



# **A Letter** from the Executive Director

Recently, I ran across a Baptist Children's Home newsletter from August of 1959. On one of the pages, this little poem was printed:

THE CLOCK OF LIFE The clock of life is wound but once, And no man has the power To tell just when the hands will stop, At late or early hour. Now is the only time you own; live, Love, toil with a will; Place no faith in tomorrow, for the clock may then be still.

- Christian Victory

This poem reminds us that life is short. Yet, isn't it interesting that some 60 years from the printing of this poem in the Baptist Children's Home newsletter and many thousands of lives later, we still see the work of the One who does hold tomorrow, the One in whom we can place our faith!

As is our custom, this Annual Report brings to you a simple overview of the previous year. It is worth noting that 2018 was a year of celebration at the Baptist Children's Home and Family Services. We celebrated 100 years of God's work through this ministry. A hundred years is more than a lifetime for us, but not even a fraction of a second for the Holder of time. 2018 was also noteworthy because we served more individuals last year than in any other year in our history.

My objective with this report, however, is that you will not only see what the ministry has done in the past, but more importantly, that you will continue to engage with BCHFS to see

how God plans to use this ministry in the future.

I have heard statements that maybe the "time" for BCHFS is up. After all, there are many ministries that have come and gone. Even from a secular viewpoint, there is a national emphasis to end residential care for children and adolescents. Maybe on some level these thoughts are worth considering. However, for the 1,953 people whose lives were touched in 2018 by your ministry (again - the most served ever in one single year) at BCHFS, God seems to demonstrate His transcendence over human perceptions. He reminds us of His sovereignty in how He continues to choose to do His work. All this is evidenced by the lives we see changed through His work in this ministry. The stories that God has written. Just as we see in Jordan's life (story on next page).

Over the years, needs have changed and the ministry at BCHFS has adapted and prayerfully considered how to meet those needs. Whether it was moving from orphan-care only to caring for abused, neglected or behaviorally challenged children; or moving from just being pro-life in our beliefs to a creating a ministry at Angels' Cove which assists young women in birthing and keeping their baby; or whether it was a change from simply caring for children without families (orphans) to helping create new forever families through the adoption ministry at BCHFS; or whether it was creating a pathway from just serving the physical and spiritual needs of children to a holistic ministry through Pathways Counseling serving people of all ages; BCHFS has demonstrated an ability to adapt while remaining true to our Mission. Our clock is not yet stilled!

Recently, I had an encounter with a middle-aged lady that touched me in a deep, convicting way. A profound emotion erupted inside of her that left me speechless and in need of

repentance for my own apathy.

I saw this lady in tears after a service addressing various issues including the Sanctity of Life. She was crying profusely, and I asked if I could help her. In that moment of brokenness, she erupted with a justified emotional anger, wanting to know why we would allow "the babies" to be killed. "Why", she asked me, "would anyone think it is ok to kill the (unborn) babies. Jesus loves them (as she pointed to her Bible); I love them," she said. Then she went on to sternly instruct me of my responsibility. She said to me, "You tell them to stop!"

It was hard for me to hold back my own tears. Though

I felt her simple but intense astonishment and righteous anger at people who stand for the "killing of the babies," in that moment, I could not give her a clear or even adequate response. This encounter impressed on me two things - first, that my faith should be that simple, focused and intense. Secondly, I came to understand that I too need a righteous anger - I need to be

> mad at how we have fallen for the lies of the deceiver. I did indeed need to "tell them to

stop."

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God has called this ministry (and me as your leader) to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. As you read this article and the included information in our annual report, I hope you also take away a small glimpse of our movement forward. I have prayed for God's forgiveness for taking the quiet approach to the atrocities around

us. The problem is hard hearts, hatred for the Gospel, and a disdain for all that is good. The problem is ultimately sin and the father of lies is responsible. Jesus is the only answer!!

This encounter brought me to a more urgent understanding that this ministry must continue standing in the gap of the failures of our society. We must continue to promote God's plan for His creations and biblical truth, while serving any and all who need to see the mercy and grace of God and be introduced to hope in Jesus Christ.

For God's glory, this ministry will be steadfast in our message AND our work to demonstrate that ALL human life has value to God, as He is the one who determines the value of His creations. Moving forward, as long as the LORD allows me to humbly but firmly serve Him in this life, we will work to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. BCHFS will continue to serve the orphaned and the widowed, while also loudly promoting the value of human life and the need for a Savior to a lost world.

Our hour is not up! Though my clock may be stilled at any moment, the clock is not yet stilled for the Baptist Children's Home and Family Services. God is working in your ministry at BCHFS. Will you join Him in his work and serve with us?



Serving together,

**Denny Hydrick** Executive Director, BCHFS



# **y Jordan's** Story

Before coming to BCHFS, Jordan Beck lacked academic focus and had no intentions of finishing high school. His main goal was to get his life in order, so he could enlist in the military. Like many of our students, it took Jordan time to



adjust to the BCHFS program, but after a few months, he began working hard to turn his life around.

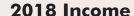
Jordan buckled down and was able to graduate high school. Upon leaving BCHFS, he realized his dream of entering the military. He received medical training and became a Medical Specialist in the Army National Guard. He now serves as a paramedic attached to a line-unit of infantrymen.

"I go with the infantrymen wherever they go, serving as their medic," Jordan explains. "I train with them and do everything they do. I am their first line of medical defense, treating them before they reach the battalion aid station."

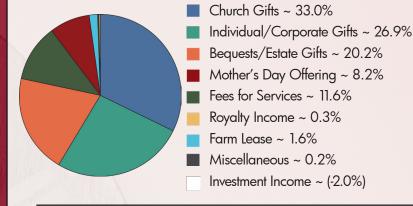
In addition to serving with the Army National Guard, Jordan also studied fire science and became a first responder with the Effingham, IL Fire Department. But, perhaps his greatest honor is being selected to serve as a member of the Army Honor Guard where he helps to conduct military funerals for deceased veterans. Jordan is currently studying to become a coroner and hopes to run for Effingham County Coroner someday.



## 2018 Financial Statistics

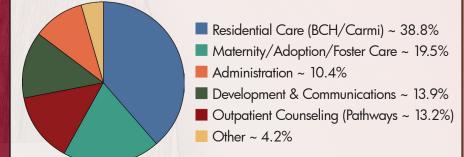






# 2018 Expenditures

## \$3,254,939



# **Top 50** Supporting Churches

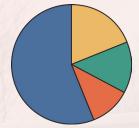
- 1. Logan Street Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon
- 2. Galatia First Baptist Church, Galatia
- 3. Elm Street Baptist Church, Murphysboro
- 4. Columbia First Baptist Church, Columbia
- 5. New Hope General Baptist Church, Omaha
- 6. Immanuel Baptist Church, Benton
- 7. Freedom Baptist Church, Olney
- 8. Highland Ave. Baptist Church, Robinson
- 9. Dorrisville Baptist Church, Harrisburg
- 10. Carterville First Baptist Church, Carterville
- 11. Shiloh Baptist Church, Bridgeport
- 12. Casey First Baptist Church, Casey
- 13. Marion First Baptist Church, Marion
- 14. Carmi First Baptist Church, Carmi
- 15. Mascoutah First Baptist Church, Mascoutah
- 16. Oblong First Baptist Church, Oblong
- 17. Steeleville Baptist Church, Steeleville
- 18. Ten Mile Baptist Church, McLeansboro
- 19. Greenup First Baptist Church, Greenup
- 20. Ditney Ridge Baptist Church, Norris City
- 21. Beaucoup Baptist Church, Pinckneyville
- 22. Albion First Baptist Church, Albion
- 23. Panther Fork Baptist Church, Dix
- 24. Harrisburg First Baptist Church, Harrisburg
- 25. Bethalto First Baptist Church, Bethalto

- 26. Marshall Missionary Baptist Church, Marshall
- 27. Grayville First Baptist Church, Grayville
- 28. Chester First Baptist Church, Chester
- 29. Calvary Baptist Church, West Frankfort
- 30. Wayne City Baptist Church, Wayne City
- 31. Ellis Grove First Baptist Church, Ellis Grove
- 32. Woodland Baptist Church, Peoria
- 33. Martinsville First Baptist Church, Martinsville
- 34. Summersville Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon
- 35. Samaria Missionary Baptist Church, Albion
- 36. Maryville First Baptist Church, Maryville
- 37. Liberty Baptist Church, Harrisburg
- 38. Blooming Grove Baptist Church, McLeansboro
- 39. West Union First Baptist Church, West Union
- 40. Petersburg First Baptist Church, Petersburg
- 41. Mulberry Grove First Baptist Church, Mulberrry Grove
- 42. Dupo First Baptist Church, Dupo
- 43. Belle Rive Missionary Baptist Church, Belle Rive
- 44. Sandy Creek Baptist Church, Tamms
- 45. Tabernacle Baptist Church, Decatur
- 46. Nashville First Baptist Church, Nashville
- 47. Mt. Vernon Second Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon
- 48. Parkview Baptist Church, Marseilles
- 49. East Salem Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon
- 50. Calvary Baptist Church, Monticello

# Service Delivery by Area

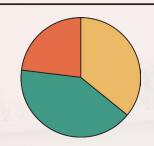
#### Residential Care

Northern IL	4%
Central IL	21%
Metro East	15%
Southern IL	56%
Out of State	4%



#### **Angels' Cove**

19%
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56%
0%

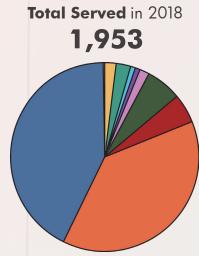


### Pathways Counseling

Central IL	36%
Metro East	41%
Southern IL	23%



# Service Delivery by Program



- Baptist Children's Home (Residential Care)
- 49 Baptist Children's Home (Outpatient Counseling)
- 15 Maternity Center: Maternity Center
- 2 Maternity Care: In-Home
- 0 \_\_Maternity Care: Outpatient Counseling
- 14 Angels' Cove (Infants residing w/ mothers)
- 31 Adoption (Number of Children in Care)
- 121 Adoption Services (Individuals waiting for Placement)
  - O Angels' Cove (Foster Care)
- 98 Cove Connection (Includes Men, Women & Children)
- 747 Pathways (Outpatient Counseling)
- 833 Pathways (Community Education/Treatment Groups)
  - 2 College

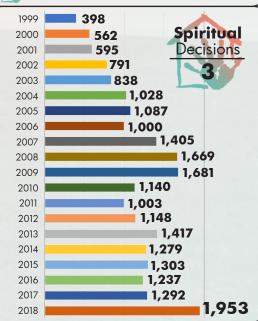


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#### History of Care by Number Served





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