



Building Futures, Changing Lives

Angels' Cove • BCH Residential Care • Pathways Counseling

Our mission is to care for children who have been abused, abandoned, neglected or in crisis. Additionally, we seek to bring new hope and new health to individuals and families needing help coping with parenting and/or other social issues.



Merry Christmas with Thanksgiving

It appears that Thanksgiving has become lost in the urgency to commercialize Christmas. The Christmas decorations are up and the promotion begun before Thanksgiving even gets here. That is unfortunate because it is a good to time to stop and be truly thankful for God's blessings in our lives.



Doug Devore
Executive Director
BCHFS

With Christmas right around the corner, we are reminded that we are most thankful for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is certainly the greatest gift of all. But we are also thankful for the thousands of supporters who through the years have loved and cared for those God has placed in our care.

For our 90 years of ministry, Christmas has been a time of joy and excitement for the residents of Baptist Children's Home. Residents from every generation will tell you that individuals and churches always made Christmas special, creating some of their greatest memories.

"I remember the year a family chose to sponsor me for Christmas," a former resident reflects from Christmas in 1937. "It was my best Christmas ever! I received a beautiful baby doll that became my best friend. My family had been separated by a terrible tragedy and I thought I would be alone forever. It was like the sponsor knew I needed a friend."

Then just last year one young man exclaimed, "I thought Christmas like this was only in the movies! This is awesome!" But I think the message we received this year through our annual Christmas card contest best describes the hearts of so many of our children.

Each child is encouraged to create a Christmas card. The winning entry is selected as our

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Garrison Cottage: A Place of Prayer and Support

The Garrison Cottage on the Carmi Campus is named after the late Laura Garrison. Proceeds from her estate funded its construction and furnishings in 1961.

It was dedicated on July 4 of that same year to be a warm and welcoming haven for those in need.

The Garrison Cottage, forty-seven years later, remains a sanctuary and home for eight teen-age boys ranging in ages 14-17 years.

Full-time houseparents, Chet and Bobbi Keys, began with BCH in 1996. In 2006 they retired but found they missed their work with the boys at BCH and came out of retirement this year.

Bobbi explains, "Chet was driving a coal truck and I was working part-time. We were never together. Then we read about the opening at Garrison Cottage in the newsletter so we decided to return to house parenting. Now our time is not just spent together, it is spent doing something that is rewarding and spiritually uplifting."

Chet and Bobbi are beacons of hopeful and prayerful direction for the young lads who call Garrison Cottage home. After every school day from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Chet and Bobbi conduct a 'rap session' with the boys.

"They really like it. It provides a place for good communication and it gives them a sense of family and togetherness," relates Chet.

Bobbi adds, "We want to hear what is going on—good or bad. Kids are kids."

There is one young fifteen-year-old fellow in their care that Bobbi refers to as "one of the sweetest kids we have ever had." His mother has passed away due to ailments resulting from domestic abuse at the hands of his father. Apparently, not just his mother but everyone in the family proved to be a victim of his maltreatment.

His grandmother adopted him but her guiding and loving hand wasn't enough to keep him out of



The fundamentals for a fruitful future — Garrison Cottage's housefather Chet prays alongside his boys before the evening meal.

trouble. He got into drugs, alcohol and hanging with the wrong crowd. He had severe outbursts of temper and couldn't be reasoned with. At her wit's end, his grandmother sent him to BCH.

Through the BCH behavior point system (where kids are awarded or deducted points based on their behavior and completion of chores) and consistent counseling in anger management, this young man is learning to control his temper.

Bobbi laments, "His anger is a cry for help. I don't think he has ever been praised. He just needs someone to love and value him."

He is working hard, making great strides and thriving on the Keys' love and attention.

He has discovered, like so many other young men, that life in the Garrison Cottage is just the ramp needed to turn a life in the right direction. It is a very

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Estate Planning: A Very Special Gift



Housemother Carolyn creates a keepsake in honor of a donor.

For 90 years God's people have been faithful in their giving. These gifts have kept the work of BCHFS strong and growing. Many of these gifts come from the estate gifts made by those who "adopted" BCHFS in their wills and trusts.

This was demonstrated by two specific gifts we received this year. One was a generous estate gift that will be used in our endowment fund to allow us to serve in the future. The other would be seen as a small monetary donation but was huge in heart.

Both had no children of their own but loved and prayed for all the children served by BCHFS. The second had no significant monetary value. As our staff assisted in the cleaning of her small housing apartment, simple yet beautiful little hankies were found among her things. To honor her love for the children, these hankies were carefully displayed in beautifully decorated boxes decorated by our house mother, Carolyn Hawkins. Carolyn also wrote a beautiful poem to accompany the hankies which will be given to some of our girl residents at Christmas. *Read this poem on bottom of page 2.* ■

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BCHFS HONOR GIFTS: September–October 2008



All BCHFS' Children
Nancy Bramlett

All Class Members
Adult 6A Sunday School Class
of Lincoln Ave. Baptist
Church, Jacksonville

GOD
F.A.I.T.H. Youth Group of
LeRoy First Baptist Church

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Golden Agers Sunday School
Class, Winthrop Harbor
Baptist Church

Lukas Moore
Betty J. Moore

Rachel Hoback Oshia
John and Ruby Hoback

Sandra Paddock
David Paddock

**Glendale Lane and Dee
Payne**
Macedonia Baptist Church,
Harrisburg

W.R. Prater
Mollie Atchison

Lisa Quick
Mr. and Mrs. James P. Rousey

Doris J. Reynolds
Jonah L. Reynolds
Macedonia Baptist Church,
Harrisburg

Keyma Smith
Kevin D. Yarnell

Noah and Caleb Soulsby
Bruce and Sharon Soulsby

Louise Spring
John and Kim Spring

Ted and Nadine Standefer
Emily Standefer

Mr. Don Stanton
Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Wolfe

Lorene Trout Stout
Dan Trout

**Note: Honored names
are in BOLD.**

Southern Illinois Golf Scramble A Big Success!

The 11th Annual charity golf outing was held at Green Hills Golf Club in Mt. Vernon on Saturday, Oct. 4th. A beautiful fall day provided the perfect setting for the 62 teams of golfers. Each tee off time began with a testimony from one of our residents and an opening prayer. The morning prayer was led by the Honorable David Overstreet, Circuit Judge, and the afternoon prayer by Bill Bonan, II, of People's National Bank.

Flight A was won by a Vandalia team made up of Andy Whitten, Chris Whitten, Quinn Bowen and Gary Howard. First Place Flight B was won by the team of Gary Bruce, Will Rojek, Curt Gunter and Randy Hungate. Flight C was won by the team of Mike McClure, Cheryl McClure, Sandra Clark, Ben Martin.

Our most successful event to date was made possible by the golfers and sponsors. A special thanks to our Tournament Sponsor, **Short Enterprises** of Anna, and to our A.M. and P.M. Scramble Sponsors, **Val and Ann Gibbons** of Mt. Vernon and **People's National Bank**. First place sponsor was **Wood Energy** of Mt. Vernon and the second place sponsor chose to be anonymous. BCHFS also thanks the many tee and hole sponsors of the event including:



Thanks to all who participated in this most successful event featuring 62 teams – pictured is our winning team.

Thank you to all our wonderful sponsors:

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Center
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Val and Ann Gibbons
Wal-Mart Store, Carmi
Walsh and Simmons
Your Special Day

Thank you to the hard-working committee that make this event possible: Reverend Paul Sadler, John Beam, Steve Chamness, Rex Hodge, Tom Hester, Robert White, Mike McClure, Randy Jenkins, Steve Phillips, and David Bates. **We also want to thank the many "Friends of BCHFS" for their donated gifts and services for this wonderful tournament.** ■

Central Illinois Golf Tournament Scores A Win For Our Children and Families

Central Illinois Golf Tournament was held October 11 in Greenview. Golfers and their sponsors raised \$16,000. The following golfers recruited sponsorships in support of BCHFS: Jay Hance, Frank Martin, Doug Devore, Rich McGary, Ray Allen, Randy Wilson, Don Full, Larry Powers, Rick Roberts, and Milton Bost. For the fourth year in a row, Rick Roberts of Girard succeeded in raising the most funds (\$6000). This year's tournament winner went to Randy Wilson of Havana.

Thank you to all the golfers and those who sponsored them to make this year's event such a great success. ■



Richard Roberts won the title for raising the most donations for the event.



The best score of the day was turned in by Randy Wilson.

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Merry Christmas with Thanksgiving



annual Christmas card and for a donation, we will send it to the donor's friends and family on their behalf. This Christmas card is a blessing for families and allows our children a chance to demonstrate their creativity. They work hard to communicate through art and word what Christmas means to them. All the cards are different and each one is special. One young girl's submission especially touched my heart when she wrote, "All I ever wanted was a good Christmas... BCH has done that for me." Then she quoted Proverbs 15:13, "**A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.**"

Many that we serve suffer from broken hearts and crushed spirits. Through your prayer support, volunteer efforts, and donations they are blessed as they are touched by the love of Jesus Christ, the One whose birth we celebrate.

We are thrilled that each of our residents from both BCH and Angels' Cove have received sponsors this Christmas. I want to thank everyone for making this a blessed Christmas for all of our staff and residents.

May God bless each of you and your families this Christmas and into the new year. ■

Doug Devore

— **Doug Devore**
Executive Director
BCHFS

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Estate Planning: A Very Special Gift (Poem)

*I am just a little hankie as square as square can be,
But a very special hankie as you will surely see.
A treasure for years to come, to catch all of your tears.*

*This hankie came from precious Miss Wilma,
A dear sweet lady with no children of her own.
But she had a big heart for the Children of BCH
Like the widow in the Bible who gave all that she had.*

*She loved her husband with all her heart.
He was the apple of her eye.
But when he died and left her alone, she died
a little inside. A few months later her health
did fail and she left to be with the Lord.*

*She left a few hankies but so little more.
But if you keep this hankie in a special way,
You could carry it on your Wedding day.
Then with a few stitches make a Bonnet for your baby,
A very precious gift from a very thoughtful lady.*

■ A poem by Housemother Carolyn



BCHFS MEMORIAL GIFTS: September–October 2008

Archie Akers
Mary Akers

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Anderson
Clifford Anderson

Dorma Atchison
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Glen Austin
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Dennis Carey
Virginia Carey

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Frank Peach
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James and Jean Clark
J.C. Price

Eugene Yarnell
Catherine Yarnell

Note: Memorial names are in BOLD.

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structured existence with wake-up at 5:00 a.m. followed by breakfast, chores and devotion before the school bus arrives at 7:30 a.m. Evenings are consumed with dinner, homework, Bible study, tutoring, showers and a bit of free time before lights out at 9:30 p.m.

This type of structure is foreign to many of these kids and provides a healthy foundation for making better life choices.

Bobbi and Chet concur, "There is no such thing as a bad kid, only a kid who has made some bad choices."

Each boy is counseled through a group or individually by the boys' therapist William Foote.

William has been with BCH since 2001 when he and his wife, Jenn, were houseparents at Otho Williams Cottage. He was an Aftercare Worker before becoming their therapist.

Chet and Bobbi consistently provide activities that encourage everyone in the cottage to feel more like a family. The rap sessions provide an open forum for discussion. Meal times begin with prayer; followed by friendly banter. Then the Garrison "family" attends the Ten-Mile Baptist Church in McLeansboro on Wednesdays for Bible study and Sundays for worship services.



Group Counseling Session

The support kids get at BCH is full circle—educational, psychological, emotional and spiritual. Chet reflects, "Sometimes you have to go beyond the call of duty but the rewards can be so much more than you expect." ■



BCHFS Fall Festival 2008 Recap

A Silent Auction, Favorite Car Contest and BCH Reunion Highlight the Day



Whittington Clowns always brighten the day.



Paul & Kristin Melton celebrate high bid for quilt made by Loma Talley.

from Walnut Grove Church in Harrisburg and Sterling Baptist Church of Fairview Heights. Along with the delicious burgers and dogs, volunteers brought enough cookies to feed the multitude.

The Silent Auction was made up of crafts, theme baskets, etc. donated by individuals, churches and businesses throughout Illinois. But the Quilt Auction was the highlight! Fifty quilts, made by loving hands, were donated by women and men. Emotions grew when the crowd rallied around the last quilt of the auction created by Loma Talley of Grayville. Loma, whose husband Leon Talley served many years as a director at BCH, has coordinated the quilt auction



Kids of all ages enjoyed the beautiful day.



Harrisburg First Baptist (top) decorates our guests.

Ellis Mound (left) wins Fall Festival "Best Booth" award.

The 9th annual Baptist Children's Home & Family Services Fall Festival celebrated 90 years of service to children and families. Over 1200 visitors enjoyed the celebration with over 40 booths of activities and food were provided by churches all over Illinois. The Snack Cake Walk created by Ellis Mound Baptist Church of Wayne City was chosen as the "Best Booth." Chalk-art created a non-traditional cake walk experience.

The first-time volleyball tournament was a big success with 12 teams competing. First place went to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, Illinois and second place to First Baptist Church of Grayville.

Cars enthusiasts including members of Cars for Kids of Harrisburg were in attendance and participated in the "Favorite Car" competition. This year's winner was Cam Church and her Ford Thunderbird.

Great burgers and hotdogs were prepared by Rick and Val Mitchell's (Carrier Mills) team of hardworking cooks and servers. In addition to the Mitchell family, these volunteers came



Wayne Mifflin helps Rick Mitchell's cooking team.

Photos taken by Karen Carlton, housemother



since its beginning. Recently diagnosed with a serious medical condition, Loma was unable to be there. However, in honor of Loma and her devotion to BCH, the crowd collectively raised the bids to \$2100.

This was a great day that celebrated the love and support of God's people, reminding us that they believe the lives we touch REALLY DO MATTER and are willing to make personal sacrifices to express that belief.

Following the festival, a reunion of "BCH Kids All Grown Up" was held at Four Corners Café. Evelyn Money of Indiana, age 90, won the award as the oldest BCH Kid. Chris Reagan, age 32, won for the youngest.

Plans are for another reunion in 2009. For more information, email bch.reunion@bchfs.com. To review pictures from the 2008 reunion, go to www.BCHFS.com. ■

BCHFS: IN-THE-NEWS

BCHFS Upcoming Events

For more information or to register for these events, please call us at (618) 382-4164 or visit our Web site at www.BCHFS.com.

- **Christmas Wish Lists for BCHFS**
Each program and cottage has needs our operations budget just can't provide. They have created their own Christmas wish lists. Like to help? Call (618) 382-4164 or email carladonoho@bchfs.com.



- **Annual Charity "Sportsman Days Away" Hunts**
Enjoy nature and have some fun with area hunters by participating in the annual charity hunts in support of BCHFS. Bring a friend or sponsor a business client for a wonderful day of hunting in beautiful Southern Illinois.



- **All Day Goose / Duck Hunt: Dec. 15, 2008**
at Grassy Lake Hunt Club, Ware, IL.
- **4-Bird Pheasant or 2 Pheasant / 3 Chukars Hunt: Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009**
at TNT Hunting Preserve, Mt. Erie, IL.
- **4-Bird Pheasant or 2 Pheasant / 5 Quail or 3 Chukars Hunt: Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009**
at Macedonia Game Preserve, Macedonia, IL.

To register or for more information, call Ron Summers at (618) 923-3006 or (618) 382-4164 or register online at www.BCHFS.com.

- **'Sanctity of Life' Sunday— Sunday, January 18, 2009**

Give a voice to the unborn on Sanctity of Life Sunday. Contact Angels' Cove at (618) 242-4944 or email angelscove@bchfs.com for speakers or materials.

A Free video and printed materials are available for download from the North American Mission Board at www.namb.net and type in "Sanctity of Life" in the search box.



Employment Opportunities

- **Houseparent Couple –**
Seeking a positive, mature, compassionate married couple to serve full time as parent figures for adolescents. Must be at least 21, HS diploma/GED. Salary package with benefits, including housing. Must be able to work in ministry team, be proactive, and driven.

For more information: Contact Scott Kiser at (618) 382-4165, ext. 14, send resumes to Baptist Children's Home and Family Services, 949 County Road 1300 N, Carmi, IL 62821, or email scott.kiser@bchfs.com.

WGGH Radio Sponsors Lites for Kids

The brilliant lights of the season burn throughout the month of December on the north lawn of radio station WGGH AM 1150 in Marion. WGGH Radio is sponsoring a drive-thru Christmas light display from dusk to 10:00 p.m. The exhibition is free but allows an opportunity for guests to contribute to the work of Baptist Children's Home & Family Services.

WGGH is located on old Route 13, east of Marion, Illinois. Thank you, WGGH, for remembering us. ■



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