



**M**any of you know Kimani's story by heart. It is the tale of a boy whose family locked him in a closet each night. At their hands, he endured horrific abuse. He was starved to the point that it severely stunted his growth. **At age 12, Kimani weighed only 32 lbs and was 3 feet tall.**

But this isn't a story of tragedy - **it's a tale of triumph!** In 2007, the 12-year-old came to Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) Broyhill Home in Clyde where his new life began. Today, through expert medical care, Kimani has grown to 5' 2" tall. The boy, who was never allowed to attend school, is now a high school senior. **Kimani's future was once shrouded in darkness. Today, his horizons are wide open and he carries with him the hope of Jesus Christ in his heart.**

Kimani's story has been shared many times during his six years at BCH. His journey is one of the most incredible experiences I have witnessed in my 30-plus years as President. As I shared his story again this year, those hearing it for the first time were overcome with emotion. Those already familiar were filled with gratitude upon seeing his continued success. In many ways, Kimani is the face of every child at BCH. **His wide smile, the light in his eyes, and the joy in his heart reminds us of the miracles made possible when we join together to ensure that the tales of BCH's boys and girls end in triumph.**

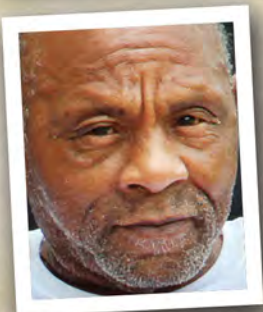
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2013 president's report

**T**here is a face behind every aspect of Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) myriad of life-changing services. Behind every face is a story. And when you've had the high honor of serving thousands of children and families across a 128-year history, there are innumerable tales to tell.

Kimani's journey has touched the lives of so many. The photo of him at age 13 wearing his cowboy hat and broad smile has become synonymous with BCH's **residential child care**. Throughout our 19 statewide locations North Carolina children, with stories similar to Kimani's, are leaping over the hurdles of a painful past and are sprinting towards a future brimming with hope.



Before our eyes, Paulina has transformed from an angry teenager to a thriving college student. After being in our traditional residential care program for three years, Paulina moved into Mills Home's Huffman Cottage, a **transitional living** home preparing older children for adult life. Today, she rents a nearby house and is studying for a degree in social work. Paulina's dream is to help other children in the same way she received help from BCH social workers and staff.



Paulina also works at the **North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM)**, BCH's resource-based ministry serving aging adults like Jule. A double amputee, Jule lived in a convalescent center until his sister-in-law and husband moved him into their home. Through NCBAM, church volunteers built a wheelchair ramp giving Jule the most mobility he's had in years. At 71, Jule is beginning life anew.



Sedrick is a shining beacon for BCH's ministry to adults with developmental disabilities. He is confined to a wheelchair due to a brain injury sustained from childhood abuse. He has found a family with the other adult men and his caregivers at Stegall Home in Marshville, one of nine group homes comprising BCH's **Developmental Disabilities Ministry (DDM)**. With the help of doctors and DDM staff, Sedrick has taken his first steps since he was a boy. He may never fully recover the use of his legs, but his dream to walk again has been fulfilled.

Travis felt unwanted and unloved by his parents who chose their addictions over their son. Travis conquered his pain at **Cameron Boys Camp**. Along with **Camp Duncan** for girls, BCH's two residential camping ministries help children overcome personal and family challenges through this amazing outdoor ministry. Travis shares his powerful story in churches around the state.



A recovered drug addict, Monica had nowhere to turn as the single mother sought to rebuild her family's tattered life. BCH's **family care** program offered Monica and her three children – Amariah, Zeonte, and Za'Von – a home at Oak Ranch in Broadway, one of eight homes for single moms and their children. Through the program's assistance, Monica is now employed and has received her own vehicle. Her two boys and daughter are thriving. Monica has seized her second chance and looks for opportunities to inspire others in similar circumstances.



In 2014, BCH is undertaking a new international outreach by establishing **the Good Shepherd Children's Home** in Xela, Guatemala. As an affiliate of BCH, the orphanage will provide a home to neglected and abandoned children who are part of an indigenous tribe call the Quiché. These precious orphans will be the faces of this incredible new ministry. The needs are tremendous, and there will be numerous opportunities for churches and friends to partner with us to help.



The final face of the BCH ministry is the most familiar - **it's yours**. Without your support, there would be no stories to tell. The smile would be absent from Kimani's face as well as others in our care. The coming year is ripe with opportunities for you to partner with us. **We have the pens in our hands. Together, let's write magnificent endings to the stories of the children and families we are privileged to serve.**

**Michael C. Blackwell • President / CEO**

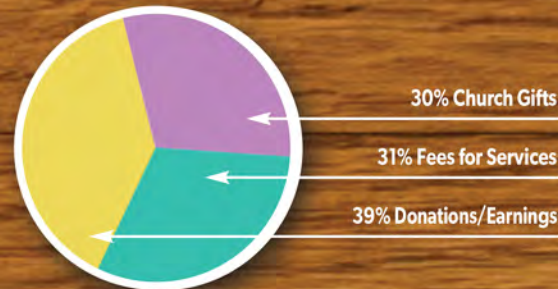
# Sharing hope...changing lives

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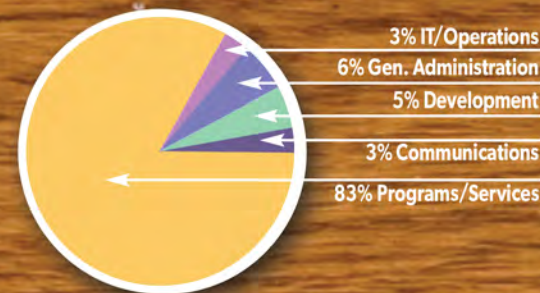


TOP L to R: Michael C. Blackwell, President/CEO; Keith Henry, COO; Brenda Gray, Executive VP, Development & Communications  
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## Operating Revenues



## Operating Expenses



## Children & Family Services

Children Served  
1,210

Families Served  
1,021

Evangelism & Outreach  
5,302

Developmental Disabilities Ministry  
Residents & Families Served  
57

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry  
Clients Served  
2,393

Total Served by Baptist Children's Homes  
9,983

Decisions for Christ  
75

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## PHOTOS

FRONT COVER: This picture of 13-year-old Kimani was taken in 2008 in front of the lake at Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) Broyhill Home campus where he lives.

BACK COVER: Messengers applaud as BCH President/CEO Michael C. Blackwell (center) concludes his report at the Annual Meeting of the Baptist State Convention on November 12, 2013. BCH resident Kimani and Inez White, whose husband received help through the North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM), shared their stories as part of the report. Blackwell has been the face of BCH for three decades. He celebrated his 30th anniversary as BCH's executive leader on July 1, 2013.