

# HOME NEWS

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## CHILDREN'S HOME SUNDAY ANNUAL OFFERING

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# Words from Home...

**Perry Hancock, PhD**  
President & CEO



In this edition of the Home News you will see pictures from our annual Children’s Celebration Banquet. The event is attended each year by our children, staff, school teachers, church members, trustees, and other special friends who have played an important role in the success of our children. The banquet is sponsored every year by the Judy Lynn Bailey Endowment Fund.

The theme of our banquet was “The Truth of God.” The Scripture verse was 1 John 5:20. “And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.”

We enjoyed musical performances by the children and the year-end slide show. Each child received a customized certificate that listed Christlike qualities cottage parents, family workers, and others have observed in their lives. I wish you could have seen their faces as they received such positive recognition.

We were also blessed by the ministry of Christian illusionist David Laflin. He not only mesmerized the children, and adults, with his tricks, but he presented the Gospel in a unique and effective way. Everyone enjoyed David’s presentation.

The afternoon before the banquet, Children’s Home Trustees met and approved a major expansion of our Compassion for Kids ministry. We will soon begin construction of a regional Compassion Center which will serve 25-50 thousand children and

families annually. The Center will partner with existing compassion ministries in north and central Louisiana and will help churches establish new works that meet needs and share Christ. Please take the time to read the article which provides details of the new Compassion Center.

Thank you so much for your generous support which makes the ministry possible. Because of your special love and care, our children are growing into all that God has for them. You are truly changing lives every day at LBCH.

When you have the opportunity, plan a visit to our campus in Monroe. We would love to give you a tour and thank you personally for making the Children’s Home a place *Where God’s Love Takes You In*.

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## PRAYER CALENDAR...

- Adriana ..... June 1
- Zay ..... June 2
- Ma’Rissa ..... June 3
- Josie ..... June 4
- Eli ..... June 5
- Emily ..... June 6
- Ta’Mojah ..... June 7
- Ronesha ..... June 8
- Zi’Vrecia ..... June 9
- Reynaldo ..... June 10
- Hayden ..... June 11
- Jadyn ..... June 12
- Hunter ..... June 13
- Za’lynn ..... June 14
- Stacey ..... June 15
- Ariana ..... June 16
- Tiffany ..... June 17
- Andreanna ..... June 18
- Carlen ..... June 19
- Carrie ..... June 20
- Bentley ..... June 21
- Reagan ..... June 22
- Fisher ..... June 23
- Finley ..... June 24
- Fletcher ..... June 25
- Gracie ..... June 26
- Zoey ..... June 27
- Kyler ..... June 28
- Clayton ..... June 29
- Angela ..... June 30

- Sophia ..... July 1
- Ashley ..... July 2
- Ashton ..... July 2
- Oliver ..... July 3
- Micheal ..... July 4

## BIRTHDAYS...

- Reagan ..... June 29**
- Oliver ..... July 9**
- Ashton ..... July 24**
- Ma’Rissa ..... July 25**



## • OUR MISSION •

The mission of the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home and Family Ministries is to provide love, care, and hope in Christ for children and families in need.

## • OUR VALUES •

We value the Bible as the foundation and guide for our ministry  
*(2 Timothy 3:16).*

We value the worth of the Children and Families to whom we minister  
*(Genesis 1:27).*

We value Servant Leadership as our model for ministry  
*(Mark 9:35).*

We value Excellence as our standard for ministry performance  
*(Colossians 3:17).*

We value Personal Integrity as our ministry standard for living

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# Spotlight...

## Meet Stacey and Ariana

*"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...." Psalm 23:6*

These are words that bring peace and comfort to Stacey, and she wears a reminder of that Scripture on her arm. "I always 'believed' in God," says Stacey, "but it wasn't until I went through a faith-based recovery program that I understood that it's really all about a 'relationship' with God. Since I came to that understanding, I've been able to build on that ever since."

Stacey has faced a lot of adversity over the years, but LBCH's HomePlace Ministry is helping her work through those issues. "I overcame addiction. There have been unhealthy relationships in my life. When I came to the point that I needed a safe place for myself and Ariana, a friend suggested I come here." Stacey's friend had been part of the program and was able to share first-hand the services available. Stacey liked what her friend shared and went to check it out. As a resident of Maggie's Place since October, Stacey is thankful for Cottage Manager Kathy LaCaze and the others who have welcomed her and invested in her and her daughter since their arrival.

"I like it here. I've definitely grown and feel I'm getting closer to God and working through a lot of things." Stacey, who was adopted, is thankful for the skills she's learning that will help her build new, healthier relationships with both her biological and adoptive families. "This place is definitely the place for moms who have the need for a fresh start. The people here, the systems that are in place—it's definitely a safe place for families.... I like to talk and express myself." Stacey is thankful for LaCaze and other staff as well as the family members who have come alongside her, listening and encouraging her during this season of growth.

Watching Ariana thrive in this environment has been another blessing. Stacey is excited as she watches Ariana grow in her faith. "She loves Jesus, and I love hearing her pray, 'I love God, I love Jesus, I love everybody!' When I hear that, I know I must be doing something right."

"Ariana loves to color and sing. She likes building things, and she likes anything pink. She's very curious; she probably gets that from me," Stacey laughs. Mother and daughter love being outside, whether it's going to the park or riding bikes. They are looking forward to summer and lots of time swimming. They are also looking forward to Ariana entering kindergarten in the fall.

Stacey enjoys the worship and fellowship at her church and feels that it truly was God Who led to that first invitation to attend. "We got there and really liked it. It was a good situation," she says, appreciative of the friends who were faithful to invite her and then stayed close during her first visit. Stacey is also actively involved in Celebrate Recovery, with another level of fellowship and accountability that is available there.

As she continues to grow personally and professionally, Stacey is considering her next steps career wise. She hopes to transition to an office job in the near future, prob-



ably in banking. Long term she says, "I like working with people, so maybe customer service or something like that." She is learning new skills, saving money, and "I'm praying for a place of my own one day. I've never had that. I've always stayed with family and friends so it will be exciting to have my own home."

Stacey is thankful to those who've invested in her and Ariana since they've joined the HomePlace family. As she recites Psalm 23, she emphasizes the feelings of "peace" and "comfort" that have become so meaningful to her. And as she reflects on her time on Campus and those who have ministered to her and her daughter, she has a word of encouragement to other moms who may be in need: "Don't be afraid to reach out and ask for help. There are people who want to help you and see you succeed." Stacey is thankful she found that in HomePlace.

## New Ministry Supports Biological Parents of Foster Children...

One of our newest LBCH ministries serves biological parents of children in foster care. This ministry reaches out to a population that is often overlooked, and often judged as unworthy to be their children's parents due to the issues that placed their children in foster care.

In my experience as a social worker with the Louisiana Department of Children and Families (DCFS) (another life ago), and here at LBCH, I've found that most parents truly love their children. But too often they don't have the resources or the support systems to get them through rough times. Most parents are trying to do their best with what they know. "You don't know what you don't know until you know," is a phrase I learned from Halo Project International. Many biological parents are just repeating things learned from their families of origin, handed down from previous generations. Most people would be shocked to know what so many of these parents have experienced in their own families growing up. Instead of thinking the worst about them, we need to recognize their strengths to survive some very challenging life experiences.

Most of the parents I work with are not Christians. They may know about God, but they don't truly know God through a personal relationship with His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. And quite often, because of their family's influence, they have a skewed understanding of our Lord.

I believe my purpose as a Christian social worker is to obey the Great Commandment and fulfill the Great Commission. These biological parents represent a population that needs to be reached with the gospel. When I worked for DCFS, I learned early on that there will be no lasting change in these parents' lives until they have a heart change. And the only way to have a heart change is through a relationship with our Lord Jesus. They can complete a list of things DCFS requires them to do to be reunified with their children, but they are prone to repeat their "old ways"—their unhealthy coping skills, and the children return to foster care, and the cycle repeats.

Teaching parenting classes and praying for the parents has been a privilege and a blessing for me. As I talk with them, I think of the woman in John 8 who was caught in adultery (it could be any sin inserted here), and the religious crowd wanted her stoned. But Jesus said, "He who is without sin cast the first stone." I certainly have no stones to throw. Nobody knows better than I, that I am where I am by God's grace alone. These biological parents have chosen life for their child instead of abortion, despite their struggles in life. They need our help and support. This ministry, empowered by the Holy Spirit and demonstrating Christ's unconditional love, can change lives and in turn change the face of foster care as well. Just imagine how many lives and families can be transformed and given hope and a future in Christ! We would truly be Jesus' hands and feet!

**Melody Karamanis,**  
LCSW  
Assistant Director of  
Family Services







# Homebuilders...

## CHILDREN'S HOME SUNDAY ANNUAL OFFERING JUNE 18!

What does the Bible say about giving to the poor and needy?

In his 1841 essay "Self-Reliance," Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "Do not tell me, as a good man did today, of my obligation to put all poor men in good situations. Are they my poor?"

Unfortunately, Emerson's attitude reflects that of many people. Few of us wish harm to the poor. We just don't want to be held responsible for them.

In both the Old and New Testaments, we see God's desire for His people to show compassion to the poor and needy. There is no doubt that poverty's reach is both widespread and devastating. God's people cannot be indifferent toward those in need, because His expectations for us regarding taking care of the poor are woven throughout the entirety of Scripture.

For example, Moses instructed the Israelites on how to treat the poor and needy. "Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land" (Deuteronomy 15:10-11). Look at the Lord's words about the goodness of King Josiah in Jeremiah 22:16, "He defended the cause of the poor and needy, and so all went well. Is that not what it means to know me, declares the LORD?" This sentiment is perfectly captured in Proverbs 14:31, "Whoever is kind to the needy honors God."

Jesus said that those who show mercy to the poor, the sick, and the needy are in effect ministering to Him personally and will be rewarded

accordingly. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'" (Matthew 25:34-40).

God's Word gives us insight into His heart for the poor and instruction in how we are to care for them. If we truly have faith in Jesus, we must also share His concern for the poor. Jesus commanded us to love one another (John 13:34-35). And what better way to demonstrate the love and kindness and compassion of our Lord than by reaching out to the "least of these" among us?

Our Children's Home Sunday Annual Offering will provide you with the opportunity to give compassionately to help children and families in real need. God will take your gift, large or small, and use it to meet physical, emotional, and spiritual needs through our Christ-centered ministries. Thank you for answering God's call to care!

**Marc Eichelberger**  
VP of Development  
& Public Relations



## Kappa Delta Sorority Blesses Children With Generous Donation

Members of the University of Louisiana at Monroe's Delta Zeta Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority held their annual Shamrock 5K Race this spring with proceeds going to Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Prevent Child Abuse America. The event was a huge success this year with the group making their largest donation to LBCH yet!

Thank you so very much for your hard work and generous investment in improving the lives of children in need.

*Pictured: Dr. Perry Hancock is presented the generous donation by Savannah Spivey on behalf of Kappa Delta.*



## Quilters Share Talents



Cheryl Myers, representing the "The Giving Quilt" group, delivered thirteen beautiful hand-made quilts for our cottages. Thank you Cheryl and all your quilters for their time, talent, and generosity to the children we serve.

## Immediate Job Openings

### SOCIAL WORKERS Needed in Shreveport and Baton Rouge:

Full-time positions include salary, benefits, and paid vacation. LMSW licensure required, A minimum of two years' experience in child welfare or related field preferred. Must demonstrate proficient speaking and writing skills. Must be able to work independently. Some travel required.

Please send resume to Susan Nolan at [snolan@lbch.org](mailto:snolan@lbch.org) or LBCH, PO Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.

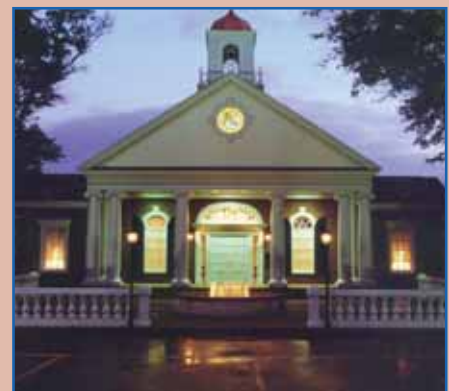
### CHRISTIAN COUNSELOR Needed in Baton Rouge:

Granberry Counseling Centers is looking for a full-time Christian counselor in Baton Rouge. Must be fully or provisionally licensed as LPC, LMFT or LCSW. Two years post licensure experience is preferred in private practice settings.

Please send resume to: [kathy@lbch.org](mailto:kathy@lbch.org) or Granberry Counseling Centers, PO Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.

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## Schedule A Campus Tour!



We're always excited to invite friends to tour our campus! Tours are available for groups or individuals by appointment. We would love to show you around and let you see firsthand what God is doing at your Children's Home!

To schedule a tour contact Matt at [matt@lbch.org](mailto:matt@lbch.org) or 318.343.2244.



May 2023

Dear Friend of Children,

Liam\* and Olivia\* came to us three years ago from a home filled with domestic violence and drug abuse. With an absentee mother, a dad struggling to parent and make ends meet, these precious siblings desperately needed a safe, stable home and hope for a better future.

You and your church family provided exactly what they needed when they arrived at your Children's Home. God's love took them in through caring Christian cottage parents. They each had their own bedroom, plenty to eat, new clothes and toys. With lots of trauma in their young lives, our Christian counselors and social workers began helping them to heal.

During their time with us, Liam and Olivia have learned to ride bikes, play soccer, and do gymnastics. They have attended church each week with their cottage families, and they're learning about God's great love for them in Christ.

God's love changes lives! This Father's Day, your love for Christ expressed through your generous support of our Children's Home Sunday Annual Offering, will meet urgent needs and provide healing and hope to children in crisis. Thank you for answering God's call to care!

For the Children,

Perry Hancock, Ph.D.  
President & CEO

*\*Names changed for confidentiality*

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**HopeBuilders: A Special Group of Heroes to Children in Need**

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When you become a "HopeBuilder," you join a special group of people making monthly investments in the lives of precious children, providing them with love, care, and hope in Christ.

**Here's how it works:** Go to our website at LBCH.ORG and click on the GIVE NOW button. Set up recurring monthly gifts (\$10 minimum) using Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express, Debit Card, or E-Check. Simply put HopeBuilder in the notes section. You may cancel your monthly donations at any time. It's that easy! You may also give by check. Simply put HopeBuilder on the memo line and mail to LBCH, PO Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.





## Regional Compassion Center to Open in Monroe 25-50,000 Children and Families Impacted Annually

Compassion for children has been the heartbeat of Louisiana Baptist Children's Home & Family Ministries since 1899. A new regional Compassion Center will be another strategic means of fulfilling its mission to provide love, care, and hope in Christ for children and families in need.

LBCHFM Trustees recently approved the construction of a 15,000 square foot Compassion Center on the Monroe campus which will create the opportunity to impact 25-50,000 children and families annually. The Center will provide life essentials and the hope of the gospel not only for children and families in the Monroe area but throughout North and Central Louisiana.

Monroe is currently ranked the poorest city in Louisiana; seventh poorest in the United States. Forty percent of children under five in Monroe live below the poverty level. The region's poverty rate is higher than the national average, and there is no regional ministry using this model.

Dr. Perry Hancock, LBCHFM President & CEO, shared, "There is a desperate need for this type of ministry where hope-centered services are provided to children and

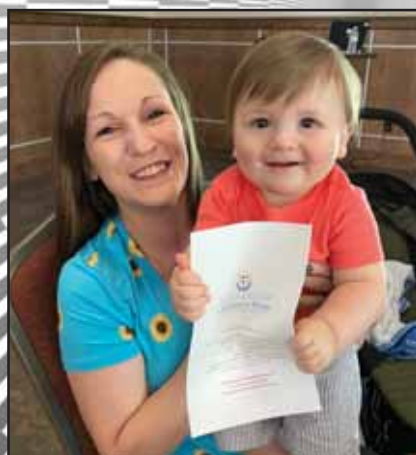
families in need. I am grateful for our Trustees who are ready to launch this exciting new ministry opportunity."

Compassion for Kids, a current LBCHFM ministry, will operate the Compassion Center. The Center will provide weekend food backpacks and school supplies for children. It will provide a baby store for infants and toddlers and will include support for foster care families. The Center is designed to provide space for a mission church which could provide Bible studies at the facility. It will also provide support for existing compassion ministries and pursue the establishment of new church-based compassion works.

The Compassion Center should be operational by March 2024.

"The Center will create a wealth of opportunities to meet physical needs, build trust, share the gospel, and demonstrate the unconditional love of Christ throughout our region. We are extremely excited to see how the Lord will work through this ministry to change lives in Jesus' name," Dr. Hancock stated.

## Annual Children's Recognition Banquet...





**Jonann Byargeon**  
Director of HomePlace



# Highlights from HomePlace...

Summer break is here at last! There is a more relaxed spirit in all the cottages and the apartments. Our children have completed another school year, the moms have survived the often-repeated phrase, "Have you done your homework?" Now our cottage managers have time to enjoy the front porch rocking chairs.

I thought it might be interesting to ask our school-age children what they will miss about school and what special plans they have for the summer. Here are a few of their answers:

**Ashton:** "I'll miss being on the computer. This summer I'm going to summer camp and fishing!"

**Shanira:** "What I will miss about school is the happy feeling I would get to leave school. My summer plans are going to dance camp."

**Kayla:** "I will miss my best friends. This summer I have summer school and going on a vacation."

**Jayla:** "I will miss my 4th grade teachers and my friends."

**Kyler:** "I will miss Ms. Phillips, Ms. Bell, and Christopher. I plan to swim at the beach."

**Clayton:** "I will miss my friends. I plan to go to a water park!"

**Sophia:** "I'll miss school, it's really good and I stay on green!" Additional question for Sophia, "What grade will you enter next year?" "I don't know! This summer I'm going to the beach!"

This has been an exciting season for HomePlace in many ways. We welcomed new moms and their children. We dedicated our new Praise Apartments and moved moms into this more independent style of living. We celebrated Easter and enjoyed the campus-wide egg hunt and meal together.

The "HomePlace Together" meeting in April was a family scavenger hunt. I wish you could have seen all the activity in our Recreation Center. A special thanks to Terri Davis and all our cottage managers who helped make this event possible. It was a fun night watching our moms interact with their children.

Our HomePlace moms were honored for Mother's Day by Loch Arbor Baptist Church here in Monroe. This is an annual event we look forward to every year. We worship with the congregation and we are treated to an incredible lunch. The children have a special lunch of their own which means moms can enjoy a kid-free meal. The luncheon includes a devotional for the moms and gifts as well. Our families always leave feeling very loved and cared for by this church family. Thank you, Pastor William Sikes and congregation!

The HomePlace staff and families pray you have a wonderful summer season and thank you for your support. May you have special times with family and continue to learn. But most of all, like one of our children said about her school year, may it be "really good, stay on green (meaning do the right things), and no worries about the future." Thank you again and may God be with you in mighty ways.



## Children's Home Dedicates New HomePlace Apartments...



Marc Eichelberger, Dr. Perry Hancock, Susan Martin Potter and Randy Fowler at the ribbon cutting.



Susan Martin Potter with first Praise Apartments resident, Ashley.



Above: Praise Apartment Complex  
Below: Interior photos from Praise Apartments.



The Lord provided a clear, crisp morning on March 15 as Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries dedicated its new "Praise" Apartments, the latest addition to our beautiful campus in Monroe.

This practically designed fourplex will provide four two-bedroom, two-bath apartments for mothers and their children transitioning into their final phase of living in HomePlace, the Children's Home residential family care ministry.

The funding for this project was provided by Susan Martin Potter and family, with additional funding provided by the Jonathan E. (Johnny) Martin family. The Praise Apartments are dedicated to the memory of Ellis and Virginia S. Martin.

Dr. Perry Hancock, LBCH President & CEO, welcomed special guests and staff members to the ribbon-cutting ceremony. He shared, "The catalyst for this project came from a very special lady. She and her family have been friends of the Children's Home for decades. After we talked about several options to expand our work, she focused on this important project because she loves and cares about our HomePlace mothers and children."

Dr. Hancock introduced Mrs. Susan Martin Potter. She shared about the rich Christian heritage of her family and the love of Christian music by her parents, Ellis and Virginia Martin. "When contemplating what the name of the apartments should be, I kept thinking about how appropriate the word "praise" would be in the memory of my parents," Mrs. Potter added.

Mrs. Potter did a wonderful job in helping the LBCH staff and guests to get to know the tremendous legacy of the Martin family and their belief that "the fruits of our labor should be used for the benefit of the community and mankind." She shared her favorite Scripture, "And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord" (Psalm 40:3, KJV). Mrs. Potter concluded by stating, "My hope is that these families give God the glory and forever praise His holy name."

HomePlace, established in 2010, is a transitional living ministry that offers compassionate care to single women and their children who are homeless due to difficult life circumstances. The goal of HomePlace is to help families obtain the skills needed to move from dependence and despair to a future of self-sufficiency and hope through Christ.

Jonann Byargeon, LBCH Director of Family Care Ministries, shared, "The Praise Apartments are truly a blessing for our HomePlace family. This wonderful addition will allow our ministry to care for more moms and their children. I am very encouraged and excited about all the possibilities which await us."



# Suicide Is a Leading Cause of Death in the US...Especially Among Young People

Kathy Eichelberger  
Director  
Granberry Counseling  
Centers



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Leading Causes of Death Report in 2020, suicide was the 11th leading cause of death overall in the United States. Every day, approximately 132 Americans die by suicide – that is one suicide death every 10.9 minutes. In 2021, 48,183 Americans died by suicide, nearly twice the number of homicides (26,031).

Suicide was the second leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10-14 and 25-34, the third leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15-24, and the fourth leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 35-44.

Lesbian, gay, and bisexual kids are three times more likely than straight kids to attempt suicide at some point in their lives. Medically serious attempts at suicide are four times more likely among LGBTQ youth than other young people.

Mental illness is often a factor in teen suicides, but just as often the tragedy can be attributed to depression. Harmony Healthcare IT, a data management firm in the healthcare industry, reported in 2022 that 42 percent of Generation Z (anyone born from 1997 to 2012) had a diagnosed mental health condition, with anxiety far and away the most-diagnosed condition.

Mental illness and depression should be treated by licensed healthcare professionals. However, any Christian can play a role in helping struggling teens by watching for the factors that often lead to depression. Further, knowing what factors to look for will allow you to recommend that an at-risk teenager be referred to a mental-health professional. This is important because early intervention is critical in preventing teen suicide. Recommending this kind of referral to a parent or guardian is one of the most important contributions you can make in helping prevent teen suicides.

## Mental-health professionals at Boston Children's Hospital have identified the following risk factors relating to teen suicide:

- Mental illness
- Family history of suicide
- Victim of physical abuse
- Victim of sexual abuse
- Losses (deaths of family or friends, broken relationships, estrangement after relocating)
- Impulsive behavior
- Eating disorders
- Financial problems
- Aggressive behavior
- Poor coping skills
- Unsupervised access to guns, knives, or other weapons that might be used for suicide
- Confusion over sexual orientation
- Feelings of being unloved or unwanted
- Personal insecurity
- Feelings of being misunderstood
- Divorce of parents
- Social rejection and loneliness
- Run-ins with law enforcement authorities
- Traumatic events (including events that are witnessed)

This list of factors is validated by both experience and research, but is not comprehensive. There can be other factors not listed here that put young people at risk of committing suicide. These factors don't necessarily mean a teenager is going to commit suicide. However, they do mean that young people who exhibit one or more of these factors fall into the at-risk category when it comes to suicide. Consequently, it is important for you to be aware of and sensitive to these factors.

## In addition to the risk factors just listed, there are warning signs associated with teen suicide. Warning signs are a level above risk factors when it comes to how concerned you should be about the individual in question. Warning signs tell you that immediate action is called for. Boston Children's Hospital has identified the following warning signs relating to teen suicide:

- Preoccupation with death in conversation, written assignments, artwork, and other forms of self-expression
- Intense, unrelenting sadness
- Feelings of hopelessness
- Lack of interest in activities, hobbies, or tasks that used to be important
- Withdrawal from family, friends, sports, social activities, school, or clubs
- Substance abuse (alcohol, drugs, or both)
- Unnatural sleep patterns (sleeping very little or sleeping all the time)
- Giving away possessions, especially valued possessions
- Lack of energy (especially in a usually energetic teen)
- Risky behaviors that suggest the teen doesn't care if he or she is injured or worse
- Inability to focus, think clearly, or concentrate
- Sudden absenteeism from school
- Sudden drop in performance in school
- Change in appetite (loss or noticeable increase)
- Increased irritability and bouts of anger

## Asking directly about suicide does not increase risk.

Loved ones frequently worry that asking someone about suicidal thoughts will "put the idea" in a sufferer's head. Multiple studies, however, show this concern is unfounded. In fact, experts agree that directly asking someone if they are considering suicide is the best and safest approach.

Church leaders concerned about someone's behavior should have a caring and nonjudgmental conversation in private. They should avoid arguing with a sufferer, minimizing his or her pain, or offering advice, but instead listen and be present. If a conversation elicits suicidal thoughts, it's crucial to determine the severity of suicidality by asking the following questions:

- Does this person have a plan to commit suicide?
- Does he have the means to kill himself?
- Does he intend to kill himself?

If someone describes passive thoughts of wanting to die, but denies a plan, means, or actual intent, referral to a licensed professional is appropriate. However, if someone describes active suicidal thoughts, a clear plan, available means, and strong intent, he or she needs immediate hospitalization. If a sufferer asks you to promise to keep their suicidal thoughts a secret, kindly, but firmly, decline—life and safety take priority over confidentiality.

## National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a network of local crisis centers covering the entire nation that provides free and confidential support to people who are experiencing emotional distress or the warning signs of suicide. The Lifeline is open and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. People who answer calls to the Lifeline are trained crisis counselors who know how to respond in ways that help emotionally distressed individuals take a step back from the precipice and reconsider their suicidal thoughts. The Lifeline may be contacted online at <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org>.



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The Children's Home is recognized by the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as a "Foster Care Community." Most of the children in LBCH foster homes are placed by DCFS and the other children are privately placed by a legal guardian.

The Children's Home receives no state or federal funding. Approximately 56% of all funding comes from individuals and churches. Less than 25% of funding goes to administrative costs; 75% goes to direct ministry services. Less than 7% of funding comes from payment of services.

Our major service areas include: Residential Child Care for Children ages 5-17; HomePlace Residential Family Care for Homeless Children and Mothers; Women's Learning Center providing job and life skills training and certified HiSET preparation and testing; Granberry Counseling Centers with 13 statewide locations; Connect1Child Foster Care & Adoption Ministries; and Orphans Embrace International.

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Please send resume to: Susan Nolan at [snolan@lbch.org](mailto:snolan@lbch.org) or LBCH, PO Box 4196, Monroe, LA 71211.

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