



**Baptist Children's Home
and Family Services**

*Our mission: Providing
Christ-centered services
that protect, heal & restore.*



Building Futures, Changing Lives

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Being a Voice for Those Who Cannot Speak

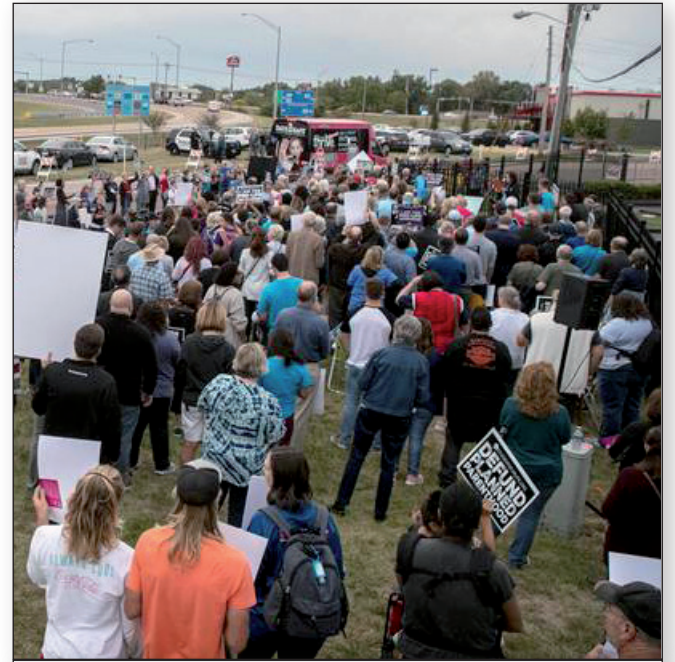
It's hard to imagine a time when more people were confused about the value of human life than today. With one breath, some will call for compassion for those in need. With the next, they protect the deaths of millions of babies. Their opinion changes as they see fit.

As Christians, we have a unique opportunity to give a voice to the vulnerable among us—the unborn, infirm, impoverished, and aged—and show Christ's love to those who are hurting. To speak the truth in a compassionate way to those around us. To appeal to our political representatives for change. To show practical care to women who have had or are considering an abortion, loving the elderly, and assisting the needy.

In order to do that effectively we need to know what God's Word says about the value of human life. We know that all humans are made in the image and likeness of God, unique among all created beings. We know that God forms each of us uniquely in our mother's womb, and deeply cares for the most vulnerable among us. This information may not be new, but God has given it to us to change our hearts, challenge our assumptions, and give us compassion for those who are suffering or at risk.

In 1973, the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision was made. This landmark decision allowed women to abort their unborn children without legal repercussions. One year later, in 1974, Baptist Children's Home and Family Services began providing young mothers with loving alternatives to abortion. Since then, thousands of lives have been saved through the work of our ministry. However, it's simply not enough.

In 2017, a total of 39,329 pregnancies were terminated in Illinois. Of that number, 5,528 came from out of the state to have the procedure done. According to these numbers, 107 babies are murdered every day in our state. This number is *(continued on page 6)*



Hundreds of Pro-Life protestors gather outside the new 18,000 square-foot Planned Parenthood in Fair-view Heights, IL. The construction was kept a secret to avoid protests and backlash from the community.

BCHFS Board Approves Plans for Pregnancy Resource Clinic

The Baptist Children's Home and Family Services Board of Trustees voted to approve the plans to add an additional ministry to its organization at the October board meeting.

A new pregnancy resource clinic will be located in Mt. Vernon, IL and will be a source of information and help to those who find themselves dealing with an unexpected pregnancy. The clinic will offer pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, STD testing, mentoring for expecting mothers and fathers and resources to empower individuals during this complicated time.

Our pregnancy tests can confirm a positive test so prenatal care can begin early in pregnancy. There will be no charge for this test.

By offering ultrasounds, our staff can confirm pregnancy. Although the ultrasounds are not intended for diagnosing or detecting medical

problems or conditions for the baby, they can bring peace of mind by answering questions the parents may have such as; Is there a heartbeat? Where do I go from here?

The clinic will go beyond the physical well-being of every mother, father and child that comes through our doors. In addition to the care our guests receive, they will also have mentoring made available to them by volunteers who are trained specifically in this area. We understand that the decisions made within these walls will have lasting impacts. Before parents choose a plan for their pregnancy, it is vitally important to know and understand what options are available. Our trained mentors will listen to each person's unique concerns and supply them with support and resources needed to make an informed decision.

Our pregnancy resource clinic will NOT be an abortion clinic nor will it make referrals for abortion.

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Honor Your Loved Ones This Holiday Season

by participating in the BCHFS Christmas Card Program

The holidays are a beautiful time filled with laughter, smiles, cheer and plenty of love. People are nicer, lights shine brighter, and fireplaces are warmer. The only thing that could make Christmas-time better is opening a card to find that your loved one made a gift to BCHFS in your honor. This year let BCHFS help share the season's greetings with those closest to your heart through our annual Christmas Card Program.

Each year, we encourage our residents to participate in our annual Christmas Card Contest. The children work hard to design, draw, color or put together a card that

shows what Christmas means to them. Every single card is special but only one is chosen to be the winner.

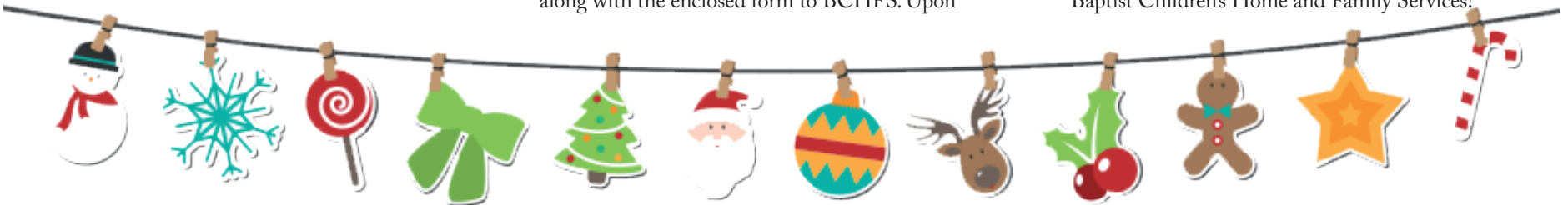
This year's winning card was designed by Tiffany, a Baptist Children's Home resident. Tiffany's card shows the words "Merry Christmas" wrapped in colorful lights and surrounded by snowflakes. Across the bottom, the card reads: "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" What a wonderful exclamation of God's love that we should all be shouting this holiday season!

If you would like to participate in our Christmas card program, simply send a monetary gift of your choice along with the enclosed form to BCHFS. Upon

receipt of your gift and instructions, we will send the winning card to the person you designate with the inscription that a gift has been given by you in their honor. You may view this year's card and/or submit your information online through our website, www.bchfs.com.

The BCHFS Christmas card program provides a perfect opportunity to honor your loved ones and at the same time share the hope and joy of Christmas with the struggling children and families we serve!

Merry Christmas to you and yours from all of us at Baptist Children's Home and Family Services!



2019 BCHFS Christmas Card Order Form



YES, please send a custom designed Christmas card from the children at BCHFS on my behalf. Enclosed is my holiday gift for the amount of

\$ _____

My information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Please mail my card to the following person (to be honored):

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Mail this card and your check to:

BCHFS Administration Office
949 County Rd. 1300 N
Carmi, IL 62821
(618)382-4164



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*Thank you for your support this
holiday season!*

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Why Do We Keep Things Hidden?

Guy L. Williams, MS, LCPC - Pathways Counseling Therapist

"If you keep the secret locked inside of you, the secret will keep you locked inside of yourself." I came to this realization nearly 20 years ago when I was talking to a coworker about a client who didn't want to reveal the underlying issues that she had been dealing with for years. The very keeping of her secrets was the thing that was causing chaos in her life currently.

The stigma of mental health issues has been around longer than any of us living today. It keeps many people from seeking the help they need. We have probably all heard, "We don't air our dirty laundry."

Christians will struggle with issues that counseling can aid them with, yet they will pretend that all is well. Good Christian couples, some who have been married for decades, will struggle with marital issues and never get help until they are well on their way to divorce. All because they don't want people to know that their marriage isn't perfect.

Why do Christians, and church members, wait so long to seek help for an issue? I believe it is because the fear of judgment from others. The thought, "I'm supposed to be 'Christ-like'" can keep someone who knows they fall short of that (and let's face it, none of us are perfect) from telling anyone about it. It leads one to believe that they can't talk to their pastor, Sunday School teacher, deacon, or close Christian friend about their problem. It is also hard to walk down the aisle of the church and kneel at the altar during the invitation time of Sunday service to pray about our situation. We don't want anyone from the church, or community, to see past our façade. We even fool ourselves into thinking God won't know, if we don't tell Him. So, we don't even confess it in our private prayer time.

The human brain is an amazing creation, that is complex and at times malfunctions, just like the pancreas does sometime, or our heart, or our liver.

If the issue were a leaking water heater, you would get someone to check it out and repair it as soon as possible so that it wouldn't cause major damage to the house. If it were the brakes on your car that were failing, you would get into the shop, to avoid the accident that will happen, and the resulting damage to property, and possibly people, when your brakes finally fail, as you know they probably will. If it were a lump you could feel under your skin, and you do not know where it came from, you would seek the advice of a physician, because "what if it's cancer?"

Similarly, issues that affect our mental health will also impact other areas of our lives. There are connections between the mental, physical, emotional, social, and spiritual realms of ourselves. Keeping those secrets to ourselves will only impact our lives more deeply, and the lives of those around us. Counseling can help to resolve the current issue and even prevent further damage in other areas of our lives.

Guy is a licensed clinical professional counselor and a national board certified counselor with professional memberships with the American Counseling Association and the International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors. He has over 20 years of experience providing therapy to individuals, groups, couples and families. He has worked at UCCS as an Adult Counselor and the Adult Care Coordinator. Also, he was the Aftercare Therapist at BCHFS. He has worked in private practice with Gary Lemmon & Associates, Inc. as well as in intensive outpatient programs for the geriatric population in Eldorado and McLeansboro, Illinois. Guy holds a master's degree in educational psychology/ marriage and family therapy from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He and his wife have been married over 39 years with whom he has three adult children, and three grandchildren, who call him 'Guypa'.



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Pregnancy Resource Clinic continued:

It will be a safe place that believes in truth, compassion and the importance of knowing all the facts before parents make a decision. Regardless of the choices a woman makes or will make, they will be shown love and understanding.

All services provided will be free and confidential. Even though unplanned pregnancies have their challenges, our goal is for every person who comes in to feel informed and encouraged.

The pregnancy resource clinic will be open 5 days a week holding regular hours but will also host a 24 hour helpline. The clinic has plans to open in 2020.

COST OF CARE PER RESIDENT

\$150
per day

\$1,050
per week

\$4,500
per month



**Baptist Children's
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Help BCHFS Raise \$25,000 in 24-Hours on #GIVINGTUESDAY

Since its introduction in 2012, #GivingTuesday has become an international movement to promote giving and philanthropy during a time when buying and selling are the main focus of our attention. This year, #GivingTuesday will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, and BCHFS is hoping you will get involved by helping us raise \$25,000 in 24-hours! Here is how you can help struggling children and families on #GivingTuesday. All donations up to \$25,000 will be matched dollar for dollar.

MAKE A GIFT.

Participate in this national day of giving by making a gift through our secure website, BCHFS.com. (Make sure you add "Giving Tuesday" to the comment section.) You can also easily make a gift by clicking the "donate" button on our Facebook page. There are no fees, and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to BCHFS. As always, you can mail a check to 949 County Road 1300 N., Carmi, IL 62821. Please write #GivingTuesday on the memo line of your check.

HOST A FACEBOOK FUNDRAISER HOST A FACEBOOK FUNDRAISER.

Facebook makes it easy for users to raise money for their favorite charity by using the Facebook Fundraiser function. After logging in to Facebook, then:

1. Click Fundraisers in the left menu of your News Feed.
2. Click Raise Money.
3. Select Nonprofit.
4. Search for Baptist Children's Home and Family Services and click on it.
5. Set your date for December 3 and set your Fundraising Goal.
6. Click Create.

Make sure to share and promote your fundraiser online to others excited about it. ALL donations made through Facebook will go directly to BCHFS.

GIVE US A HAND!!

After you've made a donation, grab a pen or marker and write BCHFS on the palm of your hand. Then take a selfie showing off that wonderful smile and new artwork and upload it to social media using the hashtag #giveusahand.

It may seem silly but your selfies really are changing lives so don't forget to Give Us A Hand this Giving Tuesday.

*example of a
#giveusahand
selfie*



#GIVING TUESDAY • Dec. 3rd

For over 30 years, Campers on Missions have been visiting BCHFS. This year, they gave our campus a beautiful facelift by helping paint our Residential Care offices, updating a houseparent bathroom and revamping the resident bathroom at the Ballard Cottage.

**Thanks for all you do
Campers!!**

2019 Campers on Missions



BCHF MEMORIAL GIFTS: April – September 2019

MEMORIAL GIFTS FROM APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2019				
Margaret Adams Andrea Woodley	Bette Humphreys	Debra Johnson	June D. Johnson	Don Neibel
Wm. Adams Shirley Adams	Mayme Brown Pauline Fry	Marie and Herman Fisher and Sally Fisher Larry Fisher	Luella Kloess Member of First Baptist Church, Dupo	June Neisler Thomas Neisler
Lillie Adkins Brenda Doty	Quinto Buff Margaret Mayfield	Linda R. Flanagan Bill Flanagan Sr. and Family	Norma Knapp Paulett Oliver	Mildred Nippe Charlie Nippe
Betty Ahlgrim Debbie and Steve Cole	Terry Bullock Roger and Glenna Thompson	Wanda Flowers First Baptist Church, Columbia	Willie M. Keller Dorothea Keller	Catherine Curry and Mary Oglesby Bill and Rhonda Oglesby
Haley Allison First Baptist Church, Albion	Herbert and Berti Burt Pat Burt	Gene Coffman, Kendall L. Coffman and Peggy (Coffman) Ford Ms. Floy Coffman	Irene Ladd Pontoon Baptist Church, Granite City	Burdell and Nomabel O'Neil Jon and Joy Colberg
Wilma Atchison Tony, Lawanda and Malora Huggins	John T. Byford and Mary Byford Sandra Wake	LeRoy Freeman Shiloh Baptist Church, Bridgeport	Mary Lahr Terry Lahr	Judy A. Pace Winstanley Baptist Church, Fairview Heights
Judy Atkins Melinda Bratcher	Marcella Caldwell Nigel M. Collins	Burrell and Virginia Garrison Shirley Schloeman	Linda Lambeth Jim, Sharon and Tom Beckham	James William Paddock David and Sandy Paddock
Shirley Ausbrook Brenda Kling	Elton and Jeanette Carlile Jack and Lois Knepper	Edna Gill Barbara Slavens	Gordon Lantrip Shirley Lantrip	Virginia Panici Brenda J. Spada
Doris Bagwell Luena Bagwell	Ray "Red" Carrell Margie Carrell	Frank Gipson Judith Gipson	Donald Laughmiller Mary Laughmiller	Gene Parkhill Immanuel Baptist Church, Benton
Charles Barker Jack E. and Lottie Brown	Carlos "Buster" Carroll Henrietta Disney	Jo Glenn Glenna and Roger Thompson	Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Leathers Brad and Dorothy Burklow	Tilden and Rosalie Parks Buddy Parks
Anna Barnett The Farm Credit Illinois Paul and Lynne Hanle Larry and Gay Armentrout	Verlie Chambers Norma J. Colyer	Knox Caleb Graves Seth and Krysta Graves	Louis J. Cox and Flossie Lee Robert and Joyce Lee	Ruth Payne Dolores Tillman
Ludora Barnett Ralph and Jeannie Barnett	Edith Chancey Joseph and Mary Ann Morris	Alta Brown and Elsie Groff Don and Nancy Wall	Bro. Carl Leek Gene and JoAnn Endicott	Mark Peradotto Marilyn Peradotto
Eugene Bartle Jim and Virginia Worstell Shiloh Baptist Church, Bridgeport	James Chaney Pontoon Baptist Church, Granite City	Sue Grove Glen and Shirley Meritt	Iva Lou Leigh First Baptist Church, Albion Seniors of First Baptist Church, Ablion	Paul Pettyjohn Sandy Hortmeyer
Ms. Ruth Bauner University Baptist Church, Carbondale	Juanita Cauble Louise and Bruce Williams	Fern Gutzler Richard and Debra Gresham Charles and Melba Lafever South Side Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon Diane Turkington Steven Smith Cindy Harris Cathy Smith	Annette Lewis First Baptist Church, Peru	Pearl Pierson Harold W. Pierson
Mary Beard Bruce and Paula Flanigan	Donal and Nellie Childers Rufus Childers	Alpha Hankins Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dinwiddie	Pauline Lewis Edward Lewis Donnie and Jolene Morris	Don Philpot Betty Philpot
Dorothy and Amon Beasley Carol M. Harvey	Doyle Cleveland Rachel Yarbrough	T. J. Hannah Jerry Kennedy	Elene Lisanby Janice and Jerry O'Bleness	Myrtle Phipps Gary Phipps
Fredric and Wilma Beasley Janet White	Max Clinard Senior Men Bible Study Class, Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City	Agnes Harbison Judy Harbison	Duane and Betty Anne Luallen Kent and Beth Hoffman	Marie Pinney Leonard Pinney
Pat Beasley Esther Sunday School Class, First Baptist Church, Eldorado First Baptist Church, Eldorado	Frank Cockrum Senior Men's Sunday School Class, Sesser First Baptist Church	Mary Harper County Line Baptist Church, Simpson	Jerry Lynch Robbie and Janice Lynch Winona Hampleman Roe's Dale Baptist Church, Pinckneyville	Eanis Poole First Baptist Church, Ullin
Sharron Beck WMU of Freedom Baptist Church, McLeansboro	Scott Collins Nigel M. Collins	Brad and Debbie Harris Pat Burt	Sharon Mabry Ronald Mabry	Donna Powell First Baptist Church, Albion
Harold Bell Karen and Gary Joe	Don and Mike Cook Betty Cook	Juanita Harris David and Bonnie Hogue	Elizabeth Burris and Daisy Marks Laura Marks	Charles Dwight Pugh First Baptist Church, Salem
Ella Mae Bellinger Harold Bellinger	Molly Cook Esther Sunday Class of First Baptist Church, Eldorado First Baptist Church, Eldorado	Richard Harris First Baptist Church, Galatia	James L. Marks James F. Marks	Alice Pulliam Member of First Baptist Church, Dupo
Barbara Benard Clarence Benard	Kenneth Eugene Coppedge Allie and Andrew Brown Vincent and Lillie Noto Brian and Cathleen Lowry	John and Irma Rae Evans and Lowell and Flo Harrison Jerry and Brenda Kling	Leroy Marks Laura Marks	Leah Queen Jeanne Gonzales
Judy Bennett Pastor Chad and Natasha Hershey	Louisa Bond and Dorothy Cox Robert and Jo Ann Cox	Hattie Harshbarger Louise Sampson	Anna Marshall Elizabeth Kornegay	Diana Lynne Ragan Max and Dan Hunt
Gerald Berg Shirley Berg	Phyllis Cozlar Virginia Harnetiaux	Phyllis Hays Allis J. Hays	Becky Martin Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City	Mrs. Mary Ratay Clinton and Priscilla Wadlington
Ester Helen Belt Don and Norma Smith	Karen Crippen First Baptist Church, Salem Karen Dobbs	Ruth Head Immanuel Baptist Church, Benton	Vera L. Martin Bill Martin	Joy Reed Friends of Immanuel Baptist Church, Benton
Audrey Blair Penny Snyder	Gladys and Donald Cutrell Lois Peck	Chelsea and Kecia Heise Angela Smith	Rev. Cyrus and Alma Mauldling Roy and Deloris Mount	Sally Ann Richter First Baptist Church, Columbia
Gilbert and Florence Bond Mary Sue Rosancki	Pam Davis Pastor Chad and Natasha Hershey	Ralph and Marguerite Hill Saundra Jent	Willis Mavis Roger and Glenna Thompson	Loren Rigdon Nelson and Sharon Rule John and Nina Shotton Ross and Carole Zeidler
Georgia Borah Amber Hanson	Butch Day Roe's Dale Baptist Church, Pinckneyville	John Hoepfer Pontoon Baptist Church, Granite City	Rev. David R. McAnally Doris McAnally	Don Riley Glen and Shirley Meritt
Peggy Bost Roger and Glenna Thompson John and Kelly Thompson	Jewell Cougill and Kathryn Day Mike and Marilyn Cougill	Dan E. Huebner Ann R. Huebner	Cheryl McClure Mike McClure	J.C. Rister Beulah Ruster Anita and Steve Zachary
Claude and Amy Bowker Bradney and Patricia Ruyle	Alice Turner DeVault Mary Lou Bates	Darcy Vaught Huffer Donna Lutes	Luther and Pauline McGary Richard and Cathy McGary	Steven Ray Robinson Member of Ten Mile Baptist Church, McLeansboro
Joe and Lois Boyle Patty Hargett	Laura Dietch Sam Embry	Bill Hughes Paulett Oliver	Deborah (Inskip) McKay Paulett Oliver	Joyce E. Rose Jack and Lois Knepper
James Brandon Charles Dumas Nancy Weiford Rachel Brandon Debbie and Jim Combs LaNora Eddleman Kevin and Sharon Frank Joann and Mike Fricke Joe and Jennifer Gillison Larry and Rita Huch Howard and Rhonda Ketzner Candy Maxwell Michelle and Tom Pfershy Betty Reichert St. Louis Paper & Box Cindy Straub Tom Korte Sandy Straub Sharon Straub Bill and Vance Waters Lyle & Cheryl Wilson	Mike and Minnie Croghan Mike and Becky Croghan	Helen Humphrey Bryan St. Baptist Church, Herrin	Dollie Mae McKinney Raymond and Faye Robinson	Mable Rush Roger and Glenna Thompson
Shirley Bratcher Lauren Bratcher	Gladys and Donald Cutrell Lois Peck	Pearl Huston New Beginnings Baptist Church, Girard	James S. McLemore Diana L. McLemore	George Peck, Dale Peck and Amos Rushing Lois Peck
Joan Brewer Pontoon Baptist Church, Granite City	Laura Deitch Sam Embry	David Ingram Vae Ingram	Jerry Meacham Melissa Prewett	Lona Peck and Ethel Rushing Lois Peck
Bessie Brown	Mary V. Cook and Betty J. Dunkin Joyce Cook	Stephen Johnson Mrs. Debra Johnson	Charles Meyers, Jr. Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City	Rev. Dean Ruyle Wanda Ruyle
	Mr. and Mrs. James H. East Yvonne Weber	Frieda Chilton Jones Ray and Nola Jones	Mike Moe Roger and Glenna Thompson John and Kelly Thompson	Bill Sabine Alma Henley Harris
	Ralph Elam Walshville Baptist Church	Harold Jones The Seasoned Seniors Class, Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church, Jacksonville	Oma Montgomery Joyce Dunavan	Casey and Noah Saffelder Neil and Karen Saffelder
	AI Engelkens Louella Engelkens	Isabell Bullock and Mae Kerley Leda Kerley	Genevieve "Tony" Moore Rich and Betty Moore	Helen Sakosky Marilyn Miles
	Lavern Erwin Gilbert and Elaine Carrell	Lora Kerr Corine Ramey	Rosella Morefield Katherine Fox	Bobby Sanders Gerald Glasco
	Lila M. Etheridge Kenneth R. Etheridge	Iva Keyser Greg and Kim Keyser	Barb Mullins Chad, Amy and Jackson Mullins	Robert Sanders Charlene Sanders
	Wilbert E. Evans Julia M. Evans	Pearl G. Kingery	Arthur H. Neal Mr. and Mrs. James Whalen and Family	Ellade Satterfield Judy Mulligan
	Betty Farrell		Merrel Dean Neff Lea Neff	Emma Riecken and Violet Schreiber Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schreiber
			Angie Neibel	Mildred Schroeder First Baptist Church, Gravville

Note: Memorial Names are in BOLD.

BCHFS MEMORIAL GIFTS: Cont.

Eugene Schubert
Marilyn Miles

Mary Riley and Clyde Schuller
Lockard Chapel Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Margarette Meisenheimer, Mina Menne and Chuck Seeley
Carole Seeley

Lillie Seely
Penny Jo Cox

Ron Senters, Jr.
Ron and Glenna Senters

Lois Sexton
Sandy Horstmeyer

Earline Shaffer
Terrance and Beverly Coffey

Wilma Shelton
Esther Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church, Eldorado

Mabel Sherwin
Betty Bridges

Herbert E. Short
Cara Von Short

Rachel Short
Jimmy and Mickie Collard

Clifford Shreve
Norma Shreve

Rovanna Shute
Builders of Faith Sunday School Class, Beaucoup Baptist Church, Pinckneyville

Mamie Simmons
Ed Austin

Carolyn Siverly
Norman Siverly
Phyllis Pancake
Charles and LuEllen Rose

Melvin Skaggs
Kathy and Fred England Jr. and Amanda Dunlap
Norma and Nolan Reinbold
Margaret Rodgers

Cecile M. Smith
Mr. Kenneth Smith

Mary M. Smith
R.W. Smith

Orena Robinson and Irene Smith
Rev. Ray and Kay Robinson

Betty Sprinkel
Cheryl Bumgarner

Scott Stacks
Bryan Stacks
Klope Family

Jesse and Elizabeth Stanley
Dale and Kay Murbarger

Lena Marcoot and Goldie Stanton
Dale and Karen Evans

Deborah L. Steckel
The Seasoned Seniors Class, Lincoln Ave. Baptist Church, Jacksonville

Sidney Smith and Mildred Stengel
Marilyn Miles

Kris McNichols and Boyd Richard Stewart
Alma and Oris Harris

Erin Stewart
Kim Hammond

Richard Stewart
Greg and Linda Meredith
Beverly Walker
Jody Smalley
Catherine Ziegler
Charles and Reveta Black
Unity Point School Board of Education and Administration, Carbondale

Ray L. Storey
Allen W. Claytor

Bennie Suddarth
LaDonne Suddarth

Marietta Christman, Jayne Smith and Ron Sugg
Marilyn Miles

Mildred Sullivan
Beaucoup Baptist Church, Pinckneyville

Garrett Clark, Pauline Lewis, William Tomberlin and Helen Sullivan
Harold and Susan Mills

Loma Talley
Leon Talley

Wilma Taylor
Lorene Rizer

D.F. (Bub) Mallory and Ronnie Tennyson
Tony, Lawanda and Malora Huggins

Emmett Thatcher
Vera L. Thatcher

Randall W. Thetford and Johnathan Thetford
Mrs. Delores Thetford

Helen Bates and Phyllis Thompson
Darrel and Deanna Bates

Helen Tolnay
Ronald Dixon

Gussie Tonne
Cynthia Steen

Mary Sue Treece
Carole A. Scaggs

Ilene Trout
Ms. Billie Patterson

Ruth Tyler
Leslie and Krystal Donelson
Tom and Karen Goodwine

Jim Upchurch
Earnest G. Jones

Dorothy VanDyke
Rick and Darwin VanDyke

Hubert and Martha VanEman
Bonnie Heyen

Sandra Littlepage Waldrop
Phyllis H. Littlepage

Mary and Fred Ward
Lowell Mendenhall

John R. Watson
Doris Watson

Kermit Webb
Immanuel Baptist Church, Benton

Dr. William Weedman
First Southern Baptist Church, Florida

Newt Weiss
Roger and Glenna Thompson
John and Kelly Thompson

Gerry Westrich
First Baptist Church, Columbia

Leatrice Wieneke
Faye Bowman

Mary (Atchley) Williams
Margaret Williams

L. Mae Drake, Cathie L. White, Pauline D. Williams and Judith A. Williams
Charlene K. Williams

E. Louise Wilson
Tom and Cloe Ann Clore

Gene Winthrop
Jeanne Korando

Irma Wise
Kristy Sanders

Robert E. Withiem
Wanda Kramer
Michael and Kathy Culpepper, Linda K., Lisa, Rosie and Jean
Mary Kay Jurcin
Catherine Shipman

Trey Wood
Bruce and Marilyn Prorise

Thelma Woods
Don Woods

Edwin Zachary
Anita and Steve Zachary

Steven Zimmerman
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Zimmerman
Clytie Zimmerman
Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Zimmerman

Audrey Branham, LaMoine Kinder, Julie Holman, Robert D. Stanton and Connie Zummo
The Homemakers Class of Calvary Baptist Church, Granite City



HUNTING FOR A GREAT WAY TO HELP OTHERS?

Join us for our Winter Sportsman's Waterfowl Hunt on Monday, December 16

Join us for our BCHFS Waterfowl Hunt. This year's event will again be held at the Grassy Lake Hunt Club in Ware, IL. The cost is \$200 per hunter and includes a guided hunt and lunch.

NOTE: Hunters are required to have resident or non-resident hunting license, state and federal waterfowl stamps.

Registration / More Info:

ONLINE: Register your group or organization securely online by visiting BCHFS.com/events/hunt2019.

BY MAIL: Fill out the registration form and send it with your check to
(make checks payable to BCHFS):
BCHFS, 949 County Rd. 1300 N.,
Carmi, IL 62821.



Call Paula Joy at (618) 382-4164 Ext. 3105 for more information.



All proceeds from this event will benefit the children and families in care at BCHFS.

BCHFS HONOR GIFTS: April – September 2019

Honor GIFTS FROM APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2019

Baptist Children's Home and Family Services
Stella Karns

Wanda Bagwell
Terrie Bagwell

Roger Bassett
Kenneth and Diane Bassett

Faye Bowman
Nelda Smothers

Marcheta Clore
Charline Kidd

Mikayla Crider
Cheryl Bumgarner

Minnie Dinwiddie
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dinwiddie

Rev. Wendell and Mary Garrison
Shirley Schloeman

Francine Gentry
Mark and Tammy Thomas

Imogene Goforth
Vicki Harris

Marilyn Griffin
Billy J. Griffin

Betty Hankins
Jack Hankins

Hattie Harshbarger
Louise Sampson

Charles and Martha Hughes

Larry Hughes

Paula Joy
Jim Williams

Wanda Kirkpatrick
Anita Groner

Mary Ann Knabel
Jim and Chloe Page

Nancy Kohrig
Karl Kohrig

Donald Lusk
Cindy Lou Tate

Vida Mabry
Ron and Sharon Mabry

George and Dianne McPheeters
Judy Lindner

Venida McKinnies
Judy Harbison

Leann Miller
Roy and Georgia Greer

Karen and Bob Mitchell
Ronald Dixon

Lea Neff
Earl Neff
Butch and Judy Rawls

Amanda Neibel
Don Neibel

Grace Neisler and Elizabeth Price
Don and June Neisler

Emma and Evan Ray

Donald and Shirley Ray

Sally Richter
Grant Richter
Barb Richter

Ruth Searles
Jana Searles

June Sexton
The Seasoned Seniors Class, Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church, Jacksonville

Fay Simpson
Charles K. Simpson

Betty Smith
Rick and Darwin VanDyke

Ethel Carrell and Tillie Sledge
Margie Carrell

Mrs. Emma Summers
Kathleen Stanfield Cook

Leon Talley
Beverly Walker

Mike and Gretchen Tolnay
Ronald Dixon

Faye, Bandy, Paul, Corky and Mark Harnetiaux and Shawn Tooker
Linda Weisenstein

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Note: Honor Names are in BOLD.

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Being a Voice continued:

only expected to increase as a new 18,000 square-foot Planned Parenthood building finished construction in Fairview Heights, Illinois in October.

In Illinois, lawmakers have expanded abortion access and loosened restrictions. Earlier this year, lawmakers in Springfield passed the "Reproductive Health Act" which establishes access to abortion as a fundamental right.

Because of the new laws making abortion more easily accessible paired with one of the largest Planned Parenthood buildings in the country, Illinois has been branded "The Abortion Capital of the Midwest." Recent figures estimate that since 2017, the number of women coming from other states to have their abortion in Illinois has doubled.

It is our duty and our calling as Christians to fight back. It is our duty and calling to fight for life. Psalm 139:13-14 says, "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

BCHFS was founded on the principle that all life is valuable. Now, in our 101st year of helping children and families find hope, we are using our voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. We will not move to the whims of human will and how humanity devalues life. We are going to stand our ground in our belief that all life has value and the value is determined by the creator, not the created.

The next year for BCHFS will be monumental as we open our new pregnancy resource clinic in Mt. Vernon which will be a Pro-Life establishment offering women and men information, counseling and resources when faced with an unplanned pregnancy. In addition, our adoption ministry will be operating under the new name of Faith Adoption Ministry to help those seeking adoption find the help they need quickly and easily. Our residential care program, Baptist Children's Home, will continue to be a place of peace and family for teens facing troubled times. Angels' Cove will be set apart from the adoption portion of our ministry to allow staff to refocus efforts into helping mothers and their babies create successful and strong relationships with each other. Our Pathways Counseling ministry will continue to serve people throughout the entire state of Illinois and offer Christian based counseling to those of all ages.

We pray that God will continue to use BCHFS as a vessel of hope and a light in the darkness of our world. We invite you to pray for us as well.



Above: The Brooks Clark Maternity Home in Brownsville, IL. Photo taken in 1974

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Giving that Grows for Generations

Brian Harland - Multimedia Marketing Specialist

There is an old Greek proverb that says, "A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit."

That quote echos in my head as I sit and glance over at the pictures on my desk of my two little boys. Beckam is 3 years old (3 and a half if you ask him) and Banks is just barely 3 months. More than anything, I want them to have a joyful life - spiritually, physically and mentally and so my mind begins to wonder, how can I make sure that happens? The answer is simple - plant trees. From my desk, if I lean back in my chair just far enough and look beyond the pictures of those two baby boys, I can catch a glimpse of the legacy of an inspirational woman that did just that.

In the lobby of the Devore Administration Building in Carmi, there is a large golden tree with hundreds of leaves on it. Some leaves bear a name, others are yet to be inscribed. On the trunk of the tree is a plaque that reads "Anna Ruth Rhine Legacy Society - In honor of those who care for children and families through their estate giving." The purpose of this tree is to show a physical appreciation to those who have chosen to plant a "tree" with BCHFS knowing they would never benefit from the shade it provides. Just as Ms. Rhine did years ago.



Estate giving is often a difficult subject to talk about but it is vitally important nonetheless. Each leaf on that tree shows a name of someone who saw the importance of estate giving. Every year, BCHFS touches the lives of countless people and in large part that is due to the names on those leaves. We have an opportunity and a duty to be good stewards of the blessings God has given us, our Christian estate should reflect that. If you would like any information about including BCHFS in your estate, please give us a call. We would love to speak to you, your family or your financial advisor about the impact your gift would have on children and families in need. Call us today at 618-382-4164.



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During this Thanksgiving season, we ask you to select a child's name (above) and then prayerfully remember them at your holiday table.

generous Hearts Thanksgiving Appeal

As Thanksgiving Day approaches and the leaves begin to change, we slow down and recall our blessings from the past year. This year, just as so many years before, it seems the blessings have been too numerous to count at Baptist Children's Home and Family Services. We are thankful for the children that chose God, the mothers that chose life and the families that chose hope. **But most of all, we are thankful for YOU!**

A few times a year, we at BCHFS reach out to you to lift your spirits; to inspire you with stories of the people whose lives have been impacted by our ministries. This time, we would like to bring you a different kind of story. One that will hopefully fill you with not only inspiration but thankfulness for what God has blessed you with and a generosity to bless those around you.

For years, John and Susan Smith* have put their faith in the Lord and through them BCHFS has been blessed in ways we cannot begin to measure. It all began when their Sunday school class had chosen Baptist Children's Home as the recipient of their weekly offerings. Their class learned of our residential care facility in Carmi and in that moment, God laid a burden on John and Susan's hearts.

"We heard of these houseparents that take care of the kids. We were just inspired by their heart," Susan said. "Of course, we care about the children, but we have a heart for people taking care of kids," John continued.

Over the years, the Smith family has made the long car ride to Carmi many times, bringing with them coolers filled with meat and food that would fill the freezers and stomachs of the teens that call BCHFS home. "We're getting older and hauling that food gets harder each time," Susan said with a chuckle. **"But the Lord always brings my heart back to the children's home."**

...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

"Being a family to these kids is the most important thing," John said. "Some have never had one, others have never sat at a dinner table. Modern families don't have enough love. This shows them how love should be."

Sometimes it's easy to only count the things we get as blessings but often it's the opposite. The greatest blessings a person can receive is giving to others. Acts 20:35 (ESV) says, "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord

Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Although their health fails them at times and their bodies don't move as they used to, their hearts never change. "It's so worth it," the couple said.

This Thanksgiving, we challenge you to think of others as you count your blessings. Search your hearts and ask the Lord what He wants you to do - there may be a blessing waiting for you!

As we conclude this article, we ask you - Will you give of yourself to the children and families that are touched through BCHFS? No amount is too small and no challenge is too big.

Give and watch your life be blessed!



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Angels' Cove Baby Report



By Hollie Kelly, Site Manager

We currently have three healthy babies at the maternity center, and two more on the way! The babies are rolling, bouncing, crawling and pulling up to things. Our babies are learning to do new things daily and are such an enjoyment to watch. Our mamas and babies are doing well and it is heart-warming to watch them as they interact together.

We are expecting a new baby in December and another one in January. We are excited to watch these new mamas learn about their babies and their individual personalities. All our mamas attend a parenting class weekly here at Angels' Cove to help develop the skills they have to provide loving care for their babies.

Please keep our mommas and babies in your prayers as they continue to grow and interact together.



20 Years of Fall Fest Fun

The 20th Annual BCHFS Fall Festival was held on September 21st. An estimated 1,500 people from all over the state of Illinois came to the Carmi campus to share in free food, fun games, and an exciting quilt auction. The weather cooperated with a warm sunny day and a gentle breeze. Guests made their way through the path of 58 booths provided by churches and community groups that featured everything from caramel apples to scavenger hunts to puppet shows. The guests were also treated to the sounds of the Carmi White County High School Singing Six and a flag presentation by the local boy scouts.

In accordance with celebrating the past 20 years of the BCHFS Fall Festival in 2019, the event was filled with excitement from beginning to end. Those who visited campus were greeted with BCHFS bags waiting to be filled with the day's finds. Those that visited the Ten Mile Baptist Church Booth from McLeansboro, IL were treated with fresh lemon shakeups. Some guests chose to show off their throwing skills at the jungle themed booth provided by Freedom Baptist Church of Noble, IL. The guests daring enough to stop at the BCHFS houseparents booth had the chance to see and hold a live snake, turtle and frog. The Fun Food Ministry from Pleasant Ridge Baptist church was also a family favorite as guests snacked on popcorn, cotton candy and snow cones. New to this year's itinerary was a Facebook quilt auction taking place the week leading up to the Fall Festival.

The day ended with our famous live quilt auction in the center of campus. Auctioneer Kent Korte assisted in selling over 50 quilts that were generously donated by supporters and quilters from across the state. Some of the quilts sold were even featured by the



Baptist Press in their nationally publicized newsletter.

BCHFS would like to thank all of the volunteers, donors, sponsors and Fall Festival Planning Committee members for helping make this year's Fall Festival a success. Committee members include: Rick Mitchell, Phil Mitchell, Steve Hodge, Nancy Wall, Brian Harland, Marilyn Vaughn, Dorinda Trovillian,

Barb Crider, Carolyn Nichols, Susan Schilling, Bill Foote, Linda Hayse, Laurie Ingram, Paula Joy, Melinda Bratcher and Denny Hydrick.

The quilting article featured by the Baptist Press can be found at www.bpnews.net/53759.



(Top) A young guest tries her hand at the pottery wheel. (Right) All smiles as a visitor fishes for some prizes.



(Left) Bidders look on as a quilt is auctioned. (Bottom Left) A guest stops by Dixon Springs Baptist Church Apple Stand. (Bottom Right) Guests check out the booths in front of the Hathaway Building.



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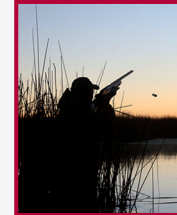
Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday, December 3 – #GivingTuesday - Give Us a Hand**

Celebrate with BCHFS on #GivingTuesday by getting involved and helping us raise \$25,000 in 24 hours! Tune into our Facebook page on December 3 to join in the fun.



- **Monday, December 16 –**



Winter Waterfowl Hunt

Round up your hunting buddies and meet us at Grassy Lake Hunt Club in Ware, Illinois. Cost is \$200 per hunter and includes guided hunt and lunch. Register online at BCHFS.com.

- **Saturday, March 7 – Women of Compassion Forum**

You are invited to attend our Women of Compassion Forum at Logan St. Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon, IL. The day will feature a delightful lunch along with guest speakers. Become a member of Women of Compassion to vote on the 2020 special project benefiting BCHFS ministry work. Must RSVP at (618) 382-4164.



Employment Opportunities

- **PRN (As Needed) Houseparents**

BCHFS is seeking houseparents to serve on an "as needed basis" to help cover vacations and days off for the primary houseparents.

- **Director of Development and Communication**

BCHFS is seeking a Dir. of Development & Communication to administer financial development, communications and marketing programs. Position is full-time with competitive benefits package.

- **Relief Houseparent - Female**

BCHFS is seeking a female relief houseparent at our Residential Care facility in Carmi. The position works alongside another female houseparent caring for residents over a 4 day (24 hours per day) period.

- **HR Coordinator - PT**

BCHFS is seeking a part-time Human Resources Coordinator at our admin office in Carmi to coordinate benefits and personnel programs across the agency. The position is 24 hours per week.

SEND RESUME & APPLICATION to Melinda Bratcher, Administrative Assistant, Baptist Children's Home and Family Services, 949 County Road 1300 N., Carmi, IL 62821, or phone (618) 382-4164, ext. 111, or email melinda.bratcher@bchfs.com.



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