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*sharing hope...changing lives*

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# 2011 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Where have you left your mark?

Every day, no matter where we go, each of us leaves behind our mark, a distinctive imprint that is uniquely our own. We have the opportunity during life's journey to "touch" the lives of those we encounter. The power of touch, both physical and psychological, can have everlasting effects. It can break spirits and destroy lives. But a compassionate touch has the ability to restore, replenish and renew - it has the power to change lives. There are many hands reaching out across North Carolina through the Baptist Children's Homes ministry sharing hope with families, developmentally disabled adults, and aging men and women. Too often the marks that have previously been impressed upon those we serve are scars of abuse and anguish. But because of our many friends who join with us in ministry, Baptist Children's Homes is able to ignite hope within their hearts. Together, we are making a mark. And upon closer inspection you will see it is not our own impression we leave behind, but it is instead the fingerprints of God. **Thank you for being our partner in the Baptist Children's Homes vision of sharing hope...changing lives.**

**MICHAEL C. BLACKWELL**  
 PRESIDENT/CEO



**Baptist Children's Homes of  
 NORTH CAROLINA**



PHOTO: Michael C. Blackwell hand-in-hand with Broyhill Home resident Kourri and NCBAM care team volunteer Carol Morrison at the end of his presentation to messengers attending the 2011 Baptist State Convention on November 8, 2011. Photo by K Brown, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.



# Sharing hope...changing lives

**B**aptist Children's Homes' report at the Annual Meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina on November 8, 2011 elicited a passionate response from those in attendance. The crowd filling the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro burst into sustained applause as Baptist Children's Homes resident Kourri stood on stage and shared about the hope she has found living at Broyhill Home in Clyde.

Her words left no doubt in the minds and hearts of audience members that her life has forever changed.

Kourri's story embodies the fiery heart of the Baptist Children's Homes ministry. Her life, and the lives of children and families across our North Carolina mission field, has been irrevocably transformed because of the hope they are discovering.

With these life-changing stories serving as a guiding beacon, a team comprised of Baptist Children's Homes staff members and trustees spent five months during 2011 to create the ministry's new strategic initiative named **GS-2: The Next Generation**. The new four-year initiative is short for **GuidingStar 2**. Its predecessor is **GuidingStar: Illuminating the lives of children and families**. Similarly, **GS-2** defines a plan of work that boldly positions Baptist Children's Homes for the future from 2012 through 2015.

From this collaborative process arose a new vision state-

ment that perfectly defines the spirit and the substance of the Baptist Children's Homes ministry – **sharing hope...changing lives**.

The new statement encompasses every aspect of our ministry, which includes children, families, the men and women we serve in our nine **Developmental Disabilities Ministry** homes, and aging adults who turn to the **North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM)**.

Sharing hope is at the core of all that we do. And as a result, lives are changed!

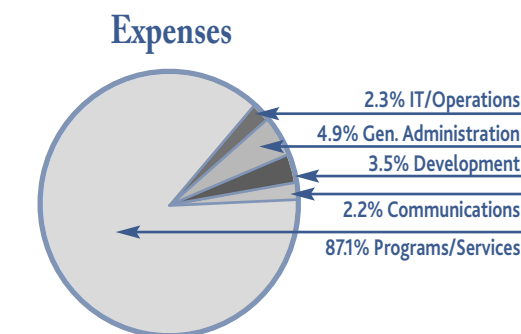
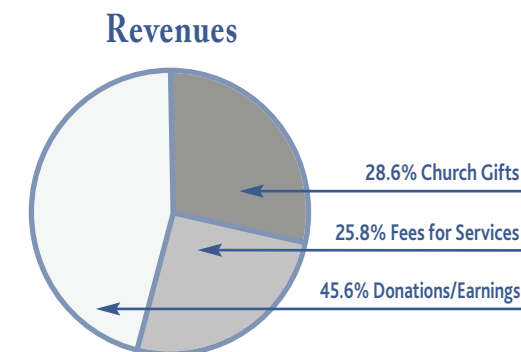
We are beginning to share hope through a dynamic new residential program known as **Family Care**. Across our state we see the daily struggles of single mothers, who have little support, and their children. Many of these families are a step away from being homeless and destitute. Family Care homes offer these moms and their children a safe, goal-focused, living environment. It gives mothers the opportunity to regain the stability and control their lives lack. They learn the skills they need so they can, at the right time, live independently and provide nurturing homes for their children. These homes are filling quickly!

The New Year is upon us. With it comes opportunity. We have helped many, but the needs have not diminished. God's storehouse of hope, however, is still in plentiful supply. **Join with us! Together, let us share this abundant hope and fill the hearts of all those who will look to Baptist Children's Homes in 2012.**



**PRESIDENT'S MANAGEMENT GROUP**

Left to Right: Keith Henry, Executive Vice President, Program & Services; Nancy McNeill, Executive Vice President, Operations; Michael C. Blackwell, President/CEO; Brenda Gray, Executive Vice President, Development & Communications; Samuel V. Barefoot, Senior Vice President.



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## Children & Family Services

Children Served  
932

Families Served  
1,266

Evangelism and Outreach  
2,446

## Developmental Disabilities Ministry

Residents and Families Served  
52

## North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

Clients Served  
1,040

**Total Served by Baptist Children's Homes**  
**5,736**

**Residents Accepting Christ**  
**65**