Camp Duncan Founders Day &  
Turkey in the Hole - Nov 18

Cameron Boys Camp Turkey in  
the Hole - Nov 20

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CAS Spartanburg Banquet: Oct 19

CAS Rocky Mount Banquet: Nov 2

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- Kennedy Home, Kinston - May 13
- Odum Home, Pembroke - May 20

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# Service through servanthood

By Jim Edminson, Editor

**B**efore the restaurant had been in the area for more than two months, word had spread about the top-notch food and relaxed atmosphere of Los Amigos. The attractive adobe-clad Tex-Mex eatery next to the Baptist Building in Alexandria drew big lunch crowds and even bigger dinner crowds. There was a fountain with tinkling water and a dim interior with a good air conditioner. It felt like an oasis from the humid Louisiana summer days just outside. From its opening to my departure to attend LSU, I worked as a server at Los Amigos on weeknights and weekends and all shifts in the summer.

In the mid 1980s, wait staff earned a small hourly wage with the understanding that good service would garner gratuities from customers so staff made a good salary. Not all customers knew this policy, and many thought tipping was discretionary, making a living wage more difficult. But I liked the challenge of giving courteous service to all in my station, and soon I had customers who requested me when they came for lunch or dinner or even mid-afternoon munchies. I never rushed people and I made sure the table had its fill of complimentary chips and salsa. Sometimes this attention meant my day ended with lots of bills in my pocket; sometimes my best efforts earned big smiles and sincere thanks but little else. I tried not to equate my service with my reward. In high school, my youth ministers challenged us to do all things as unto the Lord, and I determined to have a servant's heart in all my life's ways.

Years later, I heard the story of a child in care whose job it was to sweep the front porch each day before dinner time. The young girl did not like sweeping; in fact, pushing the broom around was the chore she liked least, and she didn't think she was good at the task either. The broom often had to make a second pass for a clean floor. But each day, the child kept a smile on her face throughout her duty. If anyone came close to her, they heard the girl's singsong voice: "As unto the Lord." The motion of her sweeping matched the cadence of her words. This small child, I realized, exemplified a life lived with a servant's heart.

Meekness seems outdated, and being meek is sometimes equated with being weak or subservient. But Jesus's words in His sermon on the mount give a different snapshot: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5). Someone who is meek before the Lord trusts Him. Strength is found in His power and not in self.

Serving is not easy. In my teen years, servant leadership was the way our youth group understood bearing witness to our faith. We sought to lead in the way Jesus taught His followers—service through servanthood. It occurs to me that some may consider these old-fashioned ideals, and yet both the Old and New Testament writers emphasize the importance of sold-out, devoted service to the Lord. David testifies in Psalm 37:11: "But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves

in the abundance of peace," and Paul encourages young Timothy: "But thou, O man of God, ... follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness" (6:11).

Servant heartedness is not something we grow out of, by the way. Some would insist that we must grow into a bigger kind of service, a truer kind of leadership, that moves away from meekness and into authority. Wielding our own power, it is believed, feels closer to leadership than giving oneself for others.

Memories of Los Amigos bring smiles on most days, but that kind of work was strenuous and there were those who tried to make me feel beneath them. Being a servant sounds good in the scriptures, but learned service takes drawing from deep inside. Hearing Christ's words and agreeing with His truths are much different than putting His ways into action. But you and I, as Christians, know that it is by our actions that we are known. The way we live speaks eloquently of the One we serve and love. Servant heartedness is critical if we are to draw others to Jesus. As the apostle James reminds us: "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only" (1:22). May each of our tasks be coupled with the words, "As unto the Lord." *To God be the glory.*



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To invite a speaker, call 336.474.1209 or go to [bchoffering.org/speaker](http://bchoffering.org/speaker).



After being isolated his whole childhood, Tirrell is experiencing freedom & family because of your Offering! He accepted Christ on June 16!

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