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# Jesse goes to the mat in

## "One of the finest, well-mannered athletes we have"

Jesse, a 16-yr old in the Smith Cottage, has recently begun wrestling with the Byrnes High School wrestling team.

"I've always had a lifetime dream of wrestling," Jesse said. "I just was never given the chance to wrestle. No one ever encouraged me to do something like that. During my stay here, everyone has been encouraging me to do more, to be more, and to set high goals. I'm just excited to be in a place that allows me a chance to fulfill this dream."

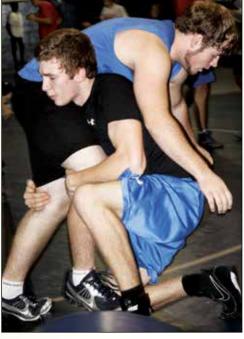
Southeastern Children's Home allows residents to participate in afterschool activities once they have exhibited consistent mature decisions.

"We're not allowed to wrestle at home," Jesse said. "When you have guys wrestling at the house, someone might get hurt, but, wrestling at the school is different. It's intense and about learning techniques. Wrestling is more than just fighting."

Jesse's talent has not gone unnoticed at Byrnes.

"Jesse is one of the finest, most well-mannered athletes we have," Head Coach, Dr. Russ Howard said. "He's a first-year guy that is picking up the nuances of our sport really well. He's a talented athlete that we hope will be able to help at the varsity level this year. Hopefully, by next year, he'll be able to win some region tournaments."

Even though Jesse spends two hours each



"I've always had a lifetime dream of wrestling," Jesse said. "I just was never given the chance."

school day at practice, his grades have not suffered.

"Wrestling has made me a more disciplined person," Jesse said. "I have a better attitude. I'm

## Families don't just happen. They're

### **By Robert Kimberly**

**Executive Director** 

Biology and DNA don't automatically create a family. We choose to be part of a family. We choose to be active. We choose to love those who share common

traits with us. Love doesn't just happen. We must make a choice to love.

Unfortunately, there are many people who fail to make that conscious decision to have a healthy, happy family. Each year, 40,000 new infants are placed in foster care. Children in our community and state are ultimately victims of abuse and neglect because their family members have refused to take a loving interest in their own family.

At Southeastern Children's Home, we have

made the conscious decision and effort to love each child. We provide mothers and fathers to each of the children that are placed in our care. Because of the generous gifts from our supporters, we are able to provide for a child's physical, spiritual, educational, and emotional

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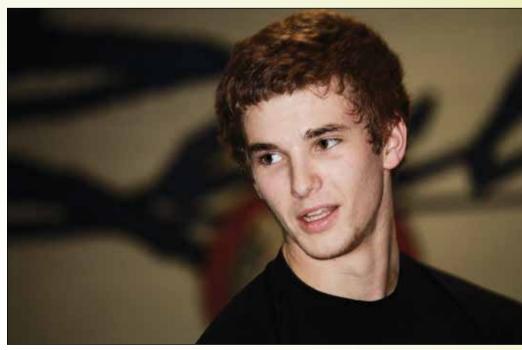
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# pursuit of his dreams



Even though Jesse spends two hours each school day at practice, his grades have not suffered.

more positive. And, I'm more focused on school because I understand the responsibilities and importance of being a student athlete."

Though Jesse has spent much of the time learning about discipline, he's learned other lessons as well.

"I've learned that using the word 'Can't' isn't an option," Jesse said. "You have to get in the mindset that you can overcome anything. You can't ever allow yourself to think that you may fail. You have to stay positive. That's true in wrestling, and in life."

## products of purpose.

well-being. Through purposeful planning, we structure their lives so that they are overwhelmed with love.

While at Southeastern, children not only learn to receive love, they also learn how to love others. Each child has daily and weekly responsibilities so that they not only learn good habits, but that they will also learn to value the importance of joint contributions from a family unit. Gradually, children grasp the significance of serving others.

Our houseparents are continually seeking new ways to be more strategic in their interactions with the children. Recently, a set of houseparents told me about how they are making conscious efforts to invest themselves in each of the boy's individual lives. Specifically, they are spending less time in front of the TV, and more time in various activities in and outside the home.

We know that healthy families don't just happen. Healthy families are the product of purpose. The families at Southeastern Children's Home are the product of many of us coming together to make a purposeful commitment to helping others.

Thank you so much for your decision to help be part of the Southeastern Children's Home family. As we continue with our work in 2013, we know that we could not exist without the help of people like you. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to build healthy families.

Sincerely,

Robert

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## **Non-traditional ways to give**

### By Philip Murphy

**Development Director** 

There are innumerable ways to help support the children at Southeastern Children's Home. Here are a few non-traditional ways to help abused and neglected children.

 Gifts of Stock – Contributing to the needs of others through a gift of stock allows you, in most cases, to take tax deductions for the full market value of the stock, without assuming the capital gains taxes.

Example: If you have \$1,000 worth of mutual fund shares that you bought in 2010 for \$500, you could sell the shares and owe \$75 in capital gains taxes (at the preferential 15% rate). But, if you donate the shares, SECH would get the full \$1,000 (we don't have to pay tax on the profit when the stock is sold), you still get to deduct the full \$1,000, plus you avoid the \$75 tax bill. It's a win-win for everyone involved.

• Real Estate – Like gifts of stock, an outright gift of real estate to Southeastern Children's Home can allow the donor to receive an income tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the home. Additionally, gifts of real estate often remove large taxable assets from an estate. There are also

a number of annuity options that can be considered upon granting real estate to SECH.

- Estate Plan What better way to leave a legacy of servitude and philanthropy than to set aside a portion of your estate to those that are less fortunate? Generally, people make one of the following gifts to SECH through their will:
  - 1. Give a fixed dollar amount to SECH,
  - 2. Donate a real estate asset, or
  - 3. Begueath a percentage of your estate.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 864.439.0259.



Your gifts make smiles possible year-round.



## My gift to help children in need

**Yes,** I want to make a gift of \$\_ \_\_\_\_\_each month to the children at Southeastern Children's Home.

As a duly authorized check signer for my bank account, I hereby authorize Southeastern Children's Home to perform scheduled electronic funds transfers in the aforementioned amount from my bank account on the (circle one) 3rd or 15th day each month.

Authorizing Signature		Date
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Please include a personalized check marked "VOID" so we can identify your account. Return completed form to: Southeastern Children's Home • P.O. Box 339 • Duncan, SC 29334



## resident of the quarter



"I look at my co-residents as brothers ... Living with a bunch of guys is easy. We fight, but never have longlasting drama." - Billy

## Meet Billy, our resident of the quarter

Age, year in school: 16, sophomore

Favorite Sport: Football Favorite Food: Bacon

Favorite Movie: Dark Knight Rises Favorite hobby: Acoustic guitar Favorite subject: Science Carreer choice: Engineer

### Billy in quotes...

"This past Christmas was the best Christmas I've ever had in my life. I've never been supported like that. I've never really had a normal Christmas. Here, we decorated the tree, and had presents on Christmas day and a Christmas dinner. Now I have great memories that I'll keep with me forever.

- "One of the highlights of my week is Sunday night youth group meetings because we get to hang out with other Christian teens at JD's
- "I hope to go to USC and major in Engineer-
- "The worst part about living in a house with a bunch of guys is sharing a bathroom."
- "As weird as it sounds, our house is really clean. It's by far the cleanest house I've ever lived in. Our bedrooms are sort of clean. The rooms are clean, but the closets are a different matter. You can find the Loch Ness Monster and its dog in some of those closets."
- "Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, because, for once, I have something to be thankful for."

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## **Answering the call**

## 17-year-old resident accepts Christ at Palmetto Bible Camp

Two of our residents, Hammon and Morgan, have recently become baptized believers.

"I felt like the Lord was calling me to make a change in my life," Hammon said. "It was time to make the most important decision in my life. I wanted to be purified and become one of God's children."

Hammon, a 17 year old resident at the Smith Cottage, was baptized while attending a week at Palmetto Bible Camp.

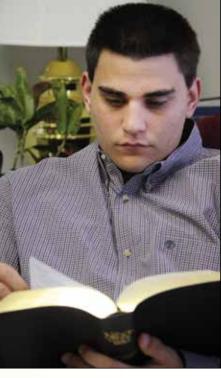
"Since I've been at Southeastern, I've been able to grow close to God," Hammon said.

"... This is the first place where I've been surrounded by other Christians. I feel unbelievably blessed to be here."

"Here, I have more time to spend in church, go to a church camp, and have had the opportunity to have Christian friends. This is the first place where I've been surrounded by other Christians. I feel unbelievably blessed to be here."

Though his new faith has not been without struggles, Hammon attributes his dedication to the staff at Southeastern.

"Mr. Clay and Mrs. Tabitha have been great at supporting me," Hammon said. "They are always there for me. They help answer any questions I have. I believe the Lord has placed everyone in my life for a reason."



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## Top supporting churches for 2012 change cans

Southeastern Children's Home gratefully acknowledges the support of those who've contributed to our operations by dropping their spare coins in our change cans.

We're also especially grateful to the churches where our change cans have inspired so much generosity ...

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- 6. Lake Cooley Baptist Church
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## **Our needs list**

Please consider helping Southeastern Children's Home by donating or sponsoring the purchase of:

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