

"I don't feel like
I would've gotten
SAVED
if not for Odum Home."

Samantha

has been in the foster care system since she was a young girl. Her future looked dim until almost five years ago when she came to live at Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) Odum Home in Pembroke, NC. Here, Samantha graduated high school in 2021 and achieved her dream of attending college. Most importantly, Samantha heard the Gospel at BCH and asked Jesus into her heart. Because of the support and prayers of North Carolina Baptists, Samantha's future is bright and filled with hope!



SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES

Baptist Children's Homes
of NORTH CAROLINA

**ANNUAL
OFFERING**

Watch Samantha's story
at bchoffering.org

"The LIGHT
shines in the
darkness and the
darkness has not
overcome it."

JOHN 1:5

LIGHT THEIR DARKNESS

The darkness of today's world threatens to engulf the lives of children. In the very communities where we live and worship, children are hurting. They are victims of abuse and neglect where far too often the loved ones they have trusted to care for them are the ones who have caused them unimaginable heartbreak. **On average, there are 16,000 North Carolina boys and girls in the state's foster care system who've had to be removed from their homes.**

These children need the caring Christian homes and ministries that **Baptist Children's Homes (BCH)** provides. Together, through North Carolina Baptists' support of the Annual Offering, we are able to shine the light of Jesus into their darkness. Our cottage parents, caregivers, and foster and adoptive parents share with them the unconditional love of Christ. **More than 80% of the children that come to BCH are unchurched and unreached for Jesus.**

Through your Annual Offering gift, the Gospel is shared, hearts are transformed, hope is restored, and **DARKNESS IS DEFEATED!**

WEEK OF PRAYER

Please pray for the BCH ministry and the lives of children and families we serve together.

Sunday. Pray for children and families in your community and across North Carolina.

Monday. Pray for the thousands of lives BCH serves each year through its 30 locations.

Tuesday. Pray for BCH's cottage parents, caregivers, chiefs, staff, and foster and adoptive parents who care for children around the clock.

Wednesday. Pray God leads couples to foster and/or adopt through BCH's **Every Child** ministry.

Thursday. Pray for the men and women who live at BCH's nine statewide homes serving intellectually/developmentally disabled adults.

Friday. Pray for orphans at Good Shepherd Ministries in Quetzaltenango (Xela), Guatemala.

Saturday. Pray for BCH president/CEO Dr. Michael C. Blackwell as he leads the ministry.

Sunday. Pray children and families BCH ministers to will come to know Jesus as their Savior.

Through your offering, **195,000 lives were impacted in 2020.**
In the past five years, there were **725 decisions for Christ.**



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