



**Baptist Children's  
Home and Family  
Services**

# Building Futures, Changing Lives

**Angels' Cove • BCH Residential Care • Pathways Counseling**

*Our mission: Providing Christ-centered services that protect, heal and restore.*



## A Mandate of Care

**A**s Christians we have a Biblical mandate to care for the most vulnerable in our society: The widowed, orphaned, poor, abused, neglected and abandoned.



**Doug Devore**  
Executive Director  
BCHFS

† **James 1:27** "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..."

† **Proverbs 31:8-9** "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute, speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

† **Isaiah 1:17** "Learn to do right, seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow. Rescue from the hand of oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the alien, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood."

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## Full 'Circle of Love' in Adoption

*By Carla Donoho, Director of Angels' Cove*

**N**ot long ago, I witnessed the full circle of love in adoption – the reuniting of years of love for one precious little girl-all grown up.

Almost 18 years ago I received a call from what was then called the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Marion, Illinois. A young lady had just left with the plans to have an abortion. Knowing God has no limitations on the "2 or 3 gather in my name," we prayed together on the phone. We prayed specifically that God would take care of this young mom and her unborn child.

We asked that someone would come into her life to help her through this difficult time.

A few short months later I received a call from a hospital that a very young mother had given birth to a very tiny baby girl and she did not feel she was at the point in her life to raise her child. This was the mother and the child we had prayed for!

Through our ministry, we were able to support this precious young mom. In talking about her situation, she said, "I didn't know what to do. I felt so alone and scared. I didn't want to choose abortion and I also thought about ending my life because I had no one. All my life I have struggled."

She made an adoption plan for her beautiful baby girl. Although a heart-wrenching decision, she knew it was best for her baby. The baby's birthfather was

very supportive and together they put the needs of their child ahead of their own emotional ones and placed her in the love of an adoptive family who had prayed for years for a little girl they had already named – Amber.

Through the next 17 years pictures and letters of Amber's life were shared with her birth family. Her adoptive mom and adoptive dad kept an open line of communication with Amber, being sensitive to what she needed to be a healthy and happy girl and young woman. As she approached her teen years they were

aware of her desire to know more of her birth family, so together Amber and her mom made plans to have a reunion.

What an amazing time! Love, laughter and tears of joy filled the room for 5 hours. Stories and photos were shared from throughout the years. Everyone was touched by Amber's birthfather who had saved everything he had ever received, recording Amber's journey.

Amber was introduced to her younger "sister" whom she had never met. Everyone searched to know each other better, to fill in the 18 year gap of their lives.

This reunion was a perfect display of unselfish love. Amber's mom said, "They loved their daughter enough to place her in our arms 18 years ago...and we love her enough to help them reunite today. It's like the final

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*Amber receives a special kiss from her adoptive mother, Kris (left) and her birthmother, Shanda.*





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## Full 'Circle of Love' in Adoption

piece of a puzzle is found and placed in the right spot to make a complete picture."

Amber posted on her Facebook, "Today was everything I have ever dreamed of!!!! (=: words can't describe how amazing it was!!)"

Amber's birthmother wrote: "Wow! What an amazing day to meet our daughter! Words can't even describe how amazing this was. She is so beautiful. She is an amazing lady. Thank you for letting us share this special moment. I love you all so much. So much love tonight! I have struggled all my life, and to see Amber not to have to struggle makes me proud I gave her life and such a wonderful family."

Most likely all of us would say we had experienced and witnessed unconditional love in some form, e.g. parents sacrificing for their children to have more,

to allow them to go to college, to have a better Christmas. But I don't believe I have ever witnessed a greater display of unconditional love than what I have seen from these families – each one making Amber's life and her well being more important than anything else.

How many of us would sacrifice a beautiful daughter into the arms of strangers? How many adoptive parents put aside the fears our culture creates of the "other family" to see their adopted child find the "final piece of the puzzle." This, my friend, is unselfish love! Through everyone's desire to put Amber first, she has become the beautiful, healthy young woman she is today!

*"Today was everything I have ever dreamed of!!!! (=: words can't describe how amazing it was!!)"*



(Pictured L to R) Amber, with her birthmother, Shanda and her biological sister, Samantha.

Amber's brother was unable to join us as he is serving his country in Afghanistan – another demonstration of sacrifice for others. Only the sacrifice of our Lord for each of us is greater than these!

**November is National Adoption Month!** ■

## BCHFS MEMORIAL GIFTS: April – June 2011

### MEMORIAL GIFTS FROM APRIL – JUNE '11

#### Grandmothers

Betty Mersinger

#### Mothers

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Foster

#### Mother

Ann Rottering

#### Jim Arnett

Terry and Barb Hall  
Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City  
Dwain and Linda Bridges

#### Wilma Atchison

Norma Tennyson

#### Doris Bagwell

Leuna Bagwell

#### Albert Bates

Mary Lou Bates

#### Robert Beesley

Woburn Baptist Church, Greenville

#### Vera Belcher

Lloyd Belcher, Sr.  
Irwin Chapel Funeral Home  
Terry and Barb Hall  
Dwain and Linda Bridges  
Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City

#### Barbara Bellinger

Harold and Ella Mae Bellinger

#### Gerald W. Berg

Shirley Berg

#### Rev. Marvin Berry

Bonnie Berry

#### Grover Bible

Helen Bible

#### Hazel Bishop

Sheila Brandenburg  
Russell Brashear  
David and Betty M. Dunlap  
First Baptist Church, Lawrenceville  
Laura Martin  
John Shuppert  
Patricia Reed

#### Lori Boatright

Joann Boatright

#### Georgia Borah

Sims Missionary Baptist Church, Sims  
Dr. and Mrs. Homer Hanson

#### Ruby Bowker

Lela Harding

#### Carolyn Brower

Charles Brower

#### Alma Brown

Reba Aydt

#### Pauline Brown

Jeff and Shea Eberhart

#### Stan Brown

Maxine Brown

#### Roger Bryan

Sheryl Bryan

#### Gene and Inez Bryant

Mary Ann Morris

#### Maxine Buchanan

Terry and Barb Hall

#### Danny Bullock

First Baptist Church, Grayville

#### Mildred Bundy

First Baptist Church, Salem

#### Elizabeth Burris

Laura Marks

#### Jerry Buttrum

Buttrum Insurance, LLC,  
Sandra Buttrum  
Paul and Rhonda Neathery  
Lawrence Correction Center  
Employee Benefit Fund

#### Marcella Caldwell

Nigel Collins

#### Noah Rae Campbell

Matt and Angie Brown

#### Barbara Bellinger

Tyler Clark

#### Dennis Carey

Virginia Carey

#### James "Bud" Carman

John and Ann Arvai

#### Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Childers

Donald Childers

#### Clifford Collier

Ms. Marilyn Collier



#### Lillian Collier

James E. Boatright Family

#### Vera Coram

John and Betty Stallings

#### Mary Coleman and Dorothy Davis

Jack Hillyard

#### Junnie (Judy) Diveley

C.A. Forbes

#### Roger Bryan

John and Susan Lamonica

#### Florence Allen

#### Eloise Dothager

Mike and Lucetta Durbin

#### Mary V. Cook and Betty J. Dunkin

Joyce A. Cook

#### Jewell Cougill

Mike and Marilyn Cougill

#### Charles and Bertha Dalby

Mary Zinzilietta

#### Janice Dale

Gary and Rita Dale

#### Tony and Rhea Calabrese

Mike and Dee Crawshaw

#### Terry and Judy Gunn and Family

Janette and Clifton Marks

#### Etta M. Melton

Marilyn Meyer

#### Beth and Berry Miller

Sondra Pawchak

#### Martha Manzelle

Joyce and Bob Simms

#### Gale and Susan Ebersohl

Margy Ceasar

#### Jenny, Connie and Steve Vincent

Charles Soper

#### Paula Sweat

Daryl and Leslie Varble

#### Marla Koester

#### G.W. Danbury

Darrell and Nancy (Danbury) Wolfe

#### Nancy Jo Darnell

Lois E. Darnell

#### Lola Dorris

Dean and Bev Webb

#### Donna Elam

State Park Baptist Church, Collinsville

Bethesda Baptist Church, Granite City

#### Donnie G. Elam

Ronnie and Millie Elam

#### Ben and Mabel Elam

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miles

#### Keith Epperson

Dwain and Linda Bridges  
Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City

#### Evelyn Eubanks

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dixon, Jr.

#### John and Irma Rae Evans

Jerry and Brenda Kling

#### Alice Faulkner

Faye Bowman

#### Sally Fisher and Marie Fisher

Larry Fisher

#### Sandra Fletcher

Kathleen Cook

#### Dempsey Funkhouser

Velma Funkhouser

#### Rev. and Mrs. (Ruby) Bill Fuson

Marchetta Lambert

#### Burrell and Virginia Garrison

Shirley K. Schloeman

#### Lucile Endicott and Noma Gibbs

Gene Endicott

#### Evelyn Goodwin

B.J. Faulkner

#### Harold and Ginny Hickenbottom

#### Lovina Graham

Bonnie Mouser

#### John W. Grant

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stritzel

#### Stella Groves

Mary A. Ballance

#### Herb Gutzler and Stephanie Gutzler

Fern Gutzler

#### Judy Hall

First Baptist Church, Cartersville

#### Ruby and Raleigh Hamilton

Phyllis A. Giles

#### Trae J. Hannah

Jerry Kennedy

#### Connie Harrawood

Dorrisville Baptist Church, Harrisburg

#### Debra Hendershott

Sandra and Glen Gibbons

#### Edith Hennesy

Virginia Martin

#### Anna Lola "Ann" Henning

Wabash General Hospital, Mt. Carmel

#### Charles and Fran Massey

Bob and Mary Mundy

#### Mr. and Mrs. Doug Devore

Dr. and Mrs. S.B. Jani

Thomas E. Price

#### Sally Wilderman

Suzanne, Jeff, Elyse and Evan

Thomas

Keith and Cathy Fields

#### Martha Higginson

Ed and Doris Collins

#### Louie and Mable Hileman

Kathryn J. Harris

#### Beulah Hill

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

#### Bob Hiltibidal

Mrs. Georgia Borah

#### Donna Holder

Calvary Baptist Church, Elgin

#### James Holt

John and Betty Stallings

#### Sally S. Horton

Marvin B. Horton

#### Roberta Hubbell

First Baptist Church, Salem

#### Jenny Hoppe and Bruce Humphreys

Rex and Jeanne Jerald

#### Coy and Stella Hunt

Betty Hunt

#### Bill Ice, Jr.

Eileen Ice

#### Beth Anne and Rebecca Anne Inman

Charles and Earline Inman

#### Virgil and Opal Ivy

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dempsey

#### Esther Jackson

Shirley Parker

#### Eddie James

Theresa Gray

Anita Thompson

Darrel and Deanna Bates

Jack and Peggy Watkins

#### Lee Donelson and Lee Ann James

Marilyn James

Lelia Donelson

#### Ruth Johnson

Carla Boyd

#### Chas. Patrick Jones

Kathleen G. Boyd

#### Freida Chilton Jones

Morris R. and Nola J. Jones

#### Viola Jones

Ray and Margie Carrell

#### Inez Kaid

Shirley Rister

#### S. Bon Karraker

H. Phillip and Linda Osman

#### Hazel Kemper

Wm. W. Kemper, Jr.

Jordan Kennedy  
Blaine B. Kennedy, I

#### Lora Kerr

Corine Ramey

#### Kenneth E. "Ken" Kessler

Eva Jean Drew

Donald Gibson

Jane Giron

Rosie and Lance Gribble

Curtis Palmer

Marcia Raubach

Jean Stone

#### Margaret Trevathan

Stephen Challman

#### Pearl G. Kingery

June D. Johnson

#### Oca and George Klein

Summit Ave. Baptist Church, Decatur

#### Roy Knapp

Theresa Bird Thies

Helen Tate

Frank Krammer

Sharon, Jim and Abby Miller

Emily and Jarred Tynes

Robert and Sylvia Lane

Bob and Angie Pyatt

Gary and Kathy Atchison

Bruce and Paula Flanigan

James and Donna Chapman

American Legion Post 2504

Ted and Marilyn Pyatt

Jim and Mary Ann Shillinger

Herb and Tirzah Chapman

Paula Graham

Dean and Patti Swan

Richard and Pamela Reuscher

David and Susan Davidson

Hugh Malan

Sandy Kiehna

Jim and Sharon Higgerson

Mike and Cheryl McClure

Marty and Barbara Kirby

Dr. Nathan and Stephanie Chapman

Richard and Donna Walton

Jim, Eleanor Caldwell

Larry, Nora Beth and Family

Ian and Ruthann Watts

Sue Voth

Eunice Ritter

Larry and Karen Mueller

Mary Johnsen

David Warfel

Neva Corn

Lucas Knebel

## Help Us Reach Our Goal!

99%

- **2011 MDO Goal: \$225,000**
- **Current Income: \$223,430**
- **We Need 1% (\$1,570) To Reach Our Goal**

**W**e are so close to reaching our **2011 Mother's Day Offering** budget goal. The funds we receive through MDO are essential to our yearly operating budget. If you have not yet sent a MDO gift, we ask that you prayerfully consider helping us meet our budget. Who knows, you might be the one to put us over the top! ■



## Students' TEST SCORES IMPROVE While in BCHFS Care!

**T**here is little doubt that a quality education is a key component to a child's ability to thrive and lead a successful, productive life. That is why one of our goals at BCHFS is to help the students who come into our care improve their academic performance. The recent findings of a *Title I Summary* conducted on our students show that they are doing just that.

BCHFS had a total of 48 students enrolled in school during the 2010-2011 school year. Of these 48 students, 45 received the pre- and post-testing necessary to measure their academic progress. Pretests revealed that 15 of our students scored below grade level in the subject of reading. However,

by the halfway point 14 (93.33%) students had improved their reading score. The pretest also showed that 16 students scored below grade level in math. Of those 16 students, 12 (75%) showed a marked improvement by the halfway point in the school year.

BCHFS would like to applaud all of our students for the effort they put into improving themselves academically. We ask that you please pray for our students as they strive for continued success during this new school year. ■



## BCHFS MEMORIAL GIFTS: April – June 2011 (continued)

**Donald Brown and Michael Krause**  
Pontoon Baptist Church, Granite City

**Alva Landrum and Deborah Sharon Landrum**  
Alice Landrum

**Thelma Lawrence**  
Doris Shawler

**Mary Elizabeth Lawson**  
Mason Akers

**Todd Legg**  
Charles R. (Butch) and Donnia Legg

**James "Trigger" Lindsey**  
Bob and Jacqueline Goepfert

**Mary English and LaVern Lindberg**  
Rex and Jeanne Jeralds

**Elizabeth Long**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Long

**Delphine Malawy**  
Mrs. Lean Queen

**Ora Lasley Mahan**  
Lenora Jackson

**Robert E. (Eddie) Mahan**  
Lenora Mahan Jackson

**Daniel Malkovich**  
Jack and Kerrie Stewart

**Bob Marquardt**  
Bethel Baptist Church, Vandalia  
Charles Forbes

**Mr. Ken Kessler and David McAnally**  
Doris McAnally

**Vince McClure**  
First Baptist Church, Albion

**Victor McDonald**  
Mildred McDonald

**John McGee**  
Dwain and Linda Bridges

**Rev. C.W. McHaney**  
Mrs. Elizabeth McHaney

**Brenda Mendelson**  
Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City

**Mina Menne**  
Carole and Charles Seeley

**James Metcalf**  
John and Betty Stallings

**Charles Edw. Miller**  
Ava L. Miller

**Milbern Miller**  
Ruby Geraldine Miller

**Paul Miller**  
Shirley Miller

**Marjorie Morris**  
Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Morris  
Faye Bowman

**Bernice Minton and Martha Morthland**  
Melba Thurman

**Judy Murley**  
Joellen Newberry

**Merrel Dean Neff**  
Lea Neff

**Marquette Kohrig and Thomas A. Newport**  
First Baptist Church, Salem

**Merna O'Brien**  
Mr. and Mrs. Austin Dent

**Rick O'Dell**  
Jim and Debbie Lay

**Joyce Olroyd**  
Peggy and Stephen Olroyd  
Brent and Lois Stayton

Ronnie and Patricia Liefer  
George and Norma Hudelson

Bert and Judy Wascher  
Lynn and Gary Thoms

Sheryl Chadion  
Patti and Bill Schulze

Sylvia Ninnis  
Jeffrey and Suzanne Thomas

Marlene and Dennis Deterding  
Darrell and Betty Molen

William and Deborah Opel  
Dan and Toby Lorton

Tony and Grace Woods  
Faculty and Staff of Red Bud  
Elementary School

Rhonda Black  
Carl Starr

Anthony and Mary Ringering  
Rev. James and Judy Allen

William and Myra Maxwell  
Linda Vana and Mike

**Burdell and Nomabel O'Neil**  
Jon and Joy Colberg

**Gene and Virginia Orrick**  
Ron and Marilyn McGehee

**Shawna Osman**  
Ms. Mary Belle Morgan

**Virginia Panici**  
Brenda J. Spada

**Anita Martin and Ruth Payne**  
Dolores Tillman

**Floyd Phelps**  
Imogene Phelps

**Bob Phillips**  
Robert Phillips

**Pearl Pierson**  
Harold W. Pierson

**Bill Preis**  
Alice Preis

**Aaron Price**  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Price

**Earl Queen**  
Leah Queen

**Marie Perry and Celia A. "CeCe" Rainwater**  
First Baptist Church, Salem

**Hazel Reed**  
Roland Lacy

**Fred Reid**  
First Baptist Church, Grayville

**Tim Richardson**  
Savana Richardson

**Emma M. Riecken**  
Barbara Schreiber

**Rev. Charles W. Riley**  
Lola Riley

**Lloyd Robinson and Lloyd Ray Robinson**  
Mrs. Fayetta Robinson

**Betty Rothe**  
Frank Rothe

**Helen Stevens Albrecht and Ruby Rushing**  
Charles and Joyce Stevens

**Rev. Dean Ruyle**  
Wanda Ruyle

**Eleanor Jaynes and Mabel Ruyle**  
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**Casey and Noah Saffelder**  
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**Edwin Sampson**  
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Carol Damilano

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Marsha Art

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**Bernice Neathery and Inez Schuetz**  
Darrell and Gaila Neathery

**Loretta Schwartz**  
Maplewood Park Baptist Church,  
Cahokia

**George and Gail Seliger**  
Ann Seliger

**Eva N. Shanks**  
John and Wilma Bolden

**Jewel Cavalli, Betty Dutton, Wanda Hall, Martha Rodgers, and Brian Sheble**  
Maplewood Park Baptist Church,  
Cahokia

**Bill Shepherd**  
Pontoon Baptist Church, Granite City

**Mable Sherwin**  
Betty Bridges

**Samuel Shipp**  
Cleopa Shipp

**Clifford Shreve**  
Norma Shreve

**Marlene Sielbeck**  
Senior Sunday School Class,  
Hillerman Baptist Church

**Billie Jean Sigler**  
Harold and Susan Mills

**Orena and Nelson Robinson and Harry and Irene Smith**  
Rev. Ray and Kay Robinson

**Wanda Shoots**  
Dean and Cathy Taylor

**Holly Shuster**  
Don and Sandy Shuster

**Everett and Edna M. Bellinger and Charles and Ella O. Signaigo**  
Harold and Ella Mae Bellinger

**Gus and Ethel Carrell and Moss and Tillie Sledge**  
Ray and Margie Carrell

**Doris Hurley and Beverly Smith**  
Adult 1 Seniors Sunday School Class,  
First Baptist Church, Springfield

**Cecile M. Smith**  
Mr. Kenneth Smith

**Olive Sneed**  
Delafield Baptist Church,  
McLeansboro

**Ruby Spann**  
Men's Sunday School Class of Sesser  
First Baptist Church

**Pearl and Homer Stephenson**  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kemper

**Floy (Pepper) Tally**  
Michael and Carla Tally

**Addie Tate**  
Andrew B. Tate

David and Nina Sage  
Shawn Sechrest

Dennis and Mary File  
Kevin and Jennifer Carrothers

Darrell and Vicky McMurray  
Baird and Darlene Daniels

Ronald and Glenna Senters

Mark and Ann Sink  
Martha Beck

Ronald and Dolores Daniels  
Ruby Mabe

Richard and Nancy Damery  
Douglas and Julia Daniels

Helen and Stephen Franklin  
Joy Doran

Gerry and Donna Schroeder  
David and Marilyn Musick

Ms. Jean Laurent  
Rev. and Mrs. Dale Davenport

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Filippini  
Mr. and Mrs. Kim Shepherd

Kevin and Vicki Lawson  
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tate

Mr. and Mrs. Larry C. Tate  
Mrs. Lisa Tate Wocbn and Family

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Marchetti  
and Family

**Euline Tayon**  
Art Tayon

**James Temple**  
Jo Anne Temple

**Randall W. Thetford**  
Dolores Thetford

**Todd Thompson**  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wright

**George and Effie Beneventi and David E. Towers**  
Estella Towers-Binando

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**Velma Cassidy and Ethel Tungett**  
Mr. and Mrs. James Cassidy

**Ruth Tyler**  
Leslie and Krystal Donelson

Tom and Karen Goodwine

**Jim Upchurch**  
Charlene Upchurch

**Ruth Vaughan**  
Alan Cole

Jerry and Susan Cole  
Charles and Patricia Robinet

**Norman Virden**  
Mabelene Virden

**Karen Young and Ernest "Red" Walters**  
First Baptist Church, Carterville

**June Warren**  
Adult 5 Sunday School Class, Walnut  
St. Baptist Church, Carbondale

**Nete Watts**  
Matt Frizzell

**Donald C. Webb**  
Robert and Amelia Bruce

**Helen Mausey and Mary Webb**  
Dean and Bev Webb

**Mildred Eggle and Roe and Mary Webb**  
Cecil and Paula Webb

**Dora Welles**  
Patricia Reed

**Annabelle Wells**  
Olen Wells

**Oren Monroe and W.L. Whipple**  
Mrs. Luttia Monroe

**Frona Sue White**  
Charles K. Simpson

**Sheron Westendorf and Dorothy Whipple**  
Sam and Anita Estevez

**Freida Monroe and Lena Whipple**  
LuAnn Monroe

**Imogene Showalter and Earline White**  
Genie White

**Earl White**  
Pontoon Baptist Church, Granite City

**Mary Lou Whitten**  
Chris Whitten

Edward and Betsey Mills  
Rita Bodem

**Elnora Williamson**  
Marilyn McGehee

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williamson

**Donald H. Wilson**  
Lura F. Wilson

**Emroy Wilson**  
Terry and Barb Hall

Dwain and Linda Bridges

**Esther Winesburgh**  
Harold and Alene Robertson

**Nancy Withiem**  
Robert Withiem

**Helen Womick**  
University Baptist Church,  
Carbondale

Bob and Jacqueline Goepfert  
Charles and Alice Word

Floyd and Mary Wiltrott

**Pearl Crowell & Anna Wyrostek**  
Emma J. Wyrostek

**Eugene Yarnell**  
Catherine Yarnell

**Note: Memorialized Names are in BOLD.**

# Over 1,800 Turn Out for BCHFS FALL FESTIVAL!

**B**aptist Children's Home and Family Services hosted its 12th Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 17, 2011. This year's event, which was held on the grounds of the organization's residential care campus in Carmi, shattered the attendance record of 1,200 set by last year's Fall Festival. Altogether, over 1,800 patrons turned out to enjoy the beautiful fall afternoon and a host of free activities including horseback rides, games, inflatables, volleyball tournament, chili cook-off, free food and live entertainment.

The success of this year's Fall Festival, which raised over \$28,000 for the ministry of Baptist Children's Home and Family Services, is due in large part to the numerous volunteers who made the event possible. Sixty activity booths were provided by area churches and organizations. The festivities also featured a free concert

from touring Southern Gospel group, *Sons of the Father*. The afternoon culminated with a live auction in which 90 quilts, donated by individuals and groups from all over the state, were sold to the highest bidder. Patrons also enjoyed shopping through the hundreds of donated items available in the silent auction.

BCHFS would like to congratulate First Bank of Carmi for taking first place in the business category of the chili cook-off and Brendon Donoho who took home the top prize in the individual category. Steve Richard won the people's choice category. Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon won first place in the volleyball tournament for the third straight year.

**BCHFS would also like to sincerely thank all of the numerous hard working volunteers who came together to make the 2011 Fall Festival an overwhelming success! ■**

*Kids of all sizes loved the traditional 'barrel train' rides, (and right) Brendon Donoho won the individual category 'chili cook-off' competition.*



*Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon captured their third consecutive volleyball title at this year's festival.*



*Ken Steward of BCHFS presents the 'people's choice' award to Steve Richard for his chili mix.*

## "Hooked" On Making a Difference



*Terry & Barb Hall*

**B**CHFS is blessed to have supporters from all over the state who share our passion for helping hurting children and families. For Terry and Barb Hall of Granite City, IL., that passion began 11 years ago when the couple first began to bring food and supplies to one of the BCH cottages.

**"After we unloaded our truck, we got the opportunity to spend some time with the kids and hear some of their stories," said Terry Hall. "After that, we were hooked."**

The Halls were hooked indeed. Since that day, they began making regular trips to Carmi bringing much needed supplies with every visit. They struck up a close relationship with Garrison Cottage house-parents, Chet and Bobbi Keys and have made it a personal ministry to provide regular support to their cottage.

Aside from providing personal support, Barb, who currently serves as a member of the BCHFS Board of Trustees, routinely visits churches sharing with them her passion for helping struggling kids and encouraging them to get involved. She makes the point that if Southern Baptists join together they can accomplish more than they could do alone.

"There are over 1,000 Southern Baptist churches in the state of Illinois," said Barb, "and there are five cottages on the BCH campus. All it would take is for 60 churches or Sunday School classes to adopt one cottage for one month and we could provide all the cottage needs for the entire year."

The Halls also promote participation in the Schnucks Supermarkets Community Card program where ever they go. The Schnucks Community Card is an easy way for shoppers to contribute to BCHFS by simply shopping for their groceries. Community Cards can be picked up free of charge from most Schnucks Supermarket stores. Participants must activate their card and designate BCHFS as the recipient charity. Then they simply have the cashier swipe the card each time they make a purchase and Schnucks will donate up to 3% of their monthly purchases to BCHFS.

Regardless of whether they are bringing supplies to Carmi, promoting the use of the Schnucks Card or encouraging church involvement, Terry and Barb have enriched the lives of countless BCH kids throughout the years. They are a great example of how everyday people can make an eternal impact in the lives of others by sharing the love of Jesus Christ. BCHFS deeply appreciates the Halls as well as the countless other individuals that give of their time and treasures to make our ministry possible. ■



# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Golf Scramble a HUGE Success!

For some time now, the Southern Illinois Golf Scramble has been one of the biggest fundraising events of the year for BCHFS. Thanks to the hard work of a dedicated group of volunteers and a number of generous contributions from local business and organizations, this year's outing turned out to be the best yet!

Over 170 golfers turned out to compete in the tournament which was held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at Green Hills Golf Course in Mt. Vernon, IL. The tournament raised over \$67,000 for the ministry of BCHFS, which is over \$20,000 more than was raised by last year's event!

BCHFS would like to congratulate Clyde Dempsay, Gary Hutchcraft, Mark Rohlfsink and

Jim Phillips for taking home first place honors in the tournament. The second place team consists of Oliver Butler, Curt Tennison, Art Gibbons and Kenny Roberts.

BCHFS would like to extend our most sincere thanks to the members of our **2011 Southern Illinois Golf Scramble planning committee:** John Beam, Joe Booth, Steve Chamness, Benita Coffel, Craig Demaret, Doug Devore, Carla Donoho, Jason Eubanks, Tom Hammill, Tom Hester, Randy Jenkins, Bob Jesop, Mike Lamb, Jay Luse, Darrel Mays, Mike McClure, Richard Montgomery, Paul Sadler, Ken Steward, Mike Stewart, Rhiannon Mitchell, Ron Summers, Debi Trotter and Robert White. ■



**Congratulations to the first place team!**  
(pictured from left to right) Clyde Dempsay, Jim Phillips, Gary Hutchcraft and Mark Rohlfsink.

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## BCHFS Welcomes Jay Boyd

Jay Boyd joins the Baptist Children's Home and Family Services team as the new Northern Illinois Development Officer. Jay and his wife Lauren recently moved to Sycamore, IL from Louisville, KY where Jay has been earning his Master of Arts in Leadership from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Jay will be the first full-time development officer located in the northern region of the state. "I am very excited to be a member of the BCHFS team and its ministry," said Jay. "It is truly an honor to work for an organization that cares for children and families in need."

Jay has always had a passion for displaced children. As a native of Florida, he previously worked for the Florida Baptist Children's Homes as an assistant enrichment coordinator and later served as the communications intern for the FBCH state office.



Jay and Lauren Boyd

"There are more than 147 million orphans worldwide. American divorce rates hover around 50 percent. Satan is attacking our children and families before our very eyes," states Jay. "I am confident that God is using and will continue to use ministries like BCHFS to fulfill His redemptive purpose and bring peace to this earth. I am humbled to serve such an organization."

Jay and his wife Lauren are expecting their first child in December. They look forward to welcoming their son Brayden Tyler Boyd into their family. Jay is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys bow-hunting for deer and turkey. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends and already misses the taste of southern sweet-tea. When his Saturdays are not spent hunting, he likes watching college football. Jay looks forward to serving the residents and churches of northern Illinois as he represents the Baptist Children's Home and Family Services. ■

## Christmas Gifts for BCHFS Kids



If you or your church would like to share the joy of the holiday season by providing a Christmas gift for one of our infants, young mothers or children in our care, you may do so by requesting a 'Wish List' letter by one of the following methods:

- **BCH Kids:** contact Tina Musgrove at (618) 382-4165, ext. 200 – or email her at [tina.musgrove@bchfs.com](mailto:tina.musgrove@bchfs.com).
- **Angels' Cove Young Mothers or Babies:** contact Pam Adams at (618) 242-4944 or by emailing us at [angelscove@bchfs.com](mailto:angelscove@bchfs.com).

Mailed gifts are due by December 9, or you may deliver them in person until Dec. 11, which is the date of our *Thank You Reception*. Visit our website to learn more! ■



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## A Mandate of Care

Our responsibility is clear. **We should be caring for people with the greatest of needs, at every opportunity, knowing that the most vulnerable and needy are the recipients of divine concern.** Psalm 68:5 declares that God is “*a father to the fatherless and a defender of widows...*” If God cares about them so should we!



Baptist Children’s Home and Family Services has stood in the gap for children and families in crisis for 93 years. The dream of an orphanage that began in 1918 is now a multi-faceted child welfare agency that is meeting the needs of families across IL. We provide care through Baptist Children’s Home in Carmi, Angels’ Cove in Mt. Vernon, adoptive and foster homes throughout the state and through Pathways counseling centers in 8 cities.

In partnership with Southern Baptist churches across IL, our mission is to provide Christ centered services for children and families that protect, heal and restore. Recently our Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve a new strategic plan that will guide the agency for the next 5 years in accomplishing this mission.

### THE PLAN IDENTIFIED SEVERAL STRATEGIC ISSUES FACING THE AGENCY:

- The need to continually improve the quality of existing programs while expanding services to reach an even greater number of children and families.
- The need to develop better marketing strategies to raise the resources to sustain current work and support planned growth.

- The need to protect the agency’s assets in an age of litigation.
- The need to provide the infrastructure necessary to support the growth of the agency.
- The need to manage the transition of leadership staff in the next 5 years.

### IN LIGHT OF THESE STRATEGIC ISSUES, THE FOLLOWING GOALS WERE ESTABLISHED:

- To expand our outpatient counseling ministry by opening a Pathways counseling office in northern IL and an additional office in central IL.
- To explore and develop ways to meet the educational needs of children in residential care who are unable to attend public school.
- To expand cottage living space in our residential care cottages, which are now over 60 years old.
- To better meet the needs of families in crisis and keep children out of the child welfare system by instituting a *Safe Families for Children* program. *Safe Families* is a national movement of compassion that is working to prevent child abuse by encouraging the church to resume its historical and Biblical responsibility for vulnerable children by becoming part of the support network for families in crisis. It is a movement of hundreds of Christian families who have opened their homes to care for children whose parents are struggling. By demonstrating Biblical hospitality, *Safe Families* returns the church to the forefront of caring for “orphans and widows.”
- To begin an orphan ministry by developing a partnership with an orphanage in Uganda to help care for children in need. It is reported that there are over 147 million orphaned children throughout the world who suffer from severe poverty, malnutrition, disease and physical and emotional abuse. We can’t help all of them but we can begin by helping one child at a time. With that in mind, a small team recently went

to Bukaleba, Uganda to develop a partnership with Arise Africa International and the Bukaleba Babies’ Home.

### OUR GOALS IN THIS ORPHAN MINISTRY ARE 3 FOLD:

**1** To provide financial support to improve the quality of life for the 50+ orphans, age birth-6, who live in the Babies’ Home in Bukaleba. This orphanage is a relatively new facility that was begun by a non-profit organization called Arise Africa International.

**2** To provide hands-on ministry opportunities for IL Baptists through bi-annual mission trips to the orphanage. We will learn more about the nature of these trips after our visits as there should be opportunities for construction, teaching, mentoring and caring.

**3** To develop a relationship with the orphanage and the government of Uganda that would allow us to be a placing agency for families wanting to adopt from Uganda. We are licensed in IL as an adoption agency and we hope to expand to international placements.

I am excited about the future of Baptist Children’s Home and Family Services. God is blessing the work in amazing ways and opening doors for new ministry. Please be in prayer as we continue to improve our current work and begin these exciting new endeavors. Maybe in 2012 you will become one of our new *Safe Families* or travel with me to Uganda to work in the Bukaleba Babies’ Home. I look forward to seeing what God is going to do. ■

**Doug Devore**  
BCHFS Executive Director

## BCHFS HONOR GIFTS: April – June 2011

### HONOR GIFTS FROM APRIL – JUNE ‘11

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Linda Brown

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# BCHFS Boys & Girls Softball Teams Win Big at State!

**B**CHFS would like to congratulate the members of our boys and girls IIAA softball teams for their success at the 2011 state tournament! This year's tournament was held at Lincoln Park in Springfield, IL on Saturday, July 16. The BCH girl's team won first place after beating Kemmerer Village, of Assumption, IL 11-10 on a walk-off, inside the park home run. The boys took home second place after dropping the championship game to Salem Children's Home in Flanagan, IL.



*Our boys' team took second place overall.*



*The winning BCHFS girls' team.*



Baptist Children's Home participates as members in the Illinois Interagency Athletic Association (IIAA). The IIAA is an association of residential care facilities that meet for various tournaments throughout the year. Participation in IIAA athletics allows children who may never have played in school sports to experience unrealized athletic potential and experience the benefits of disciplined physical activity. BCH residents also participate in IIAA basketball, volleyball, swimming, and track. ■

## BCHFS Christmas Card Program: A Meaningful Way to Spread Holiday Cheer!

**E**ach year our BCHFS kids design a custom Christmas card to celebrate the season and offer yet another way you can honor your loved ones, while helping out BCHFS.

To participate, simply make a donation of your choice, along with the name of the person (*or business*) you wish to honor and their contact information. BCHFS will then send one of these beautifully designed cards to your chosen person(s) or business, along with an inscription that a 'gift' has been given in their honor.

Our *Christmas Card Program* is a great way to honor those most important to you while helping BCHFS share the joy of Christmas with those we serve.

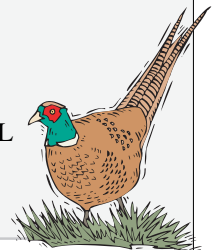
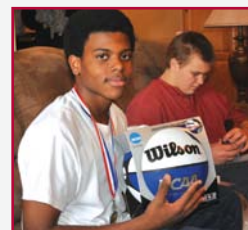
You may learn more about this program through our website, and even download a remittance form that can be filled out and sent in to get started. Thank you for all you do to help our ministries as you enjoy this holiday season! ■



## BCHFS: IN-THE-NEWS UPCOMING EVENTS

### BCHFS Upcoming Events

- **November 19 – Celebrate Life Concert.** Come celebrate National Adoption Month and help raise funds for Angels' Cove Maternity Center by joining us at West Salem Trinity Methodist Church, Mt. Vernon, IL for a night of music and fun!
- **December 9 – Mailed Christmas Gifts for BCHFS Kids Deadline.** Those who choose to sponsor a child for Christmas are welcome to send the gifts by USPS, UPS or you can deliver them to our campus in person. We ask that all mailed gifts be received by December 9. Contact Tina at (618) 382-4165 to request a list.
- **December 11 – Thank You Reception for Christmas Sponsors.** All Christmas donors or sponsors are invited to attend a thank you reception from 2-4 p.m. at the gym on our Carmi Campus. Those who plan to attend may bring their gifts to the reception. Please RSVP by December 5.
- **December 11 – Snow Angel Pageant.** Join BCHFS at Shawnee Community College and root for your favorite Snow Angel contestant! Proceeds from the event go to Angels' Cove.
- **Christmas Card Program** – Honor a loved one or friend by participating in our custom card program (*see above article*) that benefits our many services!
- **Annual Winter Sportsman Hunts (3 dates)** – Grab your guns and head out to one (or more) of our hunting fundraisers aimed at helping our kids! For more information on our Sportsman Hunts, please contact Ron Summers at (618) 923-3006.
  - **December 12** – Waterfowl Hunt – Grassy Lake Hunting Club in Ware, IL
  - **February 11** – Pheasant Hunt – Macedonia Game Preserve, Macedonia, IL
  - **February 18** – Pheasant Hunt – TNT Hunting Preserve, Mt. Erie, IL



Learn more at (618) 382-4164 or visit our website at [www.BCHFS.com](http://www.BCHFS.com).



## Baptist Children's Home and Family Services

### BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND FAMILY SERVICES

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#### Pregnancy-Adoption-Foster Care

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