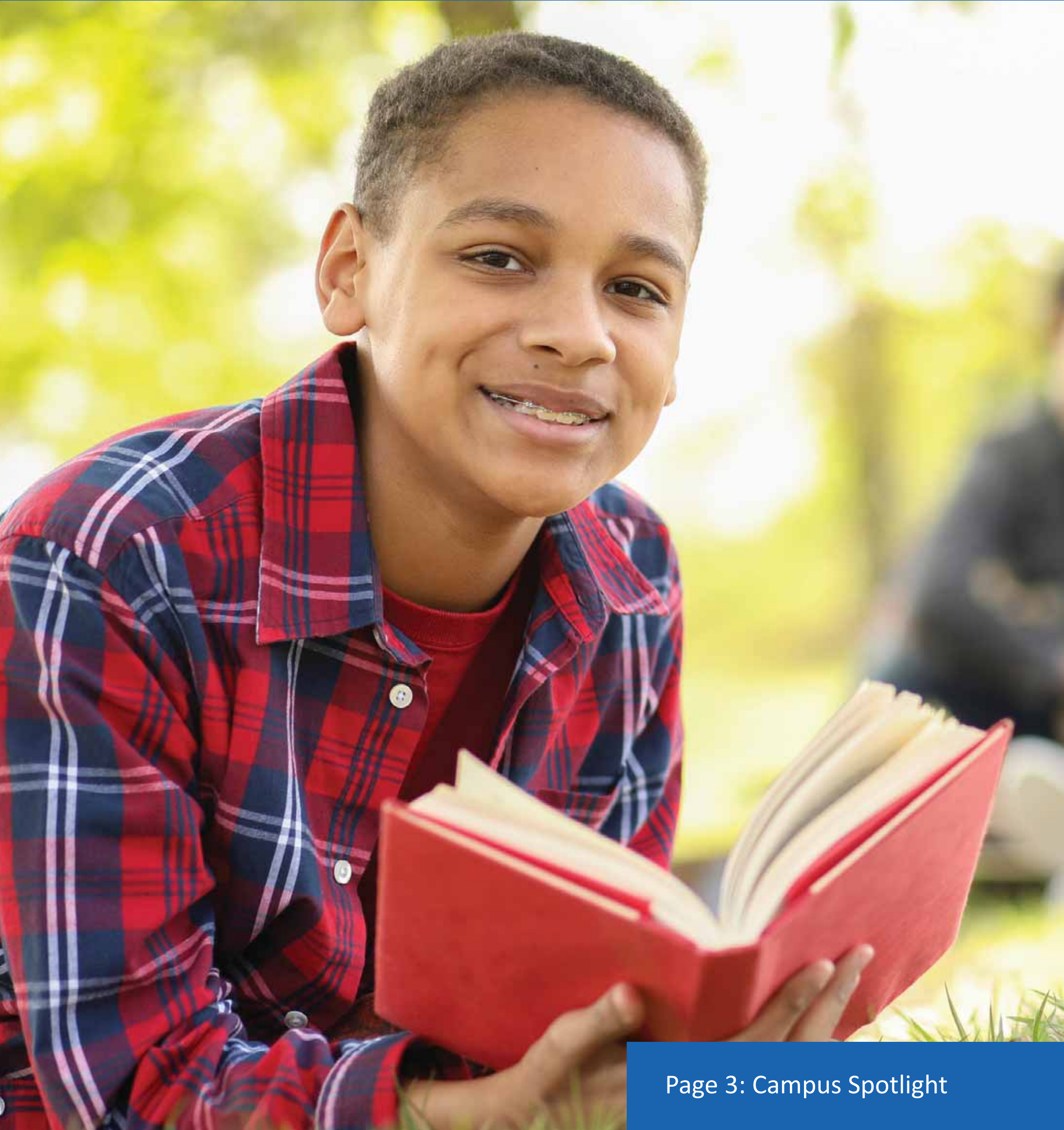


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Words from Home...

Perry Hancock, Ph.D.
President & CEO



A few years ago, I had a conversation with Cody*, one of our former residents. Before coming to the Children's Home, Cody and his sister were living with their father. At that time there wasn't much in their lives to be thankful for. They were practically raising themselves. One day their father told them that the family was going on vacation. After checking in at a hotel, the dad told Cody and his sister that he would be back in just a few minutes. He never returned.

With no extended family to care for them, Cody and his sister moved to LBCH. Soon, through the love and care of our staff, Cody and his sister were enjoying life as children should. After graduation Cody went to college and established his career. Three or four years later he came back to campus for a visit. That's when I had a conversation with him about his time at the Children's Home. Let me paraphrase what Cody shared.

"There are so many things that I was thankful for during my time at the Children's Home. I was thankful for having food every day. I was thankful that my sister and I didn't have to worry about being hurt. I was thankful that I could just be a kid. I didn't

have to fix breakfast for me and my sister every day. I was thankful to have people around me who loved me even though they didn't really know me. I was thankful that I could play sports. And I was most thankful that you introduced me to Jesus." Cody concluded his thoughts with this. "I am so thankful for the people who give to the Children's Home."

Cody was talking about you and how you meet the needs of our children. You provide them with all the food they need, the clothes they need. You provide for their medical care and more. Most of all, you give them a safe and loving, Christian home. Like Cody, we are thankful for you.

I pray that God will bless you and your family with a wonderful Thanksgiving this year. Let us all remember the words of Psalm 100:4. "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."

**Name changed for confidentiality*

Thank you for meeting needs and changing lives!

PRAYER CALENDAR...

Emily	November 15
Rachel	November 16
Megan	November 17
Zyion	November 18
Amelia	November 19
Leodis	November 20
Reynaldo	November 21
Hunter	November 22
Karma	November 23
Noah	November 24
Journey	November 25
Layla	November 26
Susan	November 27
Isaiah	November 28
Crystal	November 29
James	November 30
Katie	December 1
Emma	December 2
Mattox	December 3
Amanda	December 4
Nakoa	December 5
Gracelynn	December 6
Elizabeth	December 7
Paige	December 8
Talen	December 9
Kanyen	December 10
Gemma	December 11
Amanda	December 12
Emma	December 13
Ashley	December 14
Ashton	December 15
Jacob	December 16

Sierra	December 17
Mayaq	December 18
Fay	December 19
Kaitlyn	December 20
Marci	December 21
Avalyn	December 22

Birthdays...

Reynaldo **November 10**
Hunter **November 25**
Noah **November 30**



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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
(Romans 12:1-2).

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Campus Spotlight...

Meet Ally and James

"It's really a family here."

By Debbie Robertson, HomeNews Writer

"Because of God's plan...." That's how Ally Smith describes how she came to be part of HomePlace Ministry and Maggie's Place.

Ally was in a serious relationship when she left her family and moved to Louisiana several years ago. Later, when she and her husband learned they were going to be parents, they turned to Life Choices in Ruston for parenting classes and Bible study. "Life Choices did a class for first-time parents. They took us through each week of pregnancy, including what to eat, how the baby is growing and developing. And it wasn't just parenting. They taught us how to budget and we learned a lot of very useful life skills." Ally was thankful for the very practical lessons she learned during this time.

When Ally's marriage ended, she moved in with a friend who was soon able to connect her with the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and HomePlace. "She brought me here for the interview. She helped get me set up," says Ally. "I'd been a stay-at-home wife for years. In coming to Maggie's Place, I found independence... This provided an opportunity to get my GED and make my way up the minimum wage ladder. And I just bought my first car," she says proudly.



Ally is excited to have the opportunity for continuing education. In July, she will complete requirements for the certified optician license. "It's an 18-month program but I try to stay ahead." She is currently employed as an optician and says, "It is very helpful to get this experience while I'm working on my license, and it also helps pay for my education, which is really great."

Ally enjoys her job tremendously, and her ultimate goal is to work as an ocularist—handcrafting and painting prosthetic eyes. "I find the whole idea of it incredible, to be able to give someone that confidence in that piece of themselves." Ally loves painting, although she doesn't have as

much time for it now. She's always enjoyed working with acrylics and making backgrounds with black silhouettes. She is happy that she will soon be able to use these skills and her love of art to help serve others.

When Ally and James joined the Campus family in February, "It was a little scary. Because of things that happened in my past, I had no self-confidence. Coming into a situation where people said they loved me, I was skeptical. But after living in this environment, you realize it's more than just a job to the people here. It is a ministry, and they do care about you and love you. It was nice to learn that over time. I love Ms. Vera, Ms. Kathy, and Ms. Tammy. Ms. Tammy is our relief cottage mom, and she is the one who helped me when I moved in."



The structure and rules in place in HomePlace and Maggie's Place have been blessings for Ally. "Before moving here, for my entire adult life, I was in a relationship that was controlling and where there was verbal abuse. While others might find it difficult to come here, it has really helped me find out who I am as a person. It's helped me discover what it's like to gain some independence and freedom. Yes, there are rules, but I wouldn't be where I am today if I hadn't come to Maggie's Place. I never thought I'd get to be in school or do the things I'm doing."

Ally's son James is two, and "He's into absolutely everything," says Ally. "Cartoons, cars and trucks....he especially likes big trucks. We just got back from visiting family in Colorado. While we were traveling and anytime we go somewhere, he will say, 'Look, Mamma, big truck!'" Ally is thankful at how well James has done since their move. "He has adapted very well. He's made great friends while living here in Maggie's Place. We have a new mom with a daughter who is 3. James loves her, and he asked about her every day while we were gone. It was so cute. It helps that there are several children on campus close to his age so he has a lot of interaction with other kids."

Ally and James call North Monroe Baptist their church home, even though they attended for only a short time before the pandemic brought things to a halt. James loved his class, so both are looking forward to normal routines resuming soon. In the meantime, Ally enjoys a campus Bible study with the other moms. During her time in Colorado, Ally loves that she had the privilege of helping her mom find "a great church" near their new home.

Prior to coming to LBCH, Ally says, "Life was chaotic all the time. Since coming here, I've been able to breathe finally. It has really been good for James and for me. I'm discovering who I am and it's helping me be the mother I want to be for James." Ally often reflects on Proverbs 3:17, "Her ways are pleasant, and all her paths, peaceful." "I know that verse is talking about wisdom, and I strive to be wise in my everyday life. But since coming here, I also have found an inner peace."

"For those moms who need support, they need to know that being here, you see firsthand the love the people have for you, the true passion of the workers. It's really a family here. If you trust in the Lord and give this time, you'll discover that it's really a great place for you and your children."

Encouraging Current and Potential Foster Parents...

Several years ago, Dr. Gevan Spinney shared a message about our purpose as the body of Christ. Pastor Gevan mentioned Barnabas (born as Joseph). He was nicknamed "Barnabas" because it meant "Son of Encouragement." Barnabas saw the good in people. He was positive, even when others weren't. He had the ability to connect with people and encourage them. His support allowed people to discover their callings. God didn't always have him performing the big, noteworthy tasks, but his obedience to God allowed him to encourage future leaders. Barnabas befriended Paul after he accepted Christ. People were distrustful of Paul, and even plotted to kill him, but Barnabas had seen Paul's preaching and vouched for him.

There isn't a single book in the Bible written by Barnabas; however, there are 13 books

written by Paul. What if Barnabas hadn't befriended Paul? What if he had criticized Paul instead of lifting him up? This speaks to God's divine wisdom and sovereignty. Our gifts, skills, and resources were given to us intentionally. They each have equal importance.

Your encouragement and support could impact a family's decision to foster. Perhaps God placed someone in your life to encourage you to persevere or boldly step out in faith. When I look back on my years in Child Welfare, I've had many "Ole Barney's" (as Pastor Gevan would say) in my life. Some of them were full time members of my circle, and others were just passing through. Their encouragement kept me going when I didn't think I could.

Kerri Byrd, LCSW
Foster & Adoption
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If you're interested in learning more about foster parenting or foster care ministry opportunities, please visit Connect127.org and contact the Connect 1:27 Specialist in your area!

Homebuilders...

*“Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.”*

Frank “Daddy” Flowers was an extraordinary friend to children in need, serving as a visionary superintendent of the Children’s Home from 1918 to 1928. Every time Daddy Flowers entered the dining hall for meals, he would break out singing the hymn “Count Your Blessings,” reminding the children and staff to thank God for His faithfulness in meeting their needs.

Many of us can remember singing this hymn growing up in church, especially around the Thanksgiving season. We had parents who brought us to church and taught us to pray and thank God for the many blessings He provided us every day. We also learned that we could always turn to God in our time of need.

Most of the children who come into our care do not come from Christian homes. They have experienced neglect, abuse, abandonment, and homelessness. They come to us without an awareness of the unconditional love and care of our heavenly Father.

What a joy and privilege it is to introduce these precious children to a home that not only meets their physical needs, but a home that is filled with the love and hope of Jesus Christ, a home where prayer is practiced

daily and thanksgiving is a way of life.

Nothing is more moving than to watch a young child learn to pray. Seeing her bow her head, clasp her hands together, and hearing her little voice take her big concerns to the Lord is such a blessing. Thank you for helping us show these little ones who have already gone through so much that they can place their trust in our Lord Jesus Christ.

During this Thanksgiving season, we are reminded of how thankful we are for you. You are so vital to this ministry! God uses your caring generosity to not only provide His children with the “daily bread” they need, but you make it possible for our boys and girls to learn about Jesus, the “Bread of Life.” You help us teach them to pray and experience God’s saving grace. You help to give our children hope and a future in Christ.

As you gather with your family this holiday season to count your blessings, please remember the children God has placed in our care. Their needs are being met and their young lives are being changed every day and you make it all possible. Thank you for your compassion and kindness to these little ones. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

Marc Eichelberger
VP of Development
& Public Relations



Louisiana Our Little Miss Group Collects Needed Items...

We are grateful for Louisiana’s Our Little Miss Royalty Ambassadors who collected and delivered household items from our current needs list! The group stopped by our campus while in Monroe for a competition. How wonderful it is to see children helping children! This group pictured represents Our Little Miss participants from across the state.



The “Sew Happy Ladies” Use Their Talents To Help Others...

The “Sew Happy Ladies,” from First Baptist Church in West Monroe volunteer their time and sewing skills to bless others and offer hope in many different ways. The ladies work to make a variety of unique items that are given out internationally. The group recently made beautiful weighted blanket covers for residents of LBCH. Thank you ladies, for your wonderfully ministry!

THANK YOU Louisiana Baptists
for Supporting FALL FOOD ROUNDUP !

Despite these uncertain times, Louisiana Baptists across the state stepped up to the plate in support of Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home’s Fall Food Roundup food drive. Your generosity and dedication to this ministry is invaluable. You continue to make a difference in the lives of children in Jesus’ name!



THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS!



“Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—those He redeemed from the hand of the foe... Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.”
Psalm 107:1-2; 8-9 (NIV)

Dear Friend of Children,

I wish you could meet Landon.* He certainly has a story to tell. Placed in our care at age ten, he had never known a father’s love. His mother was absent for most of his young life due to her drug addiction. His first day on campus was spent crying on the front steps of his cottage. He felt abandoned and hopeless as his cottage mom held him in her arms.

You have changed Landon’s story! The Lord has used your kindness and generosity to redeem Landon’s difficult past. Your compassion and concern have filled Landon’s life with good things—unconditional love, genuine hope, and a bright and secure future.

Landon is a high school freshman this year. He’s excelling academically. He’s extremely excited to be playing football. His coaches love him. He loves being part of his church’s youth group. He has a great sense of humor and a caring, grateful heart.

Landon saw mountains for the first time this summer on vacation in Tennessee with his cottage family. He’s very comfortable and secure with his cottage parents of five years. He says, “Feazel Cottage feels like home.”

I cannot thank you enough for giving this precious 15-year-old boy such a life-changing story! Please prayerfully consider a generous Thanksgiving gift that the Lord will use to change the stories of many more children in need like Landon.

Thank you for answering God’s call to care through the ministries of your Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home. Thanksgiving blessings to you and your family.

For the Children,

Perry Hancock, Ph.D.
 President and CEO

**Name changed to protect confidentiality.*

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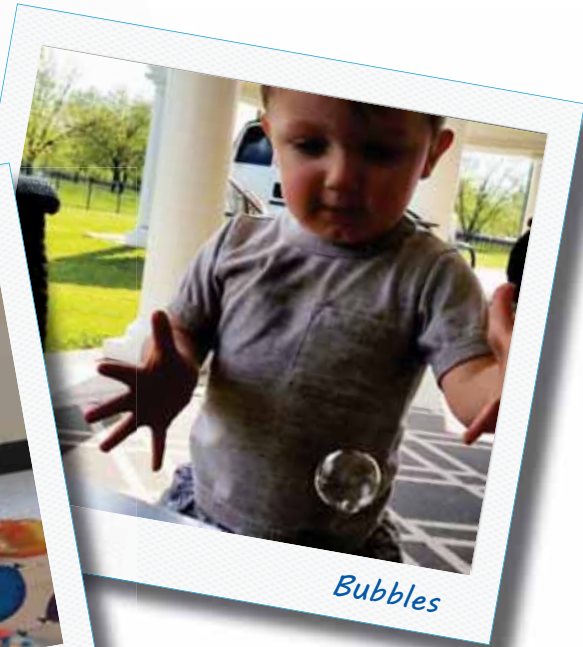
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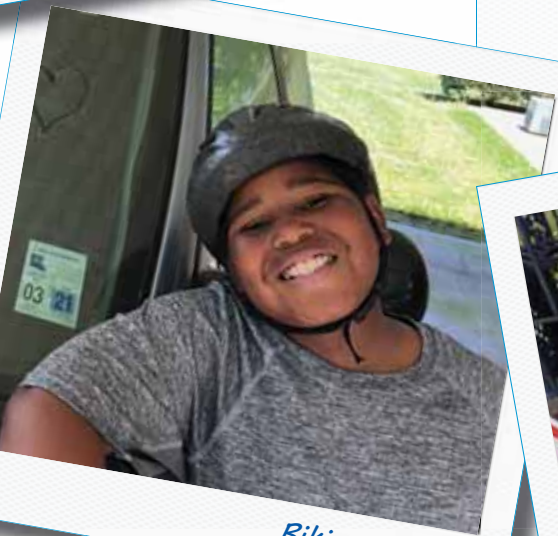
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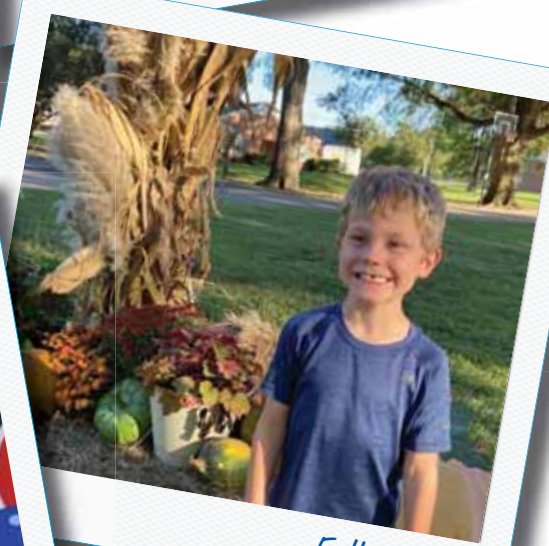
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Biking



Ready for school



Fall decor



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Former LBCH Resident Publishes Devotional Memoir...

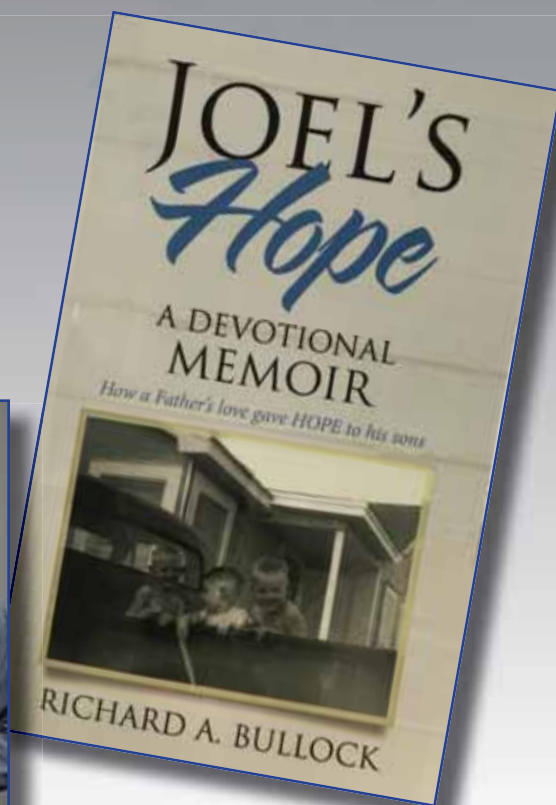
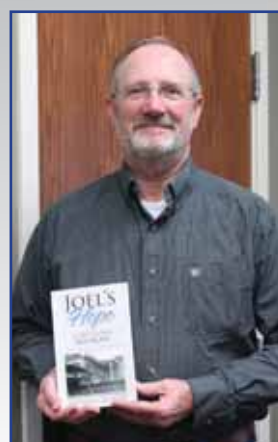
Former LBCH resident, Richard "Ricky A. Bullock, recently paid a visit to the Children's Home campus with a special gift for Dr. Hancock. The gift came in the form of a recently published book entitled, "Joel's Hope," written by Mr. Bullock. The book is a devotional memoir filled with heartwarming, real life stories, many of which, came from his time living at the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home.

After his mother left the family, Ricky and his two brothers were raised by his loving father, Joel Bullock, until hardship forced him to make the very difficult decision to place the boys in the Children's Home. Ricky lived at LBCH for ten years, from 1960-1970. After high school he received a degree in Behavioral Science with Master's work in Counseling and enjoyed a career in the military.

"Joel's Hope," is sure to inspire and encourage readers with its compilation of light-hearted and tragic true stories.

It's always a joy to catch up with former residents. We are very proud of Ricky's many accomplishments and his wonderful Christian witness. During his visit, Ricky shared that "the Children's Home will always be the place he calls home."

If you would like a copy of "Joel's Hope," visit Amazon.com.



Highlights from HomePlace...

Susan Clark
Director of HomePlace



I grew up thinking that BC meant “Before Christ’s Birth” and AD meant “After His Death.” It made sense to me because the abbreviations fit. It was later that I learned that AD is Latin for Anno Domini, meaning “The Year of the Lord,” referring to the birth of Christ. BC ended over 2000 years ago while AD is still on going. These are still current measurements of time although there are movements to replace them with BCE and CE which refers to “Before Common Era” and “Common Era”. This is not surprising since our world has become so sensitive to things referring to Christianity. It only reminds me that God owns time. He is eternal. One day is a thousand years and a thousand years is one day to Him... so why not name time after Him?

On the horizon is a time issue for us Louisianians. There has been a bill signed to stay in Daylight Savings (DST) Time and not “fall back” to Standard Time (ST). We have been “falling back” for over a hundred years. The surveys give us pros and cons concerning the time shift. I happen to love “falling back” to gain an extra hour of sleep; however, I must give it back when we “spring forward.” The extra hour in DST provides more time for activities and hobbies if you are an outside person. Experts say people suffer from depression because of the extra hour of darkness. The change in time is also linked to other health issues as well. Whew!!!!... I am so glad that this decision is not left up to me.



Amid our AD, DST and ST, recently, we have been speaking in terms of BC and AC. These are abbreviations that currently measure our days as well. Do you remember the days “Before Covid” and do you look forward to the days of “After Covid?” I find myself using these terms to measure 2020... just like my grandparents would tell stories about “Before the Great Depression” and “After the Great Depression” or “Before the War” or “After the War”... another example of measuring time.

Just like analyzing the pros and cons of Daylight Savings Time, I can honestly say there have been some pros and cons of “Covid Time” with our families at HomePlace. Some of our moms have lost jobs and had to search for new ones. We have had situations where love ones have been sick and have passed away. We have had incidents where families have been exposed and had to quarantine. On the flip side of Covid-19, I have witnessed our moms prioritizing their children and families. I have also seen moms saving more money. Another mom purchased a new vehicle, while another mom is ready to take her Hi-Set. I have been part of better and more positive communication within the cottages.



I have observed moms praying with their children. I have watched moms and their children riding their bicycles and playing outside more. I have tasted new recipes and been the recipient of craft projects. God has a way of flipping the switch. In the midst of adversity, He extends the invitation to be part of new opportunities in hard places.

However you are measuring time these days, time usually shows what really matters to us. I miss the stories my grandparents shared of The Great Depression and World War I. I miss the stories my parents told of World War II and growing up in the “good ole days.” One day, there will be those hearing our stories about the “Covid Days” and the toll it has taken on so many. They will be just as amazed how we survived these times as well.

The Lord told us in Psalms 90:12, “Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” When we experience the awareness of living in unprecedented times, our lives should turn toward the One that owns time. The newscasters will not reveal Him to us, but His Spirit will.



For information on our HomePlace ministry, please call 318.343.2244

God Is Changing Lives Through HomePlace Ministry

By Sarah Pierce, HomePlace Graduate

My name is Sarah. I am thirty-seven years old. I have two handsome boys that are nineteen and two. The HomePlace Program at the Louisiana Baptist Children’s Home saved my life.

Thirty-seven months ago, I walked to a sober living house with only the clothes on my back and a broken pair of flip flops on my feet. I knocked on the door, was interviewed standing right there on the front porch, and was in one of their beds that night. Little did I know this was the beginning of my new life.

For twenty years I struggled with multiple drug addictions. You name it, I tried it. I lost houses, vehicles, family members, did time in prison, and even decided to adopt my oldest son to my parents so he could have a better life. These choices led me down a dark path.

In August of 2017, I decided I was tired of the life I was living and needed a change. In December of that same year, I learned I was pregnant with twins. I later lost one of those babies but delivered his brother at thirty-five weeks. I knew Cruz was my second chance and I did not have a clue what I was going to do. I was determined to figure it out. I called several places and each time I was led back to the HomePlace Program. When Cruz was just 3 weeks old, I reached out to Mrs. Susan Clark, the HomePlace director. She interviewed me, completed our paperwork, and we were accepted.

Two years ago, when I entered those gates on the Children’s Home campus and laid my head down that first night, it was the first time in twenty years I knew I was safe. We were surrounded by people that just wanted to love us.

Since being in the HomePlace Program, with its emphasis on restoring my walk with the Lord, it has allowed me to buy a car, start school, be promoted three times at my job, lose 104 pounds, be reunited with my entire family, and I was also baptized in August of 2019.

I am and will be forever grateful to HomePlace because it is the program that God used to save my life and change me forever.



Thank You Johnny — RoyOMartin...

Final Brenda Hall Abney Golf Classic a Great Success

The weather did not dampen the spirits of about 100 golfers gathered at the Oakwing Golf Club in Alexandria for the sixteenth and final Brenda Hall Abney Fall Golf Classic held on September 28. Hosted by RoyOMartin, this incredible event for the Children's Home has been greatly anticipated over its sixteen-year history.

The late Jonathan E. Martin and his wife, Maggie, established the tournament in September 2005 to honor the memory of Brenda Hall Abney, who died in 2005 from a rare form of breast cancer. Brenda grew up in the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, and while Brenda was a student at Louisiana College, she was figuratively adopted by Jonathan and Maggie Martin in 1983.

Roy O. Martin III, Chairman, CEO, & CFO welcomed everyone to this year's event. Dr. Perry Hancock, LBCH President & CEO, thanked the golfers for their generosity over the years and their legacy of changed lives.

Sarah Pierce, a recent HomePlace mother, shared her powerful testimony stating, "I am, and will be forever grateful to this program because it is the program that saved my life and changed me forever."

A beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to Maggie Martin. A "Friend of Children Award" was presented to Roy O. Martin III in recognition of RoyOMartin's exceptional service and generosity through sixteen years of the Brenda Hall Abney Golf Classic.

The total gifts for this year's tournament will reach \$300,000 and will go towards building Mary's Place, the third and final new HomePlace cottage in the Martin Village on the Children's Home campus. Maggie's Place was completed in 2016. Irma's Place was completed in 2019. Since the Golf Classic began, the tournament has raised \$3 million for the Children's Home.

In addition to supporting HomePlace, a transitional living ministry for homeless children and their mothers, past tournament funds have built the Brenda Hall Abney Learning Center and provided a perimeter fence around the Children's Home campus in Monroe.

A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to the entire RoyOMartin family and all the participants who have made this event so successful over the years. Thank you for making such an incredible difference in the lives of children and families in need through your caring generosity to the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home!



Jonathan E. Martin



Maggie Martin with daughter, Natalie Martin Monroe



Above: Maggie Martin and Roy O Martin, III present a check to Dr. Hancock; Susan Clark, LBCH HomePlace Director with Sarah Pierce; Golfers prepare to tee off

Managing Holiday Stress During the COVID-19 Pandemic...

By Granberry Staff



Distress is a negative form of stress, which is the brain and body's response to any demand, whether emotional, mental, or physical. Because stress can affect how we feel, think, and behave, our ability to manage stress can have a profound effect on how we deal with the hectic holiday season during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Keep in mind that stress affects different people in different ways. Just because a person's reaction differs from your own automatic response does not make it wrong. Here are some ways to help you manage stress.

Understand your particular stress and stressors. The first step in managing stress is to identify the stressor and clarify the type of stress. Is there more than one stressor? Is it a physiological or psychological stressor? Is the stressor a temporary challenge or a long-term situation? Is a stressor causing you to have a recurring fight/flight/freeze reaction?

Take care of your body. "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16). While we might claim to believe this verse, we often treat our bodies with less respect than we would a church building. To manage the normal and unavoidable stresses in your life your body needs proper maintenance. You already know what to do—exercise, eat healthy, get enough sleep, drink more water—you just have to commit to doing it consistently. In normal times such maintenance is important; in times of crisis it

is essential. And be sure to get regular check-ups and let your physician know if you are having persistent issues with stress, especially if you cannot identify a specific stressor.

Use the Box Breathing Technique. One of the most common physiological reactions to stress is shallow breathing or holding our breath. This results in our brains getting less oxygen, which heightens our anxiety and impedes our ability to respond. Fortunately, there is a breathing technique so simple you can teach it to a child and so powerful Navy SEALs use it to help them react in combat situations. The technique is called box breathing and here are instructions:

1. **Close your eyes. Breathe in through your nose while counting to four slowly. Feel the air enter your lungs.**
2. **Hold your breath inside while counting slowly to four. Try not to clamp your mouth or nose shut. Simply avoid inhaling or exhaling for four seconds.**
3. **Begin to slowly exhale for four seconds.**
4. **Repeat steps one to three at least three times. Ideally, repeat the three steps for four minutes, or until calm returns.**

Avoid unnecessary stressors. The optimal approach to managing stress during a crisis may be to remove unnecessary stressors. How do we identify what is unnecessary? Ask whether the stressor (a) can be avoided and (b) is negatively affecting your life or your relationship with God. We may be feeling stress because we are engaging in behavior we need to avoid. Sinful behavior is the ultimate negative stressor and should always be avoided. But some behaviors that are negative, but not necessarily sinful, should also be minimized or eliminated from your life.

Put your trust in the Lord. You should acknowledge that in a fallen world you will have tribulation (John 16:33), and you will face many trials (James 1:2-4), knowing that the Lord cares for you (1 Peter 5:7), will meet all your needs (Philippians 4:19), and causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). As Christians, we can take the steps to reduce unnecessary stress and prepare our bodies to better handle life's stressors. Our ultimate peace can only come from putting our trust in the sovereign provision of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Source: Carter, Joe, "How to Manage Stress During the Coronavirus Crisis," April 18, 2020, Gospel Coalition, www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/manage-stress-coronavirus-crisis/

Memorials...

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