



**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.



In the Challenge, There is Blessing!

We live in challenging and troubling times. Within the past few years alone, we've witnessed the devastation of ongoing wars, tsunamis, earthquakes, nuclear crises, floods, and unspeakable crimes. Beyond these disasters, tens of millions of Americans still struggle with job loss, extended unemployment and rising costs.



Doug Devore
Executive Director
BCHFS

At the same time, we marvel at the positive human spirit revealed in citizens in other parts of the world as they stand up to evil dictators, demanding their rights to the simple, basic freedoms and privileges we as Americans have known and cherished for more than two

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Miranda's Discovery

"To carry a child is to know love. When you feel that child move for the first time, you feel a love like you have never felt before."

This is a beautiful sentiment expressed by a young woman who was once lost, broken-hearted, angry, desperate and afraid — all before she found the love and support of God and His servants at Angels' Cove in Mt. Vernon. We'll call her Miranda. This is her story and her personal mission of discovery.

Miranda is in her mid-twenties. She was pregnant, homeless, broke, frightened and hungry. She had, in her words, "absolutely nothing." In fact, a few days prior to her arrival at Angels' Cove, her one bag of possessions—all she owned in the world—was stolen. She didn't even have a toothbrush left. A counselor from Angels' Cove drove an hour and a half for an initial meeting with Miranda, who then took the first steps in a long and difficult journey that would present her with tough decisions and extraordinary blessings.

Miranda grew up in a church-going family. She was involved in the church's youth group and learned about God and Jesus at an early age. Then as she moved from teenage years into adulthood, she pushed God out of her life and soon was spiraling out of control. For a number of years her older sister has been encouraging her to

turn her life over to God, telling her "you can't do anything without Him." But Miranda continued her wandering ways, finally leaving her baby's father. He has his own set of problems, including having served time in jail for drug use.

Miranda's unborn child is a boy. She wants only that he have the best chance to succeed in life.



Miranda contemplates her future and the future of her unborn baby, drawing great strength from her new-found faith in Jesus Christ.



With that loving and selfless wish she seems to be preparing her heart and her mind to accept the fact that placing her son for adoption is the best option available to her and for him. "It will break my heart to give my baby up, but if he has a good life, it's worth it. When you have a child you make all kinds of sacrifices every day so your child can have what they need and want, and become what they want to be in life. If another woman out there can do that for him, then let her." *(continued on page 3)* **1**



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In the Challenge, There is Blessing!

centuries. Pride is what makes the freedom fighters stand. Purpose is what drives them.

The financial challenges that surround us all as individuals also surround Baptist Children's Home and Family Services. In the midst of these ongoing national and international crises over which none of us has control, we prepare to conduct our annual "Mother's Day Offering." Of course, we are reflecting on the difficult financial environment of these times—but in a more optimistic way, we here at BCHFS are filled with a real spirit of gratitude as we continue to see the hand of God changing lives for good!

Whether it's a homeless, pregnant young woman at Angels' Cove, facing the most challenging decision she's ever had to make; a troubled young man at our BCH Carmi campus seeking a new direction; or a struggling couple seeking our professional counseling services through Pathways, your generous gifts help them all.

Last year was incredibly challenging. Unfortunately, it was a year during which our income didn't provide all we needed or all we had budgeted for. That's why it's so important that we reach our "Mothers Day Offering" goal of \$250,000.

Pride in our purpose, mission and ministry strengthens and inspires us to stand, and drives us forward in faith. With God's loving blessings — and your generosity — everyone we serve here at BCHFS will benefit.

*Will YOU stand with us?
Thank you and
God bless you. ■*

Standing for God's children,

Doug Devore
BCHFS Executive Director



BCHFS MEMORIAL GIFTS: November – December 2010



MEMORIAL GIFTS FROM NOVEMBER–DECEMBER '10

Edward
Ruth Thorne

Edna and Sarah
Mr. and Mrs. James Jouett

Grandparents
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mersinger

Joshua
Martin and Imogene Hepp

Our Parents
Guy and Yolonda Peterson

Tommie Adams
First Baptist Church, Salem

Thomas and Mary Anderson and Jim Anderson
Nancy Gammons
Stan Anderson

Herbert Arlt
Marsha Arlt

Rex Bain, Jr.
Bruce and Sharon Soulsby

Lorene Baker
Thomas E. Baker

Thelma Baker
Shiloh Baptist Church, Bridgeport

Mr. Dorris Ballance
Mary Ballance

Fred W. Banes
Pamela Colesworthy

Carl Barker
Willard and Carol Goff

Gene and Mary Beard
Bruce and Paula Flanigan

Gerald Beckham
Pontoon Baptist Church, Granite City

Robert Beesley
Woburn Baptist Church, Greenville

Ruby Bigham
Judith Runge

Lt. Col. Lawrence R. Blycker
Nancy Blycker

Robert and Clara Blackman
Charles and Dorothy Wall

Joann Bowdish
Ron and Pat Bowdish

Sharon K. Bowers
Glen and Dianna Bowers

Ruby Bowker
Lela Harding

Lawrence Brown
Ms. Kathrine Bowman
Roger and Belinda Bowman

Neal Brown
Glasgow Baptist Church, Winchester

Sherman and Marcella Caldwell
Larry Collins

John "Tex" Calvert
First Baptist Church, Cartersville

Patty Cameron
Donna Loy

Matt Carnes and Brady Carnes
Mark and Cindy Carnes

Ruth and Shane Caulk
Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Caulk

Marvin Chandler
Blanche M. Chandler

Clara Chilton
Mike and Vicki Buescher and Family
Lorene Harbor
Mark and Mary Roush
Gladys Chilton
Rosabelle Walters

Orval and Juanita Cline
James R. and Mary A. Emery

Sue Coffee
Poley and Olga Disney

Don Cook
Michael Cook

Betty Coppedge
Kenneth Coppedge

Jewell Cougill
Mike and Marilyn Cougill

Pearl Cox
David and Kay Griswold

Michael Crider
Betty Sprinkel

Rev. G.W. Danbury
Richard Danbury

Herb Darnell and Nancy Darnell
Lois Darnell

Jack Dickerson
Mrs. Alice Dickerson

David and Nina Dickey
Marsha and Bill Kinsey

Jerry Dillon
Scott and Cheryl Miller

Gaetano DiMaggio
First Baptist Church, Grayville

Mackenzie Downing
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Meacham

Xenoline Dunn and Norvell Dunn
Wayne Dunn

William and Frances Drone
Carmi Lumber Company

Conrad Edmison
Norma Edmison

Catherine Eisenhauer
Mary Lou Ozburn
Darrell, Fred and Ross Eisenhauer

Lila M. Etheridge
Kenneth R. Etheridge

Robert and Ruth Etherton
John Etherton

Mrs. Barbara Eubanks
George and Wanda Spotsanski

Mike Fields
Mary Alice Pollard

Herman Fisher
Larry Fisher

Kenneth Fisher, Austin and Carrie Fisher
Debbie Vinson

Bill Franks
Amanda Holland

Jerry Frost
Wilma Frost

Dempsey Funkhouser
Velma Funkhouser

Burrell and Virginia Garrison
Shirley K. Schloeman

Morton, Gene and Eric Gaskill
Garnita Gaskill

Charles Gholson
K.P. and Pearl Mitchell
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Martin
Mr. and Mrs. Don Storey
Mrs. Delcie Herbert

Lucie Endicott and Noma Gibbs
Gene and Joann Endicott

Alan Gibbs
Peggy Hogg

Joe and Marie Gillick
Linda Dennis

Stephen Gira
First Baptist Church, Columbia

Dean Goolsby
Mary Goolsby

Tim Gowler
Larry and Sharon Gowler

Frances Grant
Calvary Baptist Church, Streator

Joe Greenlee
Rex and Jeanne Jeralds

Hazel Kemper and Helen Groves
William B. Kemper

Herb Gutzler and Stephanie Gutzler
Ms. Fern Gutzler

Inez and Gene Bryant, Edith Chancey and Ruby and Raleigh Hamilton
Joe and Mary Ann Morris

Earl Hankins
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dinwiddie

T.J. Hannah
Jerry Kennedy

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Harbison and Ron Harbison
Mr. and Mrs. Emery Gathers

Bud Harrison
Glenna Harrison

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Hart
Doug and Judy Lambert

David Hawthorne
Bradley and Denise Barnard
O.B. and Patsy Brawley
Donna and Bennie Greenwalt
Ashley Miller and Family
Lea Neff & Family, Lea Ellen, Earl, Rhonda & Terry
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Robinson and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Robinson and Family

Grace Hawthorne
Lea Neff

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hayes
Ms. Kathrine Bowman

Debra Hendershott
Sandra and Glen Gibbons

John and Louise Hessel
Terry and LaNae Widman

LaVern and Janette Higginson
Robert and Nancy Paxton

Louie and Mable Hileman
Kathryn J. Harris

Mildred and Alfred Hinkle
James and Dixie Terry

Charles and Blanche Holland
James D. and Geraldine K. Holland

Phyllis Houston
Charles Houston

Bill Huff
Nancy Huff

Martha Hughes
Larry and Henrietta Hughes

Coy and Stella Hunt
Betty G. Hunt

Taylor Dawn Cokley and Benjamin Stone Ingram
Brian and Nedra Thompson

Nola Showalter Jacobs
Dennis and Genie White

Avery Jennings
Joyce Bomke

Carl "Tick" Jennings
Barrie Penninger

Herman P. Kassner
Barbara Kassner

Hazel Kemper
William B. Kemper, Jr.

Mrs. Nan Kemper
Bob and Joan Kemper

Jordan Kennedy
Blaine Elton Kennedy

James Kerley
Leda Jane Kerley

Leon Kilbreath
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kornegay

Glenna Killebrew
Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Cox

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. King
Ms. Doris Snider

Pearl G. Kingery
June D. Johnson

Olive J. Kirsch
Mr. Jack Kirsch

Lucas Knebel
Mike and Lucetta Durbin

Louise LaBotte
Bill and Alice Weeks

Sarah Earlene Lackman
Aubrey Lackman

Evelyn B. Lamb
Christine B. Foster

Virginia Lance
Mary Martha Class, Temple Baptist Church, Centralia

Loren Lawler
Ruth Ann Lawler

Thelma Lawrence
Mrs. Doris E. Shawler

Vivian DeMoss, Doug Lambert and Nadine Ledbetter
Marchetta Lambert

Dorothy Leininger
William Leininger

Wayne Linville
Terry and Barb Hall

Charles Littlepage
Phyllis H. Littlepage

Linda Lizer
Evelyn Dalton

Deloris Loker
Don and Kristi Bailey

Albert and Anna Mae Love
Barbara and Jack Federico

James L. Marks
James F. Marks

Leroy Marks
Laura Marks

LeRoy Lyerla and Grace Marlow
Wilma Lyerla

Vera L. Martin
Bill Martin

Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Masterson
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Masterson

David R. McAnally
Doris McAnally

Ruby McCombs
Cynthia McCombs

Victor McDonald
Mildred McDonald

Luther and Pauline McGary
Rich and Cathy McGary

Clarence and Martha Higginson and Luther and Pauline McGary
Ed and Doris Collins

Morton, Gene and Eric Gaskill and Jewell McGarvey
Marcia and Bill McGarvey

Rev. C. W. McHaney
Elizabeth McHaney

Betty McKinney and Dennis McKinney
Robert McKinney

Gary Ted Meadows, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meadows

Mina Menne
Charles and Carole Seeley

Harold Meritt
First Baptist Church, Grayville

Ward Merriman
Velda Merriman

Esther Milhouse
Sheila Brandenburg

Greta Miller
Wanda Mayberry

Oma Montgomery
Mrs. Joyce Dunavan

Juanita Moore
Esther Class of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Salem

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Olie Musgrave
Betty Musgrave

Howard C. Nanty
First Baptist Church, Grayville

Merrel Dean Neff
Lea Neff

Harold Nessl
Ruth Nessl

Fred Neubert
Mrs. Gladys Neubert

Raymond Newton
Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Wallace

Quincy Feaman and Pamela Nitzsche
Violet Feaman

Ricky L. O'Dell
Larry O'Dell

Peter W. Olroyd
Joyce Olroyd

Kendall Coffman, John and Bessie Nagle and Cham Overton
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coffman

Mrs. Geraldine Owen
University Baptist Church, Carbondale
Bob and Jacqueline Goeperft

Ruth Payne and Virgil Payne
Dolores Tillman

Jimmy L. Pearce
Beth Ann Williams

Mr. and Mrs. A.H. King, Lloyd T. King, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Peck
Louise King

George F. Peck
Lois M. Peck

Louise Phelps
Carla Thomas

Bob Phillips
Roberta Phillips

Moureaan Pickering
Ms. Ruth Crane

Pearl Pierson
Harold W. Pierson

Lawrence Porter
Mary E. Porter

Paul Atchison and Mr. Roy Prater
Mollie Atchison

Creole Pribble
Charles and Carole Seeley

Larry Prosser
Lynda Skelton

Beth Renfroe
Jim and Virginia Worstell

Larry Revelle
William and Dorothy Lively

Austin Reynolds
Raymond Reynolds

Rev. Eugene Rister
Mrs. Shirley Rister

John Robbins
Margaret Robbins

William "Howard" Rogers
Mr. David Hartley
Kenneth and Rosalind Bruce
John L. and Kathy L. Goleman
James E. and Lois A. Dickey
Mary Lou Krostman

Vernon Rose
Raquel Rose

Betty Rothe
Frank Rothe

Casey and Noah Saffelder
Mr. and Mrs. Neil Saffelder

Ruby Flety Scofield
Mr. Donald Scofield

W.R. and Diana Scrivner
Reba Aydt

George and Gail Seliger
Ann Etta Seliger

Jan Verble Sharp
Don and Janet Verble

Samuel Shipp
Cleopa Shipp

Bill and Frances Preston and Pauline-Tracy Shoenight
Sheila Brandenburg

Cliff Shreve
David and Sharon White

Lorriane Shumaker
Mike and Carla Tally

Lois Shuppert
John Shuppert

Holly Shuster
Mr. and Mrs. Don Shuster

Marlene Sielbeck
Earl and Faye Bowman

Fred M. Simmons
Maxine E. Simmons

Cecile M. Smith
Kenneth R. Smith

Tom Smith
First Baptist Church, Salem

Dale Huff, Herschel Johnson and Charlotte Splittorff
First Baptist Church, Albion

Kyle Dowd and Roger Stagner
Edna Stagner

Selvin and Olga Paddock and Clyde and June Staley
Mr. and Mrs. M. David Paddock

Marjorie Starkey
Lisa McArthur

Wayne Steelman
Eileen Steelman

Homer and Pearl Stephenson
Robert and Joan Kemper

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Stout
Mr. and Mrs. James Stout

Jake Stuhmer
Panther Creek New Beginning Baptist Church, Chandlerville

Ben Suddarth
LaDonne Suddarth

Bob, Dave and Brett Martin, Richard Sweetin
Shirley, Jenna and Dustin Martin

Jim Swick
Joan Swick

Mark and Pepper Tally
Michael and Carla Tally

Ronald Tennyson
Norma Tennyson

Charles W. Thetford and Randall W. Thetford
Mrs. Dolores Thetford

Ella Thomas
Gary and Sharon Jones

Bill Thomason
Sue Thomason

Harold Thomasson
Adult Women Bible Class # 2 of First Baptist Church, Golconda

James M. Minten, J. Glenn Thurman and Ronald Glenn Thurman
Mrs. Melba Thurman

Maven Turnipseed
Norma J. Turnipseed

Ruth Tyler
Tom and Karen Goodwine

Jim Upchurch
Charlene Upchurch
Earnest G. Jones

Norman Virden
Mabelene Virden

Maggie Waldon
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carlton

Margaret Fisk and Robert "Bobby Jack" Walker
Senior Adult Sunday School Class, Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Harrisburg

Paul and Bessie Walker
Lavada Caylor

John "Tex" Calvert, Kathreyn McDougall and Larry Wall
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jeralds

Edward Bellinger, Everett & Edna Bellinger, Waneta Earnest, Harold (Buddy) Hotson, Jr., Harold & Shirley Hotson, Sr., Robert and Alice Randall, Charles & Ella O. Signaigo, John W. Signaigo, Paul & Mary Simon, and Harry Ward, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bellinger

Francis Waters
Linda and Ron Wall

Carolyn Watson
First Baptist Church, Eldorado

Annabell Webb
Bobby Diane Webb

Harry and Lula Whitchurch
Shirley Martin

Lula Whitchurch
Jerrold and Patricia Whitchurch

Fredric and Wilma Beasley and G.A. White
Janet White

Ralph Humphrey and Wilma M. White
Sims Missionary Baptist Church

Derald Dinger and Anna Wilkerson
Summit Avenue Baptist Church, Decatur

Mary Ellen Wilkins
Wes and Eileen Wilkins

Lowell Wilson
Ms. Donna Wilson

Rick Anderson, Carl Steeby and Laverne Wilson
Jim and Debbie Lay

Emory and Nan Wilson, Jr., and Robert Alan Wilson, Jr.
The Families of Emory Wilson and Bob Slate

Lois Winesburgh
Harold and Alene Robertson

Mary E. Winn
Diane Narez

Nancy Withiem
Robert Withiem

William Woodhouse
Evelyn Woodhouse

Thelma Woods
Don Woods

Dr. James D. Woolf
Elizabeth and Robert Ridlon

Charles and Alice Wood
Floyd and Mary Wiltrout

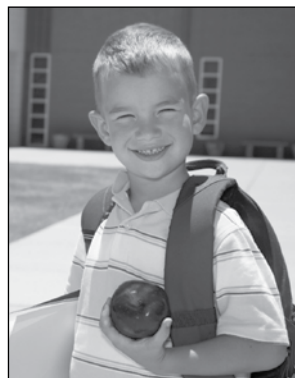
Shirley Worster
Charles Worster

Eugene, Bill and Jim Yarnell
Catherine Yarnell

Those killed in Afghanistan and James Chad Young
Vera L. Thatcher

Grace Zink
Mitch and Teresa Crawford

Note: Memorialized Names are in BOLD.



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Miranda's Discovery

In weighing the emotions surrounding her ultimate decision to place her son for adoption, Miranda's greatest fear is that he'll think she abandoned him...that she didn't want him. So that her son won't feel rejected, Miranda plans to write a letter to him explaining the circumstances surrounding her decision. She especially wants him to know that if she could have kept him, she would have.

Now, after experiencing the warmth, love, counseling, care and nurturing surroundings at Angels' Cove, Miranda has once again found the God she abandoned many years ago. She credits Angels' Cove, the support staff and the other young women around her with giving her hope and faith. She loves the morning Bible study. She says, "People are happy. There is a glow in their eyes that comes from their submission to God. This made me start to ask if it would happen to me if I finally submitted to God." She openly praises Angels' Cove for giving her hope for the future and putting her on the road to making her life a success so she can become a positive contributor to society. She also gives a lot of credit to her counselor who she feels goes far above and beyond the duties of her job.

Miranda's dream is to become a drug counselor and she feels that her experiences help her to relate to others' problems. She eagerly and gratefully says, "If I can do it, you can do it." She quotes the passage from I Cor. 10:13 "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it."... "This (Angels' Cove) is it! This is my shot at a way out!"

Several years ago, Miranda heard a sermon from Jeremiah 18:1-6 about the potter and his clay that made a

"NO TEMPTATION HAS SEIZED YOU EXCEPT WHAT IS COMMON TO MAN. AND GOD IS FAITHFUL; HE WILL NOT LET YOU BE TEMPTED BEYOND WHAT YOU CAN BEAR. BUT WHEN YOU ARE TEMPTED, HE WILL ALSO PROVIDE A WAY OUT SO THAT YOU CAN STAND UP UNDER IT!"

1 COR. 10:13



lasting impression on her. In this illustration, the potter breaks the pot he is making because it is not pleasant in his sight, and he makes another pot that is pleasing to his eye. In that same sermon, the pastor also used an illustration comparing the \$30 vase to the \$300 vase: They are both made from the same materials, but the more expensive vase is left in the fire longer, making it stronger, and burning the imperfections out.

These two comparisons are deeply personal and meaningful to Miranda because they illustrate how imperfections and hardships make us stronger. She has faced so many heartaches and consequences in her life – and she acknowledges that they were "just" because her own choices brought resulting penalties and punishments to her. "But God can take the mistakes and failures in my life and mold me into a person who is useful and beautiful in His sight."

As Miranda's life unfolds before her, we pray that she will stay the course and finish the race that will ultimately lead her to her dream of becoming a drug counselor. We know that God has a plan and purpose for Miranda's life. Her best chance is now guided by Him who sacrificed everything on the cross for her. In her own words, "I see a chance now because I have hope – and I have someone omnipotent on my side." ■

It's for Real: Carolyn Hawkins is Officially Retired, Again...

Carolyn Hawkins has been serving the children of Baptist Children's Home for nearly a quarter of a century! Along with her husband, Royce, they have blessed the lives of dozens of children who crossed their paths, though Carolyn says the blessing really is all theirs. Just recently, on April 5, Carolyn submitted her resignation notice – for the fourth time – and this time, she says she really means it! Carolyn and Royce initially resigned in 1993 after serving 8 years as houseparents. She returned in 1994 to serve in a relief houseparent role, retiring in 2004. In 2005 she came back to work, retiring once again in December 2008. Early in 2009 she returned “temporarily” to help out as a relief houseparent until permanent help could be found. Temporary turned into another 2 years.

The Hawkins' story began in 1984, when Carolyn and Royce's youngest son went into the military. Alone in their home, Carolyn said, “I'm not ready yet to be doing nothing, and I want to do good work somewhere, somehow.” They found the opportunity to sponsor a boy at BCH, and that experience led them to work more closely with the children's home, because as Carolyn says, “The Lord placed it on our hearts.” Carolyn's work background and her sense of ministry to others proved an important and blessed fit.

Throughout these 24 years, Carolyn has had powerful experiences confirming that she was indeed, in the right place, doing the work God has called her to do. She has been known as both “mom” and “grandma” at various times in her career. She has worked with both boys and girls, building lifelong relationships with many of them. She and Royce have given 5 of their girls away in marriage and maintain close relationships through visits, phone



Royce and Carolyn have made an undeniable impact in the lives of countless BCH kids throughout the years. Many of whom continue to stay in touch.

Chicago one time with all of the girls, one young lady bought a gift plaque for Carolyn, which read, “If mothers were flowers, I would pick you.”

Carolyn says she's been privileged to have had the opportunity to serve young people in need. She says, “I know how much God needs to be in the mix in order to be a houseparent. It truly is a calling. The first thing was to show the children that they were loved and lovable. Then we had to earn their trust.” Carolyn says, with a slight break in her voice, “I'm the one who has been blessed to have come to love these children and helped them to be the successes they are today!” She is grateful that a permanent replacement for her was never found. ■

contacts and now Facebook. Through Carolyn's Facebook page, she has now been contacted by over 60 former residents, all expressing their love and appreciation for Carolyn and Royce's care. During a trip to

 Thank you Carolyn,
you will be missed.

INTRODUCING...



One woman acting in the power of Christ can do great things. Sixty women acting together in the power of Christ can move mountains!

This year BCHFS is introducing a brand new way for you to make a lasting and profound impact on the ministry of Baptist Children's Home and Family Services, as well as in the lives of the hurting children and families we serve... *That is, if you are a woman!*

2011 will be the inaugural year for the BCHFS *Women of Compassion* giving society and we would like to invite you to become a founding member!

This exclusive group will be comprised of 60 philanthropic women who will unite for the common purpose of supporting BCHFS through their prayers and financial support. Membership is extended to women who contribute \$1,000 or more to the *Women of Compassion* fund at Baptist Children's Home and Family Services.

As a member of *Women of Compassion*, you will get the unique opportunity to become involved in the ministry of BCHFS in a more meaningful way by participating in the decision making process.

In October, the members of the *Women of Compassion* group will gather at the WOC Forum in order to discuss ways to help children in crisis, and in the process determine where a portion of the funds raised by the group should be directed in order to achieve maximum impact on the lives of the children and families served by BCHFS.



The *Women of Compassion* group provides the opportunity for members to participate in a community of women who share a passion for helping BCHFS bring hope and healing to hurting children and families.

Don't miss your chance to become a member this exclusive group. By becoming a member, your sacrificial gift of \$1,000 will be multiplied by 60 as you join forces with other world-changers to leave your mark on the ministry of BCHFS.

If you would like to know how you can become a member of the inaugural *Women of Compassion* group, please contact Rhiannon Mitchell at (217) 622-3881 or by emailing her at rhiannon.mitchell@bchfs.com. ■

BCHFS Welcomes Rhiannon Mitchell & Denise Dowell

BCHFS is privileged to add two new faces to our Development and Communications family. Rhiannon Mitchell and Denise Dowell have joined our staff as regionally located Development Officers and will conduct agency marketing and fundraising efforts within their assigned region of the state.

Rhiannon Mitchell joins the BCHFS team as the new Central Illinois Development Officer. A native of Fairfield, IL, Rhiannon has recently moved back to the region after spending the past 3 years living in Nashville, TN.

Rhiannon is filling the position previously occupied by Ken Steward, who was promoted to the Director of Development and Communications. "I am very excited to be a member of the BCHFS team and its ministry. Everyone, especially Kenny, has really mentored me and helped me adjust to my new position. I am looking forward to continuing the legacy of BCHFS and our ministry."

Rhiannon has always had a passion for helping children. Her resume includes a variety of volunteer efforts benefiting children as well as working as an intern for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. "Children have always been special to me, and I enjoy

working toward making their lives better any way I can. Being a part of such an extraordinary organization as BCHFS makes me feel like I am really making a difference and that I am using my own passion for Christ at the same time."

Rhiannon currently resides in her home town of Fairfield, IL. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling and taking care of her two black labs. She is an avid runner and has participated in countless races over the years including the Music City Marathon and Half Marathon. Rhiannon also enjoys the St. Louis Cardinals and watching Vanderbilt Football and Basketball.

Denise Dowell joins the BCHFS team as the new part-time Northern Illinois Development Officer. Originally born in North Carolina, Denise has lived all over the US and Germany, as her father served in the US Armed Forces during her adolescent and teenage years.

Denise has always had a heart for women and children. As modeled by her parents, she has enjoyed volunteering and serving in any capacity which ministers to the needs of others. Denise has been a Sunday School teacher for preschool age children, led small groups of high school girls, currently leads a



Rhiannon Mitchell



Denise Dowell

ministry serving both married and single women each week in a local church, and uses her gift of speaking to minister to women at special events in the Chicago-land area. "It is an honor and privilege for me to accept the position with BCHFS. I accept the charge to assist in increasing awareness as well as resources that will enable BCHFS to continue the restorative work in the lives of children and their families and single mothers. I am humbled to be a part of this extraordinary ministry and am thankful to God for availing me the opportunity."

Denise currently lives in Arlington Heights, a suburb of Chicago. When Denise is not working her full time job as a Business and Operations Manager or part time for BCHFS, you can find her serving in her areas of passion, watching a good movie, cooking or baking, spending time with friends, or jet-setting to the east or west coast to spend time with her family. ■

Galatia FBC is the Top Supporting Church of 2010!

There are around 1,000 Southern Baptist Churches in the state of Illinois. Over the years, many of those churches have chosen to partner with BCHFS as we minister to struggling children and families in our state. But, few churches have supported us at the level of Galatia First Baptist Church. Once again, they are BCHFS's top supporting church of 2010!



Pastor Jarrod Mitchell

Pastor Jarrod Mitchell has been the senior pastor of Galatia First Baptist Church for two years now and is quick to deflect all of the credit for his church's high level of support to his congregation.

"I really appreciate the ministry of Baptist Children's Home," Pastor Mitchell claimed, "but our church family was supporting BCHFS long before I came on board as pastor. I believe our church really just loves kids and we don't believe that any child is an accident."

Pastor Mitchell went on to say that he believes that there are certain ministries that should be at the center of the church as a whole, and those ministering to children are among them.

"Jesus is all God and yet all man," said Pastor Mitchell. "There were times in the Scriptures when He grew tired and needed to rest. Did you ever notice that no matter how tired or busy He was, he always had time for children? Jesus cares about children...and if He cares about children...as His church, we should care about them too."

We at BCHFS are grateful for Galatia First Baptist Church and their heart for ministering to children. We are also thankful that many other congregations

share their deep passion for those we serve. BCHFS does not receive funding through the Cooperative Program, nor do we receive funding from the state of Illinois. That is why the support of Illinois Baptist churches is absolutely vital to the survival of our ministry. Church gifts make up the largest percentage of our yearly operating budget, so we would like to give our most sincere thanks to all of the dedicated churches that make our ministry possible!

For more information on ways your church family can become involved in the ministry of Baptist Children's Home and Family Services contact Ken Steward at (618) 978-2553 or by email at kensteward@bchfs.com. ■

Reach Out With Your Heart and Become a Titus 2 Mentor

Is there any more gratifying and heart-warming gesture than reaching out to assist someone in need? There is a wonderful, matchless feeling that comes with knowing we've helped someone along life's way. Whether we're on the giving or receiving end, experiencing a generous act of kindness and love makes us feel good all over!

There's a new TV program called, "Secret Millionaire" in which individuals who have accumulated significant wealth hide their actual identity while seeking out exceptional community organizations in which to volunteer. Once these millionaires identify potential benefactors, they conclude their visits by revealing their real identity and writing a substantial check to each of those organizations where they volunteered. Viewers, witnessing the overwhelming gratitude of the unsuspecting recipients, are inspired to get out and volunteer to help others.

Now, we are offering YOU the opportunity to experience the same blessing by becoming involved in a new initiative underway at our Angels' Cove ministry in Mt. Vernon called, "Titus 2 Mentor." This is an important new element in our "Cove Connection" efforts based on Titus, chapter 2. Here the Apostle Paul directs Titus, his Gentile convert, to lead others to Christ by setting a good example for them and encouraging them to reject their destructive lifestyles and replace them with godly living. Our Titus 2 Mentor program is designed to provide each volunteer mentor with the unique opportunity to spend valuable time with a teen mother while sharing special, one-on-one visits with her; talking, listening and lovingly guiding her during some of the most vulnerable days of her life.

Each of these young mothers needs your time, your company, your wisdom and your love. In addition to visits with your teen mother, you'll have additional opportunities to be together at planned events with

other mentors and young mothers at outings, picnics and other functions. The two of you will attend Life-skill Workshops together, which provide mothers-to-be and new mothers with coping skills that will prove invaluable to them as time goes by. You'll be a welcome and loving encourager for your teen mom as she learns to manage a new and challenging future for her and her baby.

Remember, she's alone, frightened and needs special attention, guidance and love during this vulnerable time in her life. Our trained staff at Angels' Cove will be right at your side to help you and your special new friend as questions or needs arise along the way.

Is God calling YOU to be a special mentor in this wonderful new program? If you're a good listener, a good team player, keep commitments, are at least 21 years old and have your own transportation, the only other component needed is the desire to help a teen mother. Your loving attention and guidance will be a

wonderful testimony and reflection of the love that Jesus has for all of us, especially His love for children and mothers.

What an amazing path for you to travel as you provide a special young woman with an extraordinary and meaningful relationship. To volunteer as a "Titus 2 Mentor" at Angels' Cove, call us at (618) 242-4944 or email us at AngelsCove@BCHFS.com. As a result of your commitment, three lives will be changed forever: your mentored teen mother, her precious baby — and yours!

Titus 2: 3-5 — "Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live... Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure..." ■



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BCHFS HONOR GIFTS: November—December 2010

HONOR GIFTS FROM NOVEMBER—DECEMBER '10

All Children

Helen Head

Andrew

Gladys Mendenhall

Brittany

Leonard Pinney

Brooke

Gary and Mandy Leach

Marcia, Carole and Roy

Garnita Gaskill

Taylor

Larry and Henrietta Hughes

Youth of Dixon Springs Baptist Church, Golconda

Dale and Helen Faulkner

Dylan and Destiny

Tom and Teresa Terry

Mrs. Betty Allen

Sheila Brandenburg

Hunter and Andrew Arndt

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Edwards

Hope Bareis

Bradford and Donnell Swink

Roger and Joy Balfour

Warren and Jan Evans

Hazel Bishop

Sheila Brandenburg

Marie Brown

Velda Plummer

Herb and Berti Burt

Pat Burt

Les and Debbie Chamberlain

Nathan Schuchardt

Jayne Ledford

Ryan Chamberlain

Pleasant Valley Church, Grantsburg

Mikayla Crider

Cheryl Bumgamer

Carla Donoho

Ray and Margie Carrell

Jerry and Angie Day

Jim and Debbie Lay

Rev. Bill Fox

Charles and Emma Dell Bennett

Tom Franks

Employees of Farmers State Bank, Harrisburg

Velma Funkhouser

Charles Brower

Betty and Jerry Fye

Sheila Brandenburg

Garnita Gaskill

Marcia and Bill McGarvey

Marian Handley

Wyona Nelsen

Alpha Hankins

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dinwiddie

Don Haile and Julie Harrelson

Employees of New Hope School

Kenneth Highsmith

Earl and Norma Highsmith

Phil and Karleen Holland

James D. and Geraldine K. Holland

Charles M. and Florence Gaines, David Gaines and Charles and Mrs. Hosick

Charles and Nina Gaines

Ernie Janyen

Mr. and Mrs. William Schriever

Bob and Ann Jennings

Jim Page

Jouett Children

Mr. and Mrs. James Jouett

Willis and Vera Keyser

Ellen C. Walters

Chelsea Lowe

Gary and Shirley Zenner

Laura McDermott

Carla Sullivan

Ms. Beverly McPherson

Golden Agers Sunday School Class of Winthrop Harbor Baptist Church

Jared Mitchell

Michael and Julie Esteppe

Lukas James Moore

Betty J. Moore

Pat O'Dell

Pleasant Mound Baptist Church, Smithboro

Ron and Linda Cremeens, Eddie Paul and Sandi Davis, Willis and Bea Henson and John and Sally Odle

Phil and Jane Lampley

Joyce Campbell and Pat O'Neal

Mary Alice Pollard

Rev. Delbert Penrod

Sandridge New Hope Baptist Church, Petersburg

Danny and Jenny Ramey

Corine Ramey

Megan Robbins

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Robbins

Ida Mae Rogers

Robert C. Rogers

Emery and Judy Gathers, Adam and Anna Gathers and John and Ann Sallee

Judy Harbison

Employees of Ray & Kay Eckstein Cardiovascular Inst., Gale & Phyllis McGowan and Norris and Frances Schuchardt

Les and Debbie Chamberlain

Merritt and Mary Stickland

Steve and Janis Stickland

David Higgs, Brent Holloway and Dewayne Taylor

Ben and Lodema Sisk

Bill and Dana Keating

Tim and Benna Daugherty

Dorothy Thompson

Linda Thompson

Andrew and Betsy Tonne

Gussie and Alvin Tonne

Frances K. Young

Dick and Jessica Young

Khai and Kaleb Wall

Larry and Linda Wall

Bruce and Louella Bennett, Elvis and Geneva Bennett and Walt and Emma Waller

Jane Bennett

George Webb

Bobby Diane Webb

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Joellenbeck and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weihe

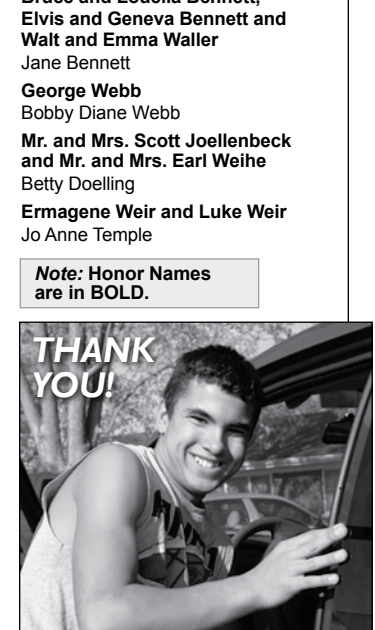
Betty Doelling

Ermagene Weir and Luke Weir

Jo Anne Temple

Note: Honor Names are in BOLD.

THANK YOU!



BCHFS HONOR GIFTS: January – March 2011

HONOR GIFTS FROM JANUARY – MARCH '11

Mr. and Mrs. Rick Abby
Jo Anne Temple

Georgia Borah
Homer and Amber Hanson

Virgie Brown
Golden Agers Class of First Baptist Church, Winthrop Harbor

Phoebe Bunton
Moments Photography, Ross and Elizabeth Bunton
Edward and Sara Bernard
George and Lisa Fralick
Mark and Mona Lappin
Garnita Gaskill
Vicki Evans
John Hammond
Martinsville on the Move

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kessler
Eva Jean Drew
Polly King and Family
Wayne Clayton and Family
Velda Merriman
Marcia D. Walker
Dorothy Zinzilieta
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Zinzilieta

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“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.” (Mark 9:37)



BCHFS MEMORIAL GIFTS: January – March 2011



MEMORIAL GIFTS FROM JANUARY – MARCH '11

Clifford Anderson
Bruce and Paula Flanigan
Carla Brandt
Durwood and Rheitta Eleam
Amon and Marilyn White
Jeff and Mary Orton
Jami DiPrete
Anthony and Nancy Mornar

David Anspach
First Baptist Church, Salem

Mildred Barnett
Immanuel Baptist Church, Benton

Jessie Barger
Vivian Jr. and Madge Bentley
Scott and Marcy Lemasters and Family
Tom and Leslie Bentley and Family
Kim and Marty Wood and Family
Mark and Pat Bentley and Family
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Roodhouse

Mary Bean
First Baptist Church, Eldorado

Dorothy Beasley
Mr. and Mrs. David Harvey

Robert Beesley
Woburn Baptist Church, Greenville

Rick Benton
Summit Avenue Baptist Church, Decatur

Roger Bryan
Sheryl Bryan

Lois Bryant
First Baptist Church, Salem

Marie Bueltemann
First Baptist Church, Columbia

Carl Cantrell
First Baptist Church, Salem

Helen Chambliss
First Baptist Church, Salem

Brenda Johnson Conn
Mr. and Mrs. Robert York, Bobbie, Scott and Angela

Rev. Claude E. Craig
Carl and Venita Craig
Sandy and Gary Seals
Michelle Seals
Co-Workers in HR Systems of Caterpillar

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Millett
Richard and Shirlee Firebaugh
Paula Kibler
Kathy Skaggs
Roger and Kathryn Hamp
Jean King
Terry Livingston
Renee Simpson
J.O. and Virginia Hatch
Jeffrey and Mary Hoge
Pearly Gross
Karen Cannaday
Marsha Holland
Tim and Diana Richey
Pat Bloodworth
C. Jonnee Stuebinger

John and Anne Curtis
Jeanne Lakin

G.W. Danbury and Richard Danbury
Darrel and Nancy Wolfe
Stephen and Caroline Logan

Mrs. Virginia Davis
Janet White and Nancy and Families

Harlan E. DeGroote
Evelyn DeGroote and Family

Thomas “Gene” Cothorn and Aleta “Jean” Everts
Summit Avenue Baptist Church, Decatur
Lloyd Finck
First Baptist Church, Columbia

Marie Fisher
Parish Park Baptist Church, Marion

Marie Fisher and Sally Fisher
Larry Fisher

Mrs. Joe Lee Flesher
Terry and Barb Hall

Naomi Foster
First Baptist Church, Albion

Lorena Glisson
Peggy and Dennis Brueggemann

Doris M. Goepfert
Robert and Jacqueline Goepfert

Ms. Diane Goodman
Pontoon Baptist Church, Granite City

Ethel Hardin
Lillian St. John

Fred and Denise Moreland
Alice and Duane Davis

Naomi Harris
Orlin and Alma Henley Harris

Father of Denise Heath
Marshall Missionary Baptist Church

Marguerite and Ralph Hill
Saundra Jent

James Hoover
Terry and Barb Hall

Ms. Arlene Hughes
University Baptist Church, Carbondale

Marguerite Benz and Arleen H. Hughes
Robert and Jacqueline Goepfert

Bobbie Carl (Bob) Jackson
Rodney and Carol Jackson
Delbert and Evalyn Jackson

Kathrine Jones
Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City

Kathy Jones
Dwain and Linda Bridges

Terry Jueckstock
Phil and Joy Jueckstock

Hazel Kemper
William B. Kemper, Jr.

Ruth Ann King
Dorcas Sunday School Class
Hazel and Teresa Darnell
George and Karen Ann Eovaldi
Zona Hampleman
Evelyn Hill

Charles and Margaret Spence
Dean and Bev Webb

Roy Knapp
The Deacons of Logan Street Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deitz
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hungate
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Blomdi
Mr. and Mrs. Randy Jenkins
Mr. and Mrs. David Davis

Everett Lash and Jeremy Lash
Mark and Carolyn Lash

Trevor Lasswell
Palmer Lasswell

Wayne Linville
The Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City

Wayne S. Maddox
Renee Marie Hughes
Douglas and Karen Maddox
Karita Collins
Hutsonville Booster Club
Glen and Joyce Knecht
Elizabeth Mehler
Brett Smith
Roy and Jean Strole
James and Janice Callahan
Stephen and Barbara Cannon
Thomas and Jerri Titsworth
Donald and Teresa Illyes
Dewayne and Sharilyn Alexander
Doyle and Barbara Purcell
Kevin and Tammy Morrison
Debbie Daugherty
David and Alberta Griswold
Highland Ave. Baptist Church, Robinson
Gale and Glenda Mehler
Barbara and Curtis McCoy
Lee and Sandra Beckel
Hutsonville High School Class of 1983
Wabash Valley Funeral Directors, Mt. Carmel

Clinton Williamson
Rabbit Ridge Backhoe, Nolan Williamson
Dwight and Patricia Harvey
Jean Crossan
Patrick Keen

Veronica Malisos
First Baptist Church, Columbia

Vera Martin
Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Wrights

Eloise Mathis
Earl and Faye Bowman

Vickie Moore
First Baptist Church, Grayville

Glenn and Freda Nussel
Mr. and Mrs. David Nussel

Jeanette Phillips
Jack and Lottie Brown

Marguerite Prosser
Freedom Baptist Church, Noble
Austin and Bernadine Dasch

Vernon Scott Marlen and Alice Pulliam
First Baptist Church, Columbia

Alice Pulliam
Mr. and Mrs. Steven Cindrell

Jim Richey
Millie E. Bond

Eugene Rister
Shirley Rister

Phyllis Robinson
First Baptist Church, Salem

Debra Robison
Michael Robison
Mr. Charles Louis Carter
First Southern Bank of Carbondale
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cochran
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Cobin
Mr. and Mrs. Heath Crow
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Downs
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Kerin
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wright
I.A. and Janet Tripp
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wolfe
Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kreid
Mr. and Mrs. Lance Weil
Laura Korando
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Foster
Mr. and Mrs. John Funk
Loretta Manis
Brenda Jackson
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Doerr
Smith Dodge, Inc. Carbondale
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hanna
Phyllis Loucks
Louise and Paula Dunlap
Carolyn Addison
Lavern Dietz
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Steele
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bean
Mr. and Mrs. Randall Dietz

Howard Rogers
Pamela and Wendell Arms
Marlene and Bob Campbell
Aunt Katie-Cindy and Steven Seymour
Allis, Phyllis and Lois Hays
Lael Sunday School Class of First United Methodist Church, Marion
Nancy Trevathan
Ida Mae Rogers
James and Roberta McDonald

Gary Shipley
First Baptist Church, Salem

Harlan Snokes
Adele Manks

Lorene Stout
Danny Trout

Ruth Stritzel
Lawrence Stritzel

Ruth Vaughan
Marilyn Vaughan
Stanley and Diane Vaughan
Randy and Carol Vaughan
Richard and Patricia Vaughan
Gilbert and Mary Suzor
Frederick and Celia Cole
Anne Barr

Rosemary Cox
Harry and Linda Thomason
Dick and Barbara Feather
Shirley and Estell Stewart, Jr.
Tanya and C. Marcus Wells
Michael and Leanne Schumacher
John and Joy Colberg
The Walt Townsend Farm

David Dicky
D.J. Auvil
Lubine Barnard
Larry and Kate Cole
Maranatha Baptist Church, Rock Falls
Wayne City 4-H Foundation
National Association of Retired Fed. Employees, Chapter 1007
Precision Soya of Illinois, LLC, Albion
North Side Baptist Church, Fairfield
Emily Chapman
John and Sharon Hiller
Richard and Kathryn Wozniak
Theresa and Fred Schaeffer and Family
Peggy and Ted Cruise and Family
Joseph Wozniak
Eli and Sarah Schaeffer and Family
Edith Massen
Jack and Rosalie LeRoy
Greg Vertrees

Rosemary Vaughn
Pontoon Baptist Church, Granite City

Patsy Visi
William and Evelyn Greer

Ward Merriman and Mauri Walker
Marcia D. Walker

Mary Higginson Kirk Ward
Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Huffstutler

Mary Bean and Carolyn Watson
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mills

Dorothy Whipple
Campers on Mission

Mary Lou Whitten
Aaron and Julie Elam
Mr. and Mrs. David Harvey
Kent and Beth Hoffman
Anna Patton's Sunday School Class, West Side Baptist Church, Eldorado, AR

Lola Horn
Miller's Lime Service
Jonathan and Sheri Parsley

Chris and Carrie Whitten
Aaron and Kerri Forbes

Sandra Leidner
Richard and Renee Whightsil

Bradley and Angela Legendre
Kent and Mary Anna Freeland

Susan Eickhoff
Mary Graumenz

Andrew and Jessica Frerichs
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Mabelene Virden

Charles Forbes
Leslie and Barbara Vaughan

S.J. Bud and Kitty Vancina
Mary Enloe

Double "S" Farms, Keith and Kent Sanders

Jean Burke and Karen Young
Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jeralds

James E. York and Madge York
Robert and Mary York
Scott York and Family

Angela Baker and Family
Bobbie Sandusky and Family

Gerald Zimmerman
State Park Baptist Church, Collinsville

Grace Zink
Sam and Christa Fincher
Jim and Deb Weatherbee

John Zinzilieta
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Zinzilieta

Note: Memorialized Names are in BOLD.





2011 MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

This life was meant to SHINE!

Recently, during a strategic planning meeting, the BCHFS staff worked to reword our mission statement so that it is more concise and better reflects the work that we perform. Are you ready for it? Here it is... *Providing Christ-centered services that protect, heal and restore.*

Since our beginning in 1918, we have considered it our calling to provide restorative services to struggling children and families so that they might have the tools necessary to overcome their life's greatest obstacles. But facilitating healing and restoration is only part of what we do at BCHFS.

The Bible teaches us that God has a plan for each of our lives, *"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jeremiah 29:11). Along with the promise of hope and prosperity, God equips each of us with certain

spiritual gifts and talents so that we might use them to bring glory to His name.

Likewise, each individual that comes to us for help has a God-determined purpose. That is why our mission goes beyond helping them to survive in this life. It is our determined purpose to help them find true healing, which can only be realized through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Along the way, we strive to provide them with the resources and opportunities that they need to be successful so their life might SHINE brightly for God's glory. It was this core belief about the value of the lives of those we serve that inspired the theme for this year's Mother's Day Offering – *This Life was Meant to SHINE!*

I believe you will find that this year's MDO video and accompanying printed materials are very upbeat in nature. The reason for that is simple...God is



truly doing some amazing things through our ministry and we thought you would like the opportunity to see for that yourself. As a faithful supporter of BCHFS, you make everything that we do possible and we wanted you to be encouraged in knowing that your sacrificial giving really does make a difference.

For more information on how you can help promote this year's Mothers Day Offering in your church contact Ken at (618) 978-2553 or by email at kensteward@bchfs.com.

— By Ken Steward
Director of Development
and Communications

BCHFS: IN-THE-NEWS UPCOMING EVENTS

Learn more at (618) 382-4164 or visit our website at www.BCHFS.com.

BCHFS Upcoming Events

• **April 30 – First Annual Children's Home Benefit Concert** – First Baptist Church Mt. Carmel, IL—featuring *Sons of the Father*. Concert begins at 6:30p.m. in the worship center.

• **May 8 – Mother's Day Offering** – This year's offering theme is *"This Life was Meant to Shine."* You can help the lives of those we serve shine for Christ by promoting the Mother's Day Offering in your church.



• **June 5 – Annual Motorcycle Run for BCHFS** – Join us once again for this annual fun run sponsored by FBC Wayne City, IL. for our kids in need!

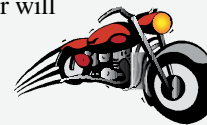
• **June 8 – Central Illinois Golf Tournament** – Tee up for a great cause by taking part in our annual Central Illinois Golf Tournament to be held at Edgewood Golf Course in Auburn, IL.

• **August 13 – Union Association Gospel Music Fundraiser** – Mark your calendar and plan to join us for a night of great gospel music! *Location TBD.*



• **August 20 – Metro East Golf Tournament** – Round up a foursome and come on out to The Orchards Golf Club in Belleville, IL for a great day of golf in support of BCHFS.

• **September 10 – CMA Motorcycle Ride** – Motorcycle enthusiasts from all over will cruise on down to our Carmi campus to spend time with our kids!



• **September 17 – 12th Annual Fall Festival** – Bring the whole family to our Carmi campus for a day of free food and fun at our biggest celebration of the year! Includes games, rides, great food and fun for all – along with our famous quilt auction.



• **October 1 – Southern Illinois Golf Scramble** – Do you have a passion for golf and for helping children? Then you are in luck. Bring your clubs (*and friends*) to the 14th Annual Southern Illinois Golf Scramble.



• **October 8 – Women of Compassion Forum** – *Women of Compassion* members will unite for a fun and inspirational day culminating in the group deciding where to direct a portion of the funds raised by the group. *Location TBD.*



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