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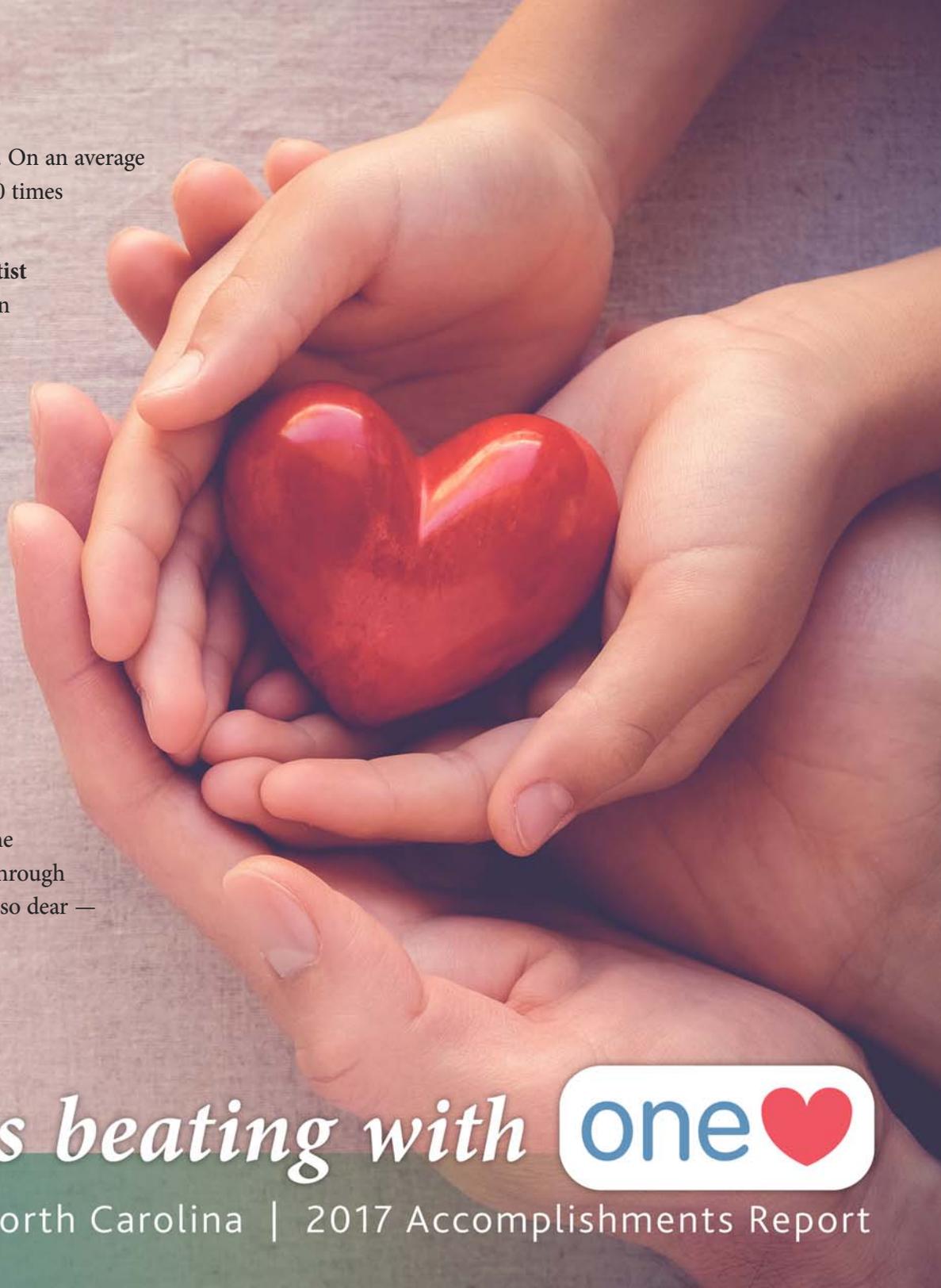
Place your hand on your chest. Feel the rhythm of your heart. On an average of 80 beats per minute, the heart beats a staggering 42,048,000 times a year. *Life courses through your body with every beat.*

Our hearts are not so different from what's at the core of **Baptist Children's Homes (BCH)**. We are many ministries (more than a dozen, in fact) beating with one purpose. It's a rhythm of hope that stretches across North Carolina and beyond. From the tiniest baby rescued through Good Shepherd Children's Home in Guatemala to the abused child served through our compassionate residential homes to the frail aging adult whose needs are met through North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM), lives are changed with each passing beat. *Can you feel it?*

For each person's distinct story of hurt and sorrow, there is a unique BCH ministry ready to help. These many ministries beat with one heart and send hope coursing into the lives of children, families, special needs adults, single moms — *thousands of people every year!*

Yet, BCH's heart does not beat alone. We are joined with the hearts of friends like you who pray and give sacrificially. At the center of it all is Jesus Christ. It is His perfect love pulsating through His people that ensures those we serve — the people we hold so dear — *may have life and have it more abundantly.*

Michael C. Blackwell | BCH President/CEO



Many ministries beating with



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Children's Numbers Scale New Heights in 2017

The needs of North Carolina children remained great this past year as Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) statewide homes stayed full or near capacity. Children are now living at BCH for longer periods of time in a trend that has shifted from 2016. A rise in abuse and neglect, often due to the nation's growing opioid crisis, has resulted in children remaining longer in the safe, stable setting BCH offers. One measurement the nonprofit uses to analyze the need is called "days of care." A day of care is counted every time a child is safely tucked in bed at night. In 2017, that number reached a staggering 125,889

days. Also, BCH cared for 151 sibling groups. The ministry is one of the few providers with the ability to keep brothers and sisters together.

Odum Home Celebrates 75 Years

Odum Home in Pembroke, BCH's third-oldest location, reached its milestone 75th anniversary. Community leaders, staff members, friends, and current and former residents came together on October 28, 2017 to celebrate the occasion. The day began at Berea Baptist Church adjacent to the Odum Home campus. Approximately 400 guests attended the service that included a time of worship, award presentations, personal reflections, and preaching. The day concluded with a free community event at Odum Home. Lunch was served, and the children enjoyed inflatable games.

First-year Ministry Reaches Thousands

Greater Vision Outreach Ministry has quickly impacted the lives of community families throughout the state. In its first year, Greater Vision reached 9,393 individuals across North Carolina. The ministry's purpose is to strengthen working families, who struggle with poverty, by meeting their essential physical and spiritual needs.

Greater Vision works in partnership with other organizations to provide food, resources, education, referral and preventive services. The ministry is made possible by BCH supporters Bob and Carolyn Tucker of Concord whose seed donation is funding the construction of Greater Vision's statewide headquarters in Thomasville. The building will be complete in early 2018.

Orphanage Experiences Growth as Needs Rise

Guatemala children continue to find refuge at the Good Shepherd Children's Home. The orphanage in Quetzaltenango consistently rescues boys and girls who are victims of the culture's impoverished environment leaving boys and girls abandoned and/or parentless. Opportunities are being explored with Christian churches in the region to provide long-term



homes for many of the children. Some of the older children have received scholarships to a Christian school in the area to further disciple them while providing the best possible education. An additional cottage, through a matching gift donation from supporters Jay and Scarlett Westmoreland, is being built to serve more children.

Hurricane Recovery Continues

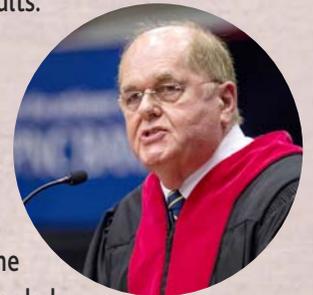
Kennedy Home in Kinston is still undergoing renovations due to damage from Hurricane Matthew on October 8, 2016. More than 6,000 volunteers, some coming multiple times, have assisted with recovery at the campus since the storm. Kennedy Home is still needing skilled volunteers as well as donations to help with remodeling in children's cottages, tree removal, electrical work and shelving for the food locker.

NCBAM's Influence Recognized

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) received both regional and international attention in 2017. The ministry received the 2017 Outstanding Community Service Award for North Carolina from the Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging. This award recognizes an agency that has made positive contributions in the lives of older people. In June, NCBAM's director, Dr. Sandy Gregory spoke at the 7th International Conference on Aging and Spirituality in Chicago. NCBAM also added new titles to the workshops it offers to churches and senior centers--now offering more than 40 enrichment workshops that address issues relevant to aging adults.

President Celebrates Milestones

Michael C. Blackwell celebrated multiple accomplishments in 2016. Blackwell was conferred the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC during its summer commencement ceremony on August 5 and presented the message to the graduates in attendance. On December 15, he was also awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Mars Hill University in Mars Hill, NC. Both universities lauded his achievements and his transformational leadership at BCH. In addition, Blackwell was named one of the Triad's most admired CEOs by The Triad Business Journal. Trustees approved the Emergency Care Cottage at Broyhill Home to be named the Michael C. and Catherine Kanipe Blackwell Cottage. On August 12, Blackwell and his wife, Catherine, celebrated 50 years of marriage. And in 2018, he will mark 35 years as BCH president/CEO, a position held longer than any BCH executive leader.



Vision

Sharing hope...changing lives

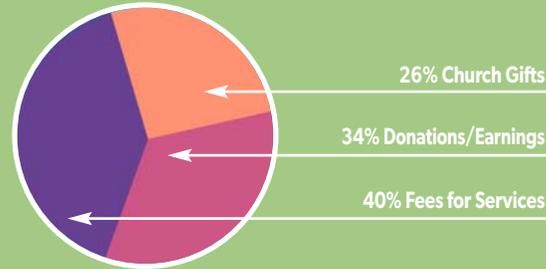
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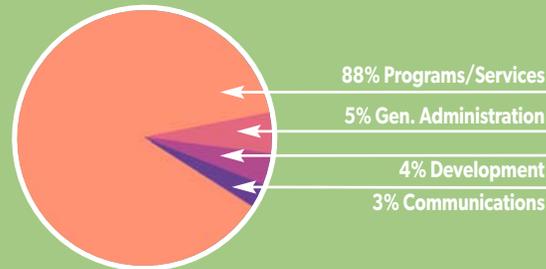
Sam Barefoot, Senior VP; Brenda Gray, Executive VP, Development & Communications; Keith Henry, COO; Michael C. Blackwell, President/CEO; Nancy McNeill, VP, Human Resources & Compliance; Bill Chaisson, Treasurer

Financial

Operating Revenues



Operating Expenses



Outreach

Children & Family Services

Children Served
1,442

Families Served
1,103

Evangelism & Outreach
12,916

Developmental Disabilities Ministry

Residents & Families Served
54

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

Clients Served
7,668

Greater Vision Outreach Ministry

Clients Served
9,393

Total Served by
Baptist Children's Homes
32,576

Decisions for Christ
203

Trustees

Carl Anderson – Leasburg

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Bobby Boyd – Conover

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Connie Coble – Raleigh

Jim Dyer – Wake Forest

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