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RISE UP!



My heart swells as I look out across our state. Throughout the 19 communities where Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) serves, I see children and families standing above the unfathomable challenges that once dragged them into despair.

In the mountains of western North Carolina I see fifteen-year-old Autumn. At BCH's Truett Home in Hayesville, the high school sophomore is free from her former life where her family embraced drugs instead of embracing each other.

I see Jeremiah as I turn to the east. Not long ago, the teenager was on a pathway that could have led to a jail cell. Now, the 18-year-old has discovered a different road at Kennedy Home in Kinston. Jeremiah is striding forward with his plan to serve in the Marines and then pursue a degree in criminal justice.

The smiling faces of brothers Jonathan and Thomas leap out to me as I look toward Mills Home in Thomasville. At one point, the two boys were homeless but now call BCH's oldest campus in central North Carolina their "home."

I also see Sherri and her eight children. This single mother and her children went from living in a shelter to BCH's Family Care residential program at Oak Ranch. There in Broadway, this remarkable mother battled cancer and returned to school while caring for her children through Family Care's support.

Ultimately, when I look across our state I see hope — hope that refuses to be constrained. It rises within the hearts of those we serve through unconditional love and kindness. It rises out of the ashes of broken pasts that now recede into the distance. And hope boldly rises up to the heavens declaring freedom from darkness and pain for North Carolina children and families. **To all who have, and will, come through BCH's doors, I say RISE UP and stand on the bright and glorious shore of a future full of promise.**

Michael C. Blackwell • President / CEO

2014 President's Report
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Kennedy Home Celebrates Centennial. Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) second-oldest campus marked its 100th anniversary on July 5 – 6, 2014. Kennedy Home in Kinston first opened on June 15, 1914. More than 1,000 guests attended the **Centennial Celebration** including residents and staff from both the past and the present as well as BCH trustees, community friends and dignitaries. Dubbed the "Star of the East" by BCH president Michael C. Blackwell, the Kennedy Home grounds overflowed with activity throughout a commemorative weekend of live music, free food, family games and worship. The event's emotional highlight occurred during Sunday's worship service when Blackwell delivered a dramatic 15-minute monologue in the persona and period clothing of Kennedy Home benefactor Captain William Lafayette Kennedy.

BCH Launches Comprehensive Capital Campaign. In June 2014, BCH launched **Sharing Hope...Changing Lives**, a multi-million dollar capital campaign that will meet a variety of immediate needs while strengthening the nonprofit's foundation for the future. The financial goal for the campaign is \$21,300,000. The campaign will impact all of BCH's locations in 19 North Carolina communities and is focused on raising support for renovations, ongoing operational support, and building the nonprofit's endowment. Blackwell's campaign leadership team includes BCH executive vice president, development and communications, Brenda Gray and Jerry Jordan, BCH trustee, and his wife Evon from Oakboro. The Jordans are longtime supporters and are serving as campaign co-chairs. Paul Broyhill, Chairman of the Broyhill Family Foundation in Lenoir, serves as honorary chair. His family founded Broyhill Furniture and helped establish BCH's Broyhill Home in Clyde.

Guatemala Orphanage Accepts First Child. The Good Shepherd Children's Home, BCH's affiliate orphanage in Xela, Guatemala, received its operating license on October 7, 2014. Just 10 days later, Enma Carolina, a four-month-old girl who had been abandoned, became the orphanage's first child. By mid-November, six children, including three babies and three young siblings, were in care. The home provides a safe haven for indigenous boys and girls suffering from hunger, abandonment and a myriad of other needs. Good Shepherd is BCH's first ongoing international effort.

Residents Rise Up for Inspirational Presentation. On November 10, 2014, Blackwell led more than 200 BCH residents and staff for a 25-minute presentation at the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's Annual Meeting in Greensboro. Entitled **Rise Up**, the emotional presentation featured multiple residents sharing, through stories and songs, how BCH has helped them overcome the trauma of abuse, destitution and family

dysfunction. The audience applauded and came to their feet when Sedrick, a special needs resident from BCH's Developmental Disabilities Ministry, literally rose up from his wheelchair and stood with help from his caregivers. Sedrick lost his ability to walk because of severe child abuse. Today, the 28-year-old is walking as much as 250 feet with assistance.

NCBAM Marks Five Years of Ministry. The North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM), BCH's statewide program that serves the needs of frail aging adults, marked its fifth anniversary in November 2014. NCBAM's state-of-the-art Call Center fields more than 350 calls per month requesting help. There are 15,000 volunteers and service providers who stand ready to meet those needs. NCBAM has connected more than 2,000 aging adults to volunteers who have built them wheelchair ramps, has mobilized 1,243 Baptist volunteers to install free smoke alarm detectors, and has distributed more than 16,000 prescription management Red Bags.

Children Reach Their Goals. Two of BCH's children, Kimani from Broyhill Home in Clyde and Paulina from Mills Home in Thomasville, celebrated educational milestones. Kimani, who never attended school before coming to BCH at age 13, graduated high school on June 11. He is taking community college courses while still living at Broyhill Home. Paulina graduated summa cum laude from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on May 9. She received a bachelor of social work degree and is working towards a master of social work degree at the University of NC in Chapel Hill.



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Leadership



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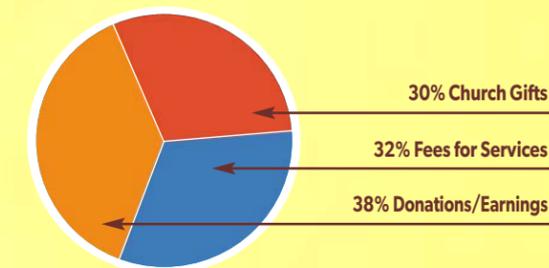
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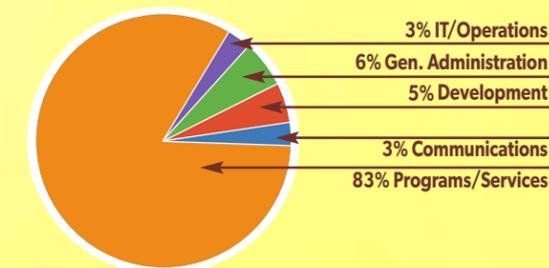
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Operating Revenues



Operating Expenses



2014 OUTREACH NUMBERS

Children & Family Services

Children Served
1,276

Families Served
960

Evangelism & Outreach
5,829

Developmental Disabilities Ministry

Residents & Families Served
53

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

Clients Served
7,572

Total Served by
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15,690

Decisions for Christ
101



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