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
**2016 Accomplishments**

**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

**Total Served by Baptist Children’s Homes**
21,015

**Decisions for Christ**
147

**Clients Served**
7,401

**Trustees**
Carl Anderson – Leasburg
Annas – Hudson
Bill Boddie – Rocky Mount
Bobby Boyd – Conover
Jacque Burgess – Apex
John Cashwell – Concord
Lenuel Chamberlain – Yadkinville
Jesse Croom – Edenton
Jim Dyer – Wake Forest
Abe Elmore – Dunn
Gayla Freeman – Conover
Jim Goldston – Wake Forest
Jim Gorsuch – Hildebran
Betty Greene – Boone
Marcia Heckman – Concord
Renea Henderson – Asheboro
Ronnie Holman – Granite Falls
Roy Howell – Apex
Amelia Johnson – Franklin
Gail King – Reidsville
Kenneth Lance – Salisbury
John Lee – Nashville
Karl Milliren – Thomasville
Joan Mitchell – Durham (deceased)
Lyndell Pate – Rockwell
Wendy Peters – Winston-Salem
Margaret Phillips – Elkin City
Sandy Saunders – Fayetteville
Steve Stevens – Pharras Garden
Sybil Stuart – Shelby Ford
Rudy Sugars – Asheville
Eric Vernon – Sanford
Sterling Wall – Lexington
Jaye Wimberly – Lakeland
Jay Westmoreland – Fort Mill, SC

**Greater Vision Outreach**
BCH is expanding its community outreach to children and families through the Tucker Greater Vision Ministry, its new state-wide outreach. The outreach center, to be located on the Mills Home campus in Thompsville, is the result of $1 million donation from Bob and Carolyn Tucker of Concord—longtime BCH supporters and founders of Shoe Inc., a groundbreaking center 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.

**敞车到 Clyde**
More than 50 motorcycles 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 ride consisted of a scenic tour that included stops at three of BCH’s locations. The route stretched from Oxford in Onslow County to the mountain community of Clyde where the ride ended at BCH’s Brynhill Home. Riders more than tripled their $5,000 goal exceeding $15,000. Contributions to Ride to Clyde is a partnership with the Baptist Convention of North Carolina that raises support for BCH while providing an opportunity to share the Gospel with riders and BCH residents.

**HomeBschool College Ministry**
BCH began a ministry to support college students who have aged out of foster and residential care systems. HOMESCHOOL 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 Baptist customers in attendance. The store is located at Mills Home in Thompsville and offers freshly 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. The one group they had never had to build a wheelchair ramp was themselves. That changed when BCH ramp team members, along with their family and friends, came together inside Inzell County to construct three ramps in one day. Ramp It Up held its very two years in conjunction with Operation Insummakt. 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 traveled to the Good Shepherd Children’s Home orphanage in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. While there, trustees met 13-year-old Santos, the oldest boy at the orphanage who was told Jesus into his heart after an amazing encounter. And shortly after, Santos’s home returned to the state’s, 13-year-old Esmerialda 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.

**Financial**

**Outreach**

**Children & Family Services**

**Total Served by Baptist Children’s Homes**
21,015

**Evangelism & Outreach**
10,888

**Developmental Disabilities Ministry**
1,103

**Residents & Families Served**
54

**North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry**
54

**Clients Served**
7,401