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NEWSLETTER

Fostering Love:

The Transformative Power of Christ-Centered Relationships

In this beautiful summer season of imagination and play, I am reminded of the vital roles of moms and dads. This past month, I heard several sermons discussing the important relationship between husbands and wives, and how, as followers of Christ, each partner is meant to function. This made me think of the many ways our housemoms and housedads seek to exemplify a healthy, Christ-centered marriage to the children in their homes. And, on the other hand, the many ways our children have seen what a marriage outside of Christ looks like. Many of our children come from homes where relationships have been broken or love was not easily shown. Each day, our houseparent couples strive to demonstrate Christ-centered marriages to both their biological and foster children. Of course, there are days when mistakes are made, as we are all human. However, this presents a beautiful opportunity for our children to see that, when Christ is the focus, we have the example to love and serve selflessly, make amends, and aim to reflect Christ better in the future.

The greatest thing we at ACCH can pray for is reconciliation and reunification. We work to reunite families whenever possible. But how do we work towards reunification when their family home may not always be Christ-centered? We do this by praying for life transformation and by being exemplary role models for parents and guardians. Over the years, as safety and wisdom have allowed, our houseparents have formed close relationships with certain parents of the children we serve. These relationships provide opportunities for houseparents to demonstrate to those parents how to love their children and their spouses. Currently, one of our houseparenting couples is building a relationship with a specific set of parents by reading Scripture with them and discussing the gospel.

My prayer is that each of our children knows they are deeply loved and valued by parents who also deeply love and value one another. We are able to experience this love because of the selfless and amazing love of Christ for His bride, the Church. And that is the best, most beautiful example we could ask for.

Alicia O'Rear
Development Director

THANK YOU FOR MAKING *This Summer Special:*

A Message of Gratitude to Our Donors!

We are incredibly grateful for your generosity in making our children's summer truly spectacular! It has been a joy for our office staff to hear stories about the activities our kids have been enjoying, all thanks to your support. Instead of us sharing those stories, we thought it would be best for you to hear from our summer intern, Elizabeth, about what everyone has been up to.



"Hello, everyone! My name is Elizabeth Eminger, and I am the summer intern at ACCH this year! Now that school is officially out and summer has begun, so have the fun activities. Over the past month, we've had a blast with activities like slip 'n slide baseball, Ponderosa Christian Camp, crafts, multiple Vacation Bible Schools, science experiments, museum visits, and we even enjoyed ice cream a few times on hot days! This has been a wonderful way to kick off our summer fun, and none of it would have been possible without YOU!"

Thanks to your generosity through gift cards and online donations, we have been able to provide our kids with exciting activities to keep them engaged throughout the summer! The impact of these donations is truly incredible, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed! You are helping us create the best summer possible for our kids, and it truly is a blessing! We are looking forward to an amazing summer filled with fun memories, whether on campus, at camps, or exploring around ABQ! We couldn't have done this without you!"

Thank you, Elizabeth, for the wonderful impact you have on our children. And thank you, dear donors, for making all of this possible.



ACCH KIDS CORNER

One of our girls was nervous about going to church camp for the first time. But she was also excited! She left this adorable self-portrait on our office whiteboard with the words, "Victoria's going to camp!" Update: she had a blast learning about God, and her nerves were gone very quickly.



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Find out more on our website, www.acch4kids.org/ways-to-help, or scan the QR code here!



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Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. James 1:27

This verse resonates with all of us at ACCH and I am convinced in the hearts of our volunteers, donors and supporters as well. As we look ahead to this year we thought it would be encouraging to highlight in each newsletter a short story from or about our volunteers, donors, supporters and staff. 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 that have supported our kids for years and those of you who are new and we pray His continued blessings upon each of you.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:9

- Pat Brown, Executive Director

heart of our Volunteers

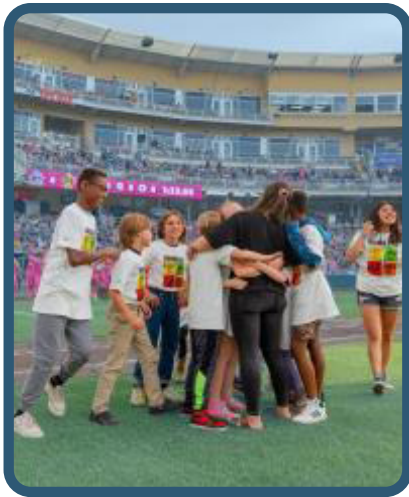
This quarter, our spotlight for the Heart of our Volunteers goes to Charlie. Charlie is a weekly volunteer with us who helps all over our campus with yardwork, wood projects, and maintenance needs. This past season, Charlie went above and beyond, carving our old cottonwood stump into a beautiful planter for our houseparents and kids. A true labor of love! Thank you, Charlie!



heart of our Churches



This quarter's spotlight for the Heart of our Churches goes to the Mountainside Church of Christ Youth Group. They came and helped clean our pond stream to make the water healthier for our fish. They mucked out built-up algae, cleaned off rocks, and cut back brush - all on one of the hottest days! Thank you, MSY, for all your hard work!



heart of our Houseparents

At the beginning of the summer, the Savannah Bananas teams came through town to play a game at Isotopes Stadium. During this time, our Relief Houseparent, Allie Noble, had the honor of being recognized for her work in foster care through Bananas Foster Inc., a nonprofit organization of the Savannah Bananas designed to recognize foster families in each state they visit for their games. Allie, along with all our houseparents and children, got to run onto the field during the game and get surrounded by the teams in a group hug! It was such a blessing to all of them, and a core memory and a chance of a lifetime for our children.



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Memorials & Honors

APRIL 2025 - JUNE 2025

MEMORIALS

Paul Allen

Claudia Allen

Pam Baker

Andrea Schneider

Cecil Boyd

Lee and Steve Crowder

Opal Burton

Doc Schneider

Delvin Clark

O.A. and Linda Clark
Joy Adcock - "With love
and affection."

Ralph Cochrane

Anonymous

Patrick Coker

Doc Schneider

Donna Gibson

Andrea Schneider

William Heyen

Dan and Pat Brannan -
"With deepest sorrow."

Wesley Lane

Doyce King
Charlie and Nida Clark
Richard and Dixie Cantrall
Anne Weimer

Barbara Murphy

*The Albuquerque Christian
Children's Home thanks
Barbara Murphy for
designating ACCH in her
will.*

Aaron Ohlhausen

Anne Weimer

Evelyn Petty

M. Lynn and James
Timmerman

Albert O'Rear

William and Anita Gentry

Charlean Raymond

Willeen Kirby

Tomazine Reeves

Una M. Crabtree
Jane Allison
Tevyan Condra

Constance Soden

Catherine Hanrahan - "I
just learned of Connie's
passing.... Deepest
sympathy from a Marian
Class of '66 classmate.
May all your memories of
a life with Connie comfort
you."

Shawn Stewart

Richard and Dixie Cantrall

Jean Varner

Marjorie Kendrick

Paul Ward

Reuben and Patti Gutierrez

HONORS

Olivia Boland

Michael Boland - "We are so
proud of you and we know
the Lord has wonderful things
in store for you... Love, Mom
and Dad"

Glenda Gray

Katherine Gray - "In honor of
a great mom and grandma on
Mother's Day!"

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.

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