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of NORTH CAROLINA

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the courage of a **NINE-YEAR-OLD SUPERMAN**

In the summer of 2016, I received a stunning message that depicted the desperate journey — both figurative and physical — of three siblings who had just been brought into the compassionate care of **Baptist Children's Homes (BCH)**.

In the middle of the night, a nine-year-old boy quietly walked into the bedroom of his two little sisters and woke them. This big brother had grown tired of seeing his sisters go without eating. He could no longer stand to see them hurting because of the abuse that plagued their family home.

So the nine-year-old boy packed a small bag, took his three-year-old and five-year-old sisters by their hands and left underneath the shroud of the night sky. The boy didn't know where he was going. All he knew was he had to get them far away from home — he had to save his sisters.

The following morning, a deputy spotted the three siblings walking along the highway. The boy, **dressed appropriately in his Superman shirt**, told the stunned officer, *"Please take me and my sisters to foster care. We can't live with our mom and stepdad anymore. They beat us and they starve us and my stepdad pulls my little sister's hair out."*

Law enforcement officers knew exactly where to go and where to turn. Within a couple of hours, these three precious children were given the refuge and compassionate care they sought at Baptist Children's Homes. **This nine-year-old big brother succeeded in rescuing his little sisters. Mission accomplished.**

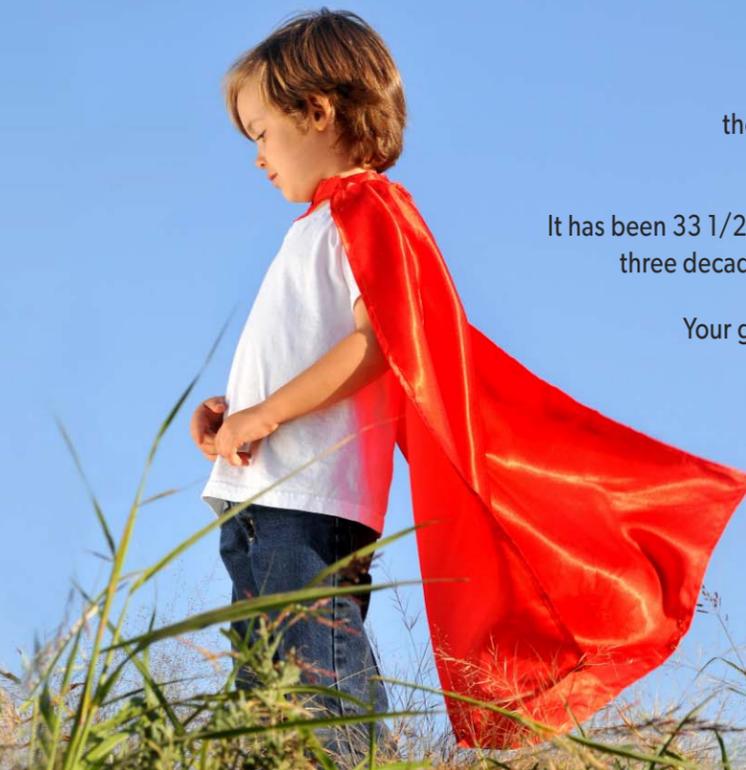
It has been 33 1/2 years since I accepted the invitation to be President of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. After more than three decades, I am even more inspired by these courageous young people (if that's possible) as well as BCH's amazing friends.

Your generous support, your prayers, your gifts of time and talents are the reason why we can rescue children, bring hope to families, empower the dreams of developmentally disabled adults, and guide aging adults along their journeys.

So put on your cape! Come alongside us as we continue to fulfill the vision of *sharing hope...changing lives* in the name of Christ. Together we have accomplished much, but the mission continues.

MICHAEL C. BLACKWELL
BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES PRESIDENT/CEO

Baptist Children's Homes
2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS REPORT





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Capital Campaign

On September 20, 2016, BCH president Michael C. Blackwell, campaign leaders and supporters celebrated the completion of the most extensive campaign of the nonprofit's 131-year existence. Every goal for the Sharing Hope...Changing Lives multi-million dollar effort was met and exceeded. Achievements for the three-year initiative included:

- 59,005 children, adults and families served
- Increased BCH's endowment by nearly \$6,900,000
- 23 residential cottages renovated
- 4 new residential homes opened
- 56 vehicles purchased
- 115 statewide properties renovated
- 4 new ministries opened



Greater Vision Outreach

BCH is expanding its community outreach to children and families through the Tucker Greater Vision Ministry, its new statewide outreach. The outreach center, to be located on the Mills Home campus in Thomasville, is the result of a \$1 million donation from Bob and Carolyn Tucker of Concord — longtime BCH supporters and founders of Shoe Show, Inc. A groundbreaking ceremony for the new center took place on June 27, 2016. Dr. Blackwell envisions an array of services that will benefit both the physical and spiritual needs of communities across North Carolina.



"Ride to Clyde" Motorcycle Ride

More than 50 motorcyclists traveled a 460-mile route as a part of "Ride to Clyde" — a new North Carolina Baptist annual event to aid Baptist Children's Homes. The May 4-7, 2016 charity ride consisted of a scenic tour that included stops at three of BCH's locations. The route stretched from Oak Island in Eastern NC to the mountain community of Clyde where the ride ended at BCH's Broyhill Home. Bikers more than tripled their \$5,000 goal exceeding \$19,000 in contributions. Ride to Clyde is a partnership with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina that raises support for BCH while providing an opportunity to share the Gospel with riders and BCH residents.



HOMEbase College Ministry

BCH began a ministry to support college students who have aged out of foster and residential care systems. HOMEbase operates out of the former Baptist Student Union building on the campus of Western Carolina University



in Cullowhee. The outreach provides aid to students as they tackle higher education goals as well as everyday life. Studies have shown that only two to nine percent of students who age out of foster care graduate from college.

Fancy Finds Upscale Resale Shop

With the cutting of the ceremonial ribbon on October 14, 2016, Fancy Finds commemorated its long-anticipated grand opening event with staff members, city leaders and eager customers in attendance. The store is located at Mills Home in Thomasville and offers creatively repurposed furniture and home decor items. The majority of the gently-used items are donated with proceeds from their sales being funneled back into BCH's various statewide ministries.

Hurricane Matthew Relief

Hurricane Matthew devastated parts of Eastern NC on October 8, 2016 impacting seven BCH locations. The hardest hit, Kennedy Home in Kinston, sustained at least \$1.5 million in damage affecting 18 out of 24 buildings. Church groups and disaster relief teams have helped with initial clean up and repairs. Donations, both in-kind and monetary, from individuals as well as community groups are helping to defray costs.

NCBAM Rampin' Up

Through six years of ministry and two Rampin' Ups (2012, 2014), North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) has asked many groups to build wheelchair ramps including Baptists on Mission, churches and civic groups. The one group they had never asked to build a wheelchair ramp was themselves. That changed when NCBAM team members, along with their family and friends, came together in Iredell County to construct three ramps in one day. Rampin' Up is held every two years in conjunction with Operation Inasmuch. Hundreds of ramps for frail aging adults have been built.

Guatemala Orphanage

During Easter 2016, BCH staff members and several members of BCH's Board of Trustees journeyed to the Good Shepherd Children's Home, BCH's affiliate orphanage in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. While there, trustees met 13-year-old Santos, the oldest boy at the orphanage who asked Jesus into his heart soon after arriving. And shortly after the group returned to the states, 13-year-old Esmeralda also made a decision for Christ. The group not only spent time with the children but completed a number of projects at the orphanage and Good Shepherd's nearby medical clinic.

Vision

Sharing hope...changing lives

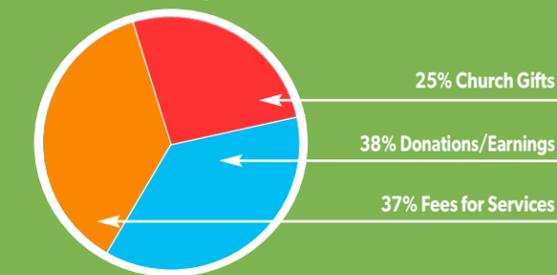
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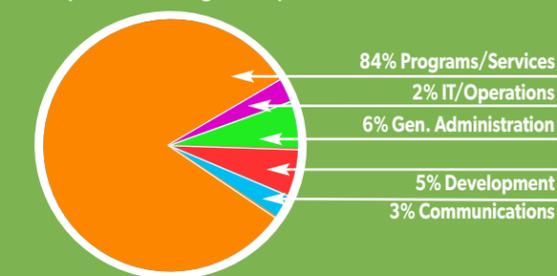
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Financial

Operating Revenues



Operating Expenses



Outreach

Children & Family Services

Children Served
1,569

Families Served
1,103

Evangelism & Outreach
10,888

Developmental Disabilities Ministry

Residents & Families Served
54

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

Clients Served
7,401

Total Served by
Baptist Children's Homes
21,015

Decisions for Christ
147



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