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2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT for BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES of NORTH CAROLINA



It is not coincidence that **Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina's (BCH)** path has intersected with your own. Fortune and luck play no role when churches, volunteers, organizations and caring community friends discover the BCH ministry and become intimately involved. There are greater forces at work that inspire others to help a child in our care, encourage an aging adult we serve or travel abroad to ensure the orphans we rescue have the sanctuary and refuge they deserve.

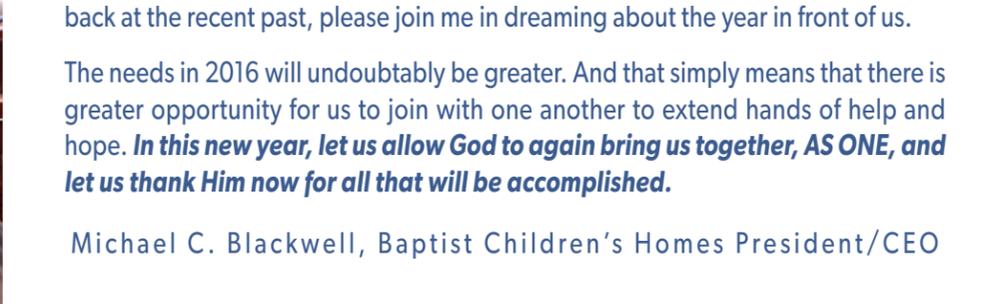
No, there is only a single reason we have come together -- **AS ONE** -- to accomplish the BCH vision of **sharing hope...changing lives**. It is not coincidence -- it's providence. **It is God**. And we are in awe of the compassionate and generous friends he has led into our path.

In 2015, we served 21,867 children, families, special needs adults and aging adults. Providing care, support and outreach to so many is only achieved because we have done it **together**. Inside this annual report, or more appropriately this **accomplishments report**, you will see highlights from last year. We celebrate every one that is listed as well as the ones we do not have the space to share. As we glance back at the recent past, please join me in dreaming about the year in front of us.

The needs in 2016 will undoubtedly be greater. And that simply means that there is greater opportunity for us to join with one another to extend hands of help and hope. **In this new year, let us allow God to again bring us together, AS ONE, and let us thank Him now for all that will be accomplished.**

Michael C. Blackwell, Baptist Children's Homes President/CEO

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT





Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) marked a number of accomplishments in 2015 as the ministry to children, families, special needs adults, and aging adults continued to grow, meeting needs across North Carolina and beyond.

Family Gathering 4 Brings Baptist Children's Homes Together – All staff members and residents from BCH's statewide locations gathered for *Family Gathering* on June 23. Nearly 800 people attended the event at Mills Home, the ministry's oldest campus, to celebrate BCH's 130th anniversary. After a time of games and music, BCH president/CEO Michael C. Blackwell led a special service at the campus church.

Weekday Education Celebrates 50 Years – BCH's Weekday Education centers in Thomasville have provided enrichment, developmentally-appropriate classes, and care to children for five decades. Friends, staff members, children, and families benefiting from Weekday Education's 5-star rated services celebrated the birthday at the *Fun-tastic Festival*, a community event on May 16 offering family entertainment.

BCH Scores High Marks with Reaccreditation – BCH completed its seventh Council on Accreditation (COA – an international, human service accrediting organization) review in 2015 affirming the nonprofit as one of the top child care organizations in its field. In its review, BCH received a perfect score on 96% of the 1,000 standards that were evaluated. It was noted that BCH president/CEO Michael C. Blackwell was key to the agency's overall expectation of excellence. "Only leadership can bring that forward in their staff." Reaccreditation is every four years.

New Family Care Home Opens – The Claude and Lois Smith Family Care Home was dedicated on Sunday, August 30 making it the newest of 12 statewide homes for hard-working single mothers and their children. The home is already full serving as a residence for four mothers and their 12 children. The William A. and Hughlene Bostian Frank Family Care Ministry connects mothers with resources they need to become self-sufficient while still parenting their children.

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) Garners Attention – In January 2015, COA reviewers stated, "NCBAM is an exemplary program that needs to be taken nationwide." In May 2015, NCBAM director Sandy Gregory was awarded the "Leadership Excellence" award by the NC Association on Aging. The NC Senate at its May 28, 2015 general assembly session presented a Senatorial Statement lauding the accomplishments of the ministry and the positive impact of its initiatives and programs on aging adults and their caregivers. Since 2009, NCBAM has connected more than 2,000 aging adults with volunteer wheelchair ramp builders, mobilized more than 1,200 volunteers who have installed grant-funded smoke alarms, and distributed more than 16,000 Red Bags for medication management. More than 12,000 volunteers have been trained by NCBAM's regional directors and more than 31,000 volunteer hours have been given in service to the State's aging.



BCH Unveils Fancy Finds – BCH introduced *Fancy Finds*, an initiative that supports the organization's ministries to children, families, developmentally disabled adults, and aging adults through the North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM). *Fancy Finds* is a resale store that will offer older or previously discarded furniture and home décor items that will be creatively restored and transformed into renewed vintage-style pieces. Proceeds generated by the store go back into the BCH ministry. In addition, *Fancy Finds* opens up opportunities for others to support BCH and volunteer. The store is dependent on people donating older, gently-worn furniture, and accessories. *Fancy Finds* also provides an Estate Sale Service and "do it yourself" classes teaching others how to restore their own unique items. The store will open sometime in 2016.

Developmental Disabilities Ministry Reaches Full Capacity – Since 2000, BCH provided group homes to special needs adults through its Developmental Disabilities Ministry (DDM). Care to men and women is provided through nine cottages in six communities. Today, the program is at 100% capacity punctuating not only the need for the ministry but the exceptional quality of residential care offered. DDM is designed to provide special needs adults a safe living environment that includes opportunities for Christian spiritual enrichment, community involvement, preparation of nutritious meals, transportation, and enhancement of daily independent living and social skills.

Guatemala Orphanage and Medical Clinic See Great Need – The Good Shepherd Children's Home in Xela, Guatemala, BCH's affiliate orphanage, is home to 17 children ranging from only a few weeks old to age 13. A total of 25 orphans have been served. The majority of the babies at the orphanage have been abandoned with many found in destitute locations including trash dumps and on river banks. In 2015, there were 3,943 patient visits at the medical clinic which provides low-cost visits and medications to the indigenous villagers. The clinic also provides medical care to the orphans.

Volunteers Make Big Impact – Volunteers from mission teams to a sixth grader used their time, skills and creativity to benefit BCH's children and families. Madi, an eleven-year-old who lives in Western North Carolina, learned about BCH at East Flat Rock Baptist Church where she attends with her family. For the past three years, Madi has planted a garden and donates her proceeds, along with boxes of vegetables, to BCH's Broyhill Home in Clyde. Volunteer groups have taken on projects such as collecting back-to-school supplies, knitting blankets and supporting "Friends of Children" workdays at BCH locations. Approximately 2,000 volunteers participated in workdays seeing the ministry firsthand. Mission teams, in cooperation with North Carolina Baptist Men, traveled to Good Shepherd Ministries in Guatemala where 24 teams comprised of 238 volunteers helped at the medical clinic and orphanage.

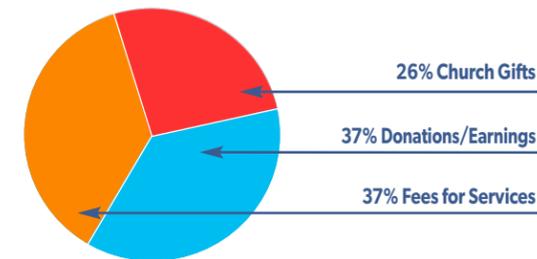
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Leadership

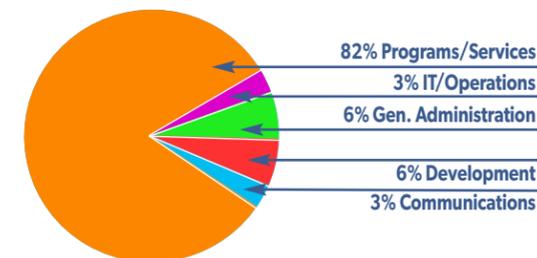


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Operating Revenues



Operating Expenses



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2015 OUTREACH NUMBERS

Children & Family Services

Children Served
1,444

Families Served
1,083

Evangelism & Outreach
11,564

Developmental Disabilities Ministry

Residents & Families Served
54

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

Clients Served
7,731

Total Served by
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21,876

Decisions for Christ
85



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