



SHARING HOPE...CHANGING LIVES

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Stories for Sharing: Annual Offering 2023

The following are several stories of lives that have been changed because of the prayers and support of NC Baptists. Any of these can be used as a part of the sermons provided on the bchoffering.org website.

Joshua is a young African American teenager that lives on one of our campuses. His father deserted him and does not ever visit him. His mother lives in the same town as our Campus but she never visits. Joshua realizes that the older you get the less young families want to bring you into their home. He shared with one of our staff, and I quote, "Who on Earth is going to want a 6'3" Black kid in their home? Nobody wants me in their home." Church, we must do all we can to make sure no child ever feels that they are Unwanted or Unworthy.

There was a young girl in our Foster Care, we will call her Elizabeth. She is 16 years old and is currently being fostered by one of our own BCH Foster Families. She recently moved to a military town. The time came for the Marine Corps Ball, and she wanted to go so bad. She had been invited but she told her Foster Parents that she would never be able to go because she did not own one pretty dress. When our Foster Parents heard that, they went into action. They called their resources and asked if someone could allow them to borrow a dress. They did not receive one dress, but they received 26 dresses for this young lady to choose from. When we call on North Carolina Baptists, you respond. Thank you for allowing this young girl to feel a sense of pride as she went to the Ball.

Sometime back we received a young lady into our care who was abducted as she was on her regular routine to and from school. She was pulled into a car and told by the abductors what they were going to do with her. Somewhere along the way, this young lady had the courage to jump out of a moving car. She broke several bones and is now in our care. She is healing physically, emotionally, and spiritually while she is with us. Baptist Children's Homes never thought that we would now be ministering to young ladies who would be targeted by abductors, but we are living in a strange world. Your support allows us to take care of young girls who find themselves in troubling situations.

Rob and Alex are two best friends that live in our Alverta Bolick Home in Asheville. These two men live in one of our IDD Homes for Men with Special Needs. A short time ago they both qualified for Special Olympics in Soccer. That required some travel for practice and to play over great distances. If Rob and Alex were here today, they would think that you should know who they are because they are our two famous residents. Not only did they qualify for Special Olympics, but their team brought home a Silver Medal. Your generous gifts allow us to meet

needs like this when they arise for our Special Needs population. We want to provide them with the best opportunities we can, and your support helps.

We have great news to share from the Mills Home on the Campus at Thomasville. This year we have seen six of our children accept Christ as their Savior. Others are soon to follow, and we could quickly see many children coming forward to express their faith in Christ. Pastor Quintanar is being used by God to reach these kids and we want to share what God is doing in Thomasville with you. We know you will rejoice with us. Your gifts allow us to keep a Pastor on Campus. He and his wife Stephanie also serve in other capacities. Thank you for your support.