



Baptist Children's Homes of NORTH CAROLINA

sharing hope...changing lives

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FRONT COVER: Travis (far right) and his family found hope and healing through Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) Cameron Boys Camp near Southern Pines. From left to right: Travis' Uncle Dan and Aunt Karen, Travis' cousins Benjamin and Victoria.

BACK COVER: BCH President/CEO Michael C. Blackwell (left) with the assistance of Camp Duncan group work supervisor Adrian Thane (right) baptizes Kelsey in the waters of Lake Catherine. The lake is located at Camp Duncan in Aberdeen where Kelsey lives.



Sharing hope

Can you hear the beat becoming louder? Can you feel the pulse growing stronger? Hope is alive! Its distinctive heartbeat can be heard echoing throughout Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina's (BCH) caring locations that stretch from the mountains to the coast. Far too often its joyous rhythm is dulled by heart-wrenching circumstances. When Travis came to BCH two years ago his hope was nonexistent. Travis' guardians – his Aunt Karen and Uncle Dan – provided a loving home for him when he was 7 ½ years old after the demons of addiction made it impossible for his mother and father to care for him. Travis felt unwanted by his parents, and the resulting heartache he carried with him was so overwhelming it affected the entire family. But the heartbeat of hope cannot be silenced. At Cameron Boys Camp, BCH's residential wilderness ministry in Moore County, compassionate counselors reached out to both Travis and his Aunt and Uncle. They not only helped Travis overcome his personal pain, but they helped bring healing to the family. Today, Travis is back home with Karen and Dan. Within their hearts, the rhythm of hope beats loudly! Each day at BCH, hope is being shared with North Carolina children and families who are dealing with unfathomable challenges. And through the unwavering support of friends who have a heart for helping children, hope beats on and on!

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Travis' story exemplifies the storms opposing North Carolina families. In a time when families are facing problems and pressures on multiple fronts, Baptist Children's Homes shines the light of a new day to those in need of help. We are dedicated to strengthening and preserving North Carolina families. We remain steadfast in our mission to provide a safe haven to boys and girls. The ever-changing needs of those we serve are more daunting than ever, but no matter the circumstances, Baptist Children's Homes stands ready to provide a place of hope and healing just as we have for the past 127 years.

It has become more apparent during the past two years that an increasing number of single mothers, and therefore their children, were facing uncertainty within their small families. The underdeveloped skill sets of the mothers, lack of family support, and a depressed economy placed the families at-risk. In response to the growing need, BCH started its dynamic Family Care program in mid-2011 with one cottage. Today, the residential program has expanded to include eight Family Care homes across the state. The cottages have filled quickly as mothers are given an opportunity to learn the skills needed to obtain and maintain a stable home, job and income. Most importantly, Family Care allows these devoted mothers and their children to remain together as a family.

Sedrick, has found a family, and a home, with his caregivers and the other special needs men who live at Stegall Home in Marshville. The twenty-five-year-old has been confined to a wheelchair most of his life, but it's not because Sedrick was born without the use of his legs. As a boy he was abused and could not walk because of a resulting brain injury. Because of the care of Baptist Children's Homes' Developmental Disabilities Ministry (DDM), Sedrick underwent a surgical procedure in 2011 and, with assistance, he miraculously took his first steps in August.

Baptist Children's Homes' influence reaches beyond the lives of those being served at our statewide locations. Compassionate friends share God's love with us, and in turn our residents are learning the importance of taking that love into our surrounding communities. This happens when our residents and houseparents visit an elderly neighbor to assist with chores or when we provide groceries from our food drive supply to the family of a child we serve. Through our outreach and evangelism initiatives, more and more lives all around us are impacted as our circle of outreach grows.

BCH's circle of friends is comprised of some pretty remarkable people. From farmers to philanthropists, it's been amazing to observe this eclectic group this past year as they have utilized their varied talents and resources for the benefit of children. Our residents gleaned dozens of potatoes from a rural field prepared just for them. A husband and wife, who did not have children of their own, gave a posthumous donation to BCH to assist with the educational needs of our boys and girls. Volunteers renovated our beach cottage so residents could continue to experience an annual beach vacation. These selfless acts of kindness do not go unnoticed. BCH resident Anna says it best: *"There are a lot of people out there who love and care about us. We have a lot of guardian angels looking out for us."*

We are grateful for every one of BCH's guardian angels who ensures hope's pulse is healthy and strong. Its evidence is revealed when a smile long dormant returns to a child's face or a family, on the verge of falling apart, lovingly embraces each other once again. There are many, because of their all-consuming pain, who are unable to hear the beat. It's our task — our privilege — to share its life-changing rhythm with them. Let us undertake this mission together so that the hearts of the hurting may beat with new joy, new purpose and new hope.

Michael C. Blackwell • President / CEO

Leadership



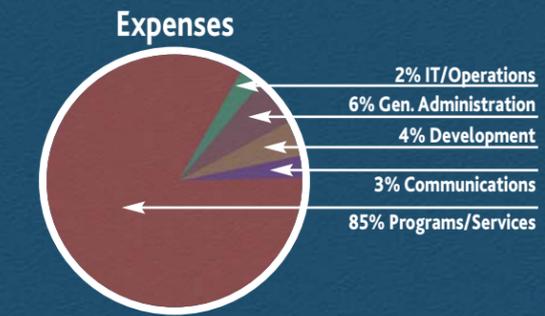
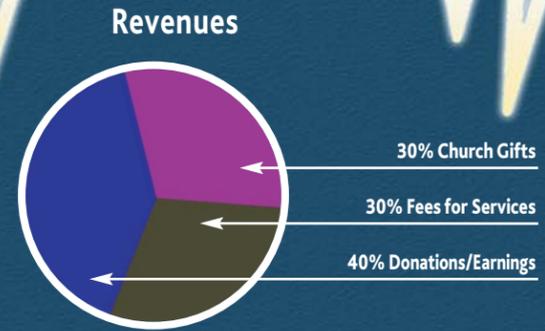
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Children & Family Services

Children Served
1,152

Families Served
924

Evangelism and Outreach
2,507

Developmental Disabilities Ministry

Residents and Families Served
55

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

Clients Served
2,267

Total Served by Baptist Children's Homes
6,905

Residents Accepting Christ
65