

# Hope!

the newsletter of  
southeastern children's home



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## Christmas wishes

Honoring those who've made a difference,  
the importance of change, and more

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# Christmas wishes come

## Residents rejoice during the season of thanks and giving

For many of our children, Christmas IS the most wonderful time of the year.

Every year, dozens of volunteers and partners purchase gifts contained on each child's "Wish List." Some wishes are extravagant, others are not.

"For many of our children, it's the one real Christmas they will ever experience," Development Associate Christy Nodine said. "We're trying to make special memories that can last a lifetime. Often, our children have never had a traditional Christmas."

**"... Even though I'm 13, and people treat me like I'm 20, I still enjoy waking up early and opening my stocking on Christmas morning ..."**

Since I don't get to see my biological family, Christmas with my SECH family is like a present."

The children especially look forward to this time of year.

"Each Christmas I look forward to singing Christmas carols, decorating the house, and, of course, opening presents," Olivia, a 13-year old resident said. "Family is really important to me.

Christmas allows each of our children the opportunity to be a child.

"Even though I'm 13, and people treat me like I'm 20, I still enjoy waking up early and opening my stocking on Christmas morning," Olivia said. "Christmas makes me feel like a kid again."

Christmas at SECH would not happen without the generosity of those throughout the Carolinas.

"This is the one time our kids can get new, brand name items," Christy Nodine said. "Our kids are used to receiving hand-me-downs and used clothes for most of their life, but they want to be like every other kid at

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## The importance of change

**By Robert Kimberly**  
*Executive Director*

Changes aren't just important, they're necessary. Every living thing has to adapt and grow in order to survive. Change is not only necessary for people, it's necessary for organizations too.

Recently, Joe Manning, one of our longest serving board members, decided to step down from his position with Southeastern Children's Home and move into an emeritus board position. Joe has faithfully served SECH for 29 years. At times he has served as the Chairman of the Board. Additionally, he has spent innumerable hours working with our Finance committee and as Treasurer. Joe was able to use his experience in banking and finance to help guide SECH through some rather tumultuous economic times. I can't thank him enough for the behind-the-scenes work he has done for our organization.

We will greatly miss having Joe as part of our board. His insight, wisdom and sage advice was invaluable to SECH.

Though no one can replace Joe, we have two new board members that have joined our

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# true, thanks to you



*Santa's elves made an early appearance this year at Southeastern Children's Home*

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# Honor them with your gift

**By Philip Murphy**  
*Development Director*

Please consider honoring someone who made a difference in your life by sending an honor or memorial gift to the Southeastern Children's Home.

When you make a gift in honor of a friend or loved one, we send a meaningful note to notify them of your thoughtful gesture.

Honor gifts are designed to recognize friendships, special occasions, or simply a gesture of friendship or appreciation. Memorial gifts allow you to pay respects or remember loved ones who have passed away, but made a significant contribution to your life.

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With both honor gifts and memorial gifts, we make every effort to mail an acknowledgment note the week we receive your gift. Please be assured that we will never disclose the amount of your gift to anyone.

## Christmas wishes

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school wearing the same styles and brands. Christmas is always a time of year we get to spoil the kids with something new that they will make them proud."

Each child is unique with their wishes. Many are excited with even the smallest gifts.

"I love to get up early and see what presents we have under the Christmas tree," 12-year-old Brianna said. "Last year, I was so excited about the Justin Bieber coloring books I got. I was so happy. I just don't know how to explain it."

"Last Christmas I received an Ipod," 15-yr old Miyana said. "That was one of the most special gifts I've ever received."

It's a special season at Southeastern Children's Home. It's a season of giving and loving. Thank you for being a part of making this time of year special for our children.

## God's Good News

**By Jasminn**

*From abuse and faithful tears in my tissue,  
 To hope and uplifting words of God's good news,  
 The conflicted love of flesh told me to bow down and kiss their feet,  
 I worship no one other than you, no matter how many tears fell pass my cheek.  
 Confused in the flesh of mine,  
 How my heart and mind intertwine.  
 My mind says it will be alright,  
 You can fix it yourself by the end of the night.  
 All it takes is time and mind process,  
 Then again my heart spoke and confessed.  
 You need God to complete your soul,  
 Don't stay with a price tag to be sold.  
 You don't have to be an item waiting to be purchased,  
 God will unfold everything so you won't feel pain and the hurting.  
 He's waiting for me to sign the adoption papers so he can take me in,  
 It took me 19 years but I did it. Amen.*



*Jasminn talks about her spiritual journey and her baptism, shown here, on page 5.*



A shoulder to lean on. Southeastern resident Alex attends church with houseparent Johnny.

## Change is important

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organization: Larry Salley and Eric Bitting.

Larry, a member of the Summerville Church of Christ, is the Athletic Director for Porter Gaud School. He and his wife Ann have a long and distinguished history of working with young people in our state.

Eric is a member of the Gold Hill Road Church of Christ in Rock Hill, SC. Eric and his wife Robin are long-time supporters of the work at SECH, and, in fact, were adoptive parents for SECH several years ago.

If you see Joe, Larry, Eric or any of our board members, please thank them for their servant leadership.

Southeastern Children's Home continues to change. Though we are committed to helping children and families in our region, we understand some changes are necessary for the betterment of our organization. We are thankful God continues to bless us. God continually provides ways for us to adapt our ministry to better serve children and families.

Sincerely,



Executive Director Robert Kimberly with some of our Southeastern family.

## Wish list

We are seeking donations of the following items. Please help if you can!

- twin bed sheets
- twin pillows
- hedge trimmers
- laundry baskets
- lawn equipment
- dependable used cars

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**In honor of anniversary**

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# Four residents baptized

## Kyleigh, Jasminn, Porschia and Alex answer the Shepherd's

We are excited that four of our children have recently made the decision to become baptized believers. Kyleigh, Jasminn, Porschia, and Alex have each taken steps to live their lives for God.

"I just felt like it was time to make a conscious decision to turn my life around," 14-yr old resident Kyleigh said. "It was time for me to start living for God. I've known for a long time that I needed to make some changes."

Kyleigh's decision was aided by the Bible studies led by her houseparents.

"Mr. Bryan and Mrs. Kelly lead Bible studies in our house sometimes," Kyleigh said. "They take things that are happening in our house and relate to the Bible. Sometimes it really provides the help I need."

Similarly, 19-yr old Jasminn Dow felt it was time to make some necessary changes.

"Before I came to the children's home, I knew about God, but I didn't know God," Jasminn said. "I was never in a home that went to church. Going to Sunday morning and Wednesday night Bible classes helped me a lot. It just gave me more opportunities to learn more and to be with other people who loved God."

For many of our children, becoming a Christian is difficult because of the issues they have dealt with in their childhoods.

"I had to let go of my past," Jasminn said. "For too long, I was angry with people who were supposed to take care of me. Now, I'm more open to talking about my history. And now, I've forgiven those who hurt me or didn't protect me. I'm no longer a victim to my past."

Please pray for Kyleigh, Jasminn, Porschia, and Alex as they begin their walk with Christ.

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*Porschia (above), Kyleigh (right) and Jasminn (background) accepting Christ as their personal Lord and Savior*

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