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# NEWSLETTER



## *Embracing God's Calling:* A JOURNEY OF LOVE AND HOPE AT ACCH

BY HOUSEMOM, SHAYLA MOSS

It's been four years since we jumped headfirst into life at ACCH. In that time, we have had the honor of loving on 17 kids and their families. Some kids have spent only a few short months with us, while others have walked with us every step of the way. We have also been blessed to work with 5 sets of houseparents, and as a result, formed lifelong bonds that have given us a glimpse of God's kingdom here on earth. Our kids have formed relationships that many of their peers don't understand, and now have (foster) siblings that look nothing like them on the outside, but who mirror them in their hearts. The bonds that have formed are eternal. And while we haven't had the satisfaction of seeing the full fruits of our labor in the lives of every child we have been entrusted with, we have frequently been face-to-face with adults who were once in the care of houseparents before us - children whose lives were changed for the better because of families just like ours. Those encounters are little gifts from God, glimpses of hope on days when it seems like there is no hope.

Our family began our time here with no earthly clue what we were getting into, which is probably good. There were many people who warned us against this work. What would it expose our kids to? What could we be accused of? And the fact is, it has been an adventure every step of the way with unexpected surprises around every corner. It has been hard, heartbreaking, beautiful, eternal work. Had we known the hard things to come, had we been swayed by the fearful warnings of others, we would have missed so much of the beauty of truly understanding God's love.

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It's incredibly humbling to reflect on all of that as we enter into this fourth year at the home and prepare to move into a brand new cottage where someday, kids we care for will visit and have stories to tell of their time in that place. Last fall, as the frames went up, scripture was written on 2x4s. Prayers were lifted for the future by kids who are experiencing the blessings of ACCH today. Words fall short in expressing the beauty of being part of the story of what God is doing at the Albuquerque Christian Children's Home and in the lives of our kids.

We are often asked how we do it. We do it with so much help and support. We do it with support from donors. We do it with prayers from family, friends, and strangers. We do it with an incredible support staff. We do it together with our fellow houseparents. We do it with the wisdom and legacy of those who have come before us. Most importantly, we do it with a glimmer of hope and strength that only comes from the Holy Spirit.

- Shayla Moss,  
Housemom

## ACCH KIDS CORNER



**Thank You!**

One of the kids drew this awesome picture to thank our volunteer cooks for providing weeknight dinners. Thank you, volunteers!



Thank you all for coming out to support the children of ACCH on Saturday, March 14 for our Pancake Breakfast! It was a beautiful day, and we had a great turnout filled with fellowship and joy. We also opened Cottage 4, giving you a first look at the new residence you helped build, which will be licensed to provide a safe home for 10 additional children in need. We are immensely grateful for your support as a generous community dedicated to helping those in need!

Life gets busy, and sometimes it's difficult to find time to give to your favorite organizations. But there are so many wonderful ways to help ACCH by simply running your own errands! Did you know that you can give to ACCH through these amazing programs?

Find out more on our website, [www.acch4kids.org/ways-to-help](http://www.acch4kids.org/ways-to-help), or scan the QR code here!



**Smith's Inspiring Donations**  
 Sign up to support Albuquerque Christian Children's Home every time you shop there. ACCH's organization number is 21471.

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*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need." Acts 2:42-45*

As we look ahead to this coming year, we would like to highlight in each newsletter a short story about our volunteers, donors, supporters, and staff coming together for the children of ACCH. To respect their wishes, there are times when names will not be disclosed, but that will not take away the encouragement or impact of the story. We truly appreciate and thank the Lord for each and every one of you, those who have supported these children for years, and those of you who are new. We pray His continued blessings upon each of you as we work together to provide for children in need.

*"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:3-6*

# Together WITH OUR Volunteers



This quarter, we would like to highlight two of our volunteers who cook each week for the cottage families. Sisters LaVonne and Chrissy have been helping with meals for a couple of years now, always with smiles on their faces and with the most delicious smells wafting from the Vo-Tech. We are so grateful for them and their hearts of service. Thank you, LaVonne and Chrissy!



# Together WITH OUR Churches

This quarter, we would like to recognize Netherwood Park Church of Christ for their dedication and support of the children at ACCH. Each year, they bring willing volunteers who step up with smiling faces to cook and serve the pancakes and bacon at our Pancake Breakfast. This year, we would like to thank JR Marquez, Althea O'Neal, and Tom and Pam Houston for coming out and serving. We are so thankful for their spirit of giving!

# Together

FOR AND WITH OUR *Houseparents*



In this section, we normally showcase how our children have been able to accomplish something because of the support system at ACCH. This quarter, however, we want to take a special time to welcome Omar and Norma Montez and their children as our new houseparenting family! We are excited to work alongside them

Hello, my name is Omar. My family and I have decided to come to the Children's Home hoping that we can make a difference in somebody's life. Forty years ago, I was brought to the ACCH, and I am very thankful because it was a life-changing experience for me. My wife Norma loves to cook so she will have plenty of opportunities for that. Joining us will be our two younger kids, Oriana 17 and Josiah 15. We will be asking for prayers so that we may do all things according to God's will.

Sincerely,  
Omar Montez



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# Memorials & Honors

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## MEMORIALS

### **Eldon Gene Billie**

Andrea Schneider - *Our sincerest condolences to Elaine.*

### **Gene Chapin**

Mike & Linda Manley

### **Ralph Cochrane**

Anonymous

### **Susie Cully**

Andrea Schneider

### **Karene Elliott**

Marlene Cochrane

### **Seth Hamilton Rochefort**

Jennie Negin  
Jack Machek  
James & Lauren  
Prendamano

### **Mary Sue Hoesch**

Robert & Mary Courtney

### **Phyllis Huff**

Andrea Schneider - *Our condolences to Lynn and the family.*

### **Ray Koym**

Tilden & Sheryle Kuhnley

### **Sue Martin**

Anonymous  
Kristie Bland  
Bob & Janet Chambers  
*- In loving memory of beautiful Sue.*  
Charlie & Nida Clark  
Wilma Lane  
Harry Llull  
Sam Martin  
Raleen Sloan - *From all the Sloans with much love.*  
Beth & Bill Stewart  
Carron Thompson

### **Larry Miller**

Patty Miller

### **Trinnie Otero**

Dennis Otero

### **Winette Parr**

Mike & Linda Manley

### **Jim Strait**

Mike & Linda Manley

## ❧ HONORS ❧

**Frank & Nancy Comprelli**  
Arlan & Mary Gadaken -  
*In memory of Betty Stevens*

**Dean Godwin**  
William Baker

**Gail & Harry Turner**  
Arlan & Mary Gadaken -  
*In memory of Betty Stevens*

Due to production deadlines, we may not have been able to include your loved one in this publication. If this is the case, look for your loved one in the next Newsletter. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you for loving our children in such an honoring way.

### *Leave A Legacy*

Donations to **Albuquerque Christian Children's Home** are a perfect way to remember or honor a friend or loved one and to build a better future for a needy child.

When preparing your will or estate, a charitable bequest allows you to express your specific philanthropic wishes. The charitable bequest is the easiest and most frequently used method of supporting charities through estate distribution. Every bequest to ACCH makes a statement that will last through history, and an impression on the hearts of the children who benefit from your generosity.

Please consider designating **Albuquerque Christian Children's Home** in your will. When you do, you can be assured that lives will be helped and cherished, and your gift will continue far beyond your lifetime.

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