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the newsletter of southeastern children's home • special summer edition

Living life in service to others

Two members of Southeastern's extended family keeping America safe

Service to others is an integral part of our mission at Southeastern. We were proud to hear that two young men who were part of our family, joined the military. Both of these fine young men are currently serving abroad.

Thomas Wooten is a Private in the United States Army Signal Corps. He credits his time at Southeastern with his ability to succeed in the military.

"I didn't have a great attitude when I first arrived at Southeastern," Thomas said. "I didn't like having to do chores. I didn't like being told what to do. At times, I was disrespectful. But, my houseparents were fair and constantly provided direction."

"I wouldn't be the person I am today without the help from the Dukes," Thomas said. "They provided the guidance necessary for me to succeed."

Thomas is currently stationed in Iraq. He hopes to return within the next several months.

Gerald Nuckolls, as a baby, was placed for adoption by Southeastern. Southeastern has long offered adoption assistance as part of our services. Gerald was placed with a loving, Christian family in South Carolina. He's currently serving in Afghanistan.



Gerald Nuckolls in Afghanistan

"I credit Southeastern for changing my life," Nuckolls said. "Although I don't know all the details, I'm glad that Southeastern was around to help my parents adopt me."

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Former Southeastern resident and proud father US Army Private Thomas Wooten

Gerald has attended both Harding University and Oklahoma State University. Though currently in Afghanistan, he looks forward to returning home to marry his fiancée.

"I definitely wish I could be back home, but I'm glad I'm getting to do this kind of work," Gerald said. "Freedom isn't free. And I'm glad that you all back home get to enjoy it."

We truly appreciate the work each of these men provides for our country. Please pray for their safe return.

Education isn't received. It's achieved.

This year, two of our residents, Joy and Debra graduated from James F. Byrnes High School.

Debra is currently employed at a local animal shelter where she is actively rescuing and helping abandoned pets. Debra's ultimate career goal is to become an equine veterinarian.

During her time at Southeastern, Debra developed a love for horses. She routinely fed, rode, and worked with the horses located on Southeastern's 50-acre campus.

"Debra was always a hard worker and willing to help with whatever chore was around the house," houseparent Janice Axsom said. "She always had a special love for animals, especially horses. While living with us, she was always diligent about her time training the horses. Even to this day, she continues to take riding lessons on a regular basis."

Though Debra has graduated from Southeastern's Pre-Independent Living program, she is still a common sight around the campus. "We still keep in touch regularly," Axsom said. "She still drops by from time to time."



2011 James F. Byrnes High School graduates Debra & Joy

Our other graduate, Joy, is still living at Southeastern in the Pre-Independent Living program. She will attend Spartanburg Community College this fall. She hopes to complete a degree in either nursing or culinary arts.

"I love cooking, but I also love helping people," Joy said. "Hopefully, after I take some classes this Fall, I'll have a better idea of which job I'd prefer."

"Joy is very sweet, well mannered, polite young lady," Axsom said. "She wants to do the right thing and please everyone at the same time. Joy put in a lot of hard work in order to graduate. Though she struggled at times, she was ultimately successful. It proved to her that hard work and determination can go a long way."

Joy recently was hired at a local restaurant. "Hopefully, as she works and takes some classes, she'll get a clear picture for her talents," Axsom said.

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Eight residents baptized

We rejoice as eight young people at Southeastern Children's Home were baptized this summer. Keri, Kala, Kayla, Jesse, and Nick were converted while attending Palmetto Bible Camp.

Megan, Shannon, and Kandace also made the most important decision of their lives. After weeks of study with members at a local congregation, these young women were baptized.

We realize that providing a safe and happy home is only part of what we do at Southeastern. We know that our ultimate purpose is identical to the mission of Christ: to love and teach others.

We are so excited for the decision of these eight residents. We ask that you pray for these young Christians as they begin their walk with Christ.

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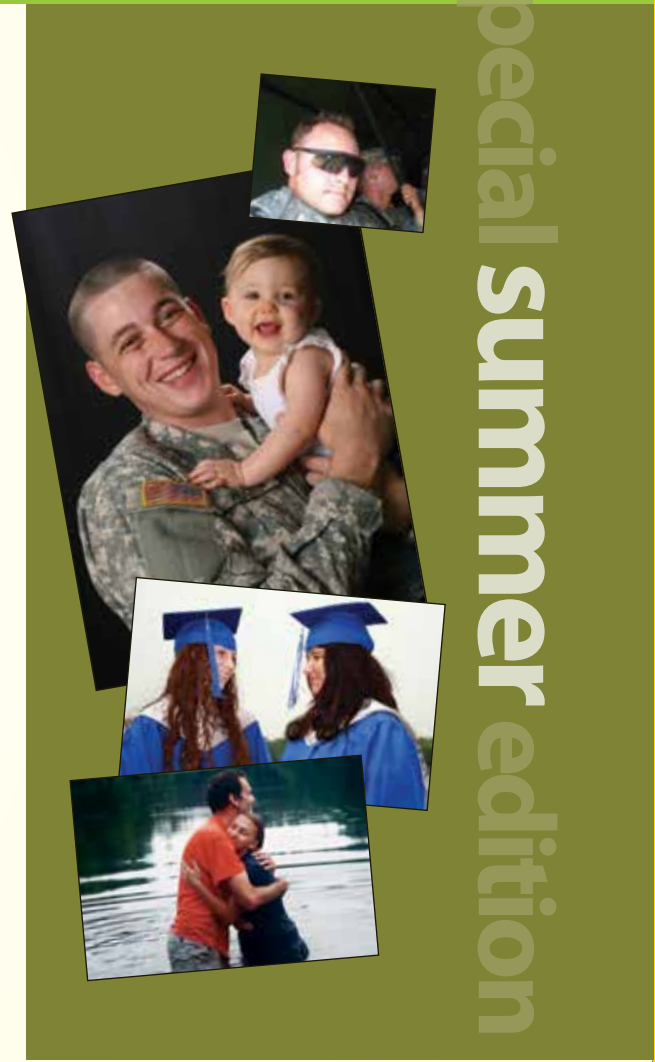


Keri, shown here was one of eight of our residents who were baptized this summer.

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