





the newsletter of southeastern children's home

Opportunity knocking

Plus reflections of a former resident, annual report and more ...

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Excuses run out when Physician leaves comfort zone to mentor challenged child

By James R. Gill, MD

The excuses to keep me from mentoring a child at Southeastern Children's Home were endless. It would have been easy to avoid the uncomfortable opportunity presented to me, to have found something else to do with my time.

I was pleasantly surprised when I first met Bobby, a teenage victim of a foster system that bounces children from one home to another and then expects these same children to form relationships and act like members of the Cleaver family.

That's not how Bobby acts.

Not even close.

He is, however, kind, considerate and starving for a better life. Sure, he embellishes his situation, or downright lies about his circumstances. He copes the best way he can.

You may think I'm making excuses for Bobby. I'm not. Doing so would go against everything I do in my current job as an emergency

physician. Every day, I walk through the doors of the hospital and help people address the

disasters they often have created for themselves.

Bobby, however, didn't ask to be a foster child. He didn't ask to be born of two parents who were not capable of resolving conflict. He didn't ask for his father to be incarcerated and generally despicable. He, in short, didn't, initially bring all of this on himself.

I purposefully don't ask about Bobby's past. I listen to him. I help him address his

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interactions in a forgiving and caring way. I pray for wisdom and discernment to help Bobby

Everybody needs somebody sometime

By Robert Kimberly

Executive Director

I'm pleased to announce Southeastern Children's Home has officially begun our new One-To-One Mentoring Program.

Our One-To-One Mentoring Program is designed to create meaningful and lasting relationships between our children and adult members of our community.

All too often, children that suffer from abuse and neglect have difficulty trusting adults.

Yet, children that have been placed at Southeastern Children's Home crave attention from adults. And, while our houseparents provide a tremendous asset, several of our children need special attention that can only be provided in a one-on-one setting.

Mentors will provide our young people with emotional support, counsel, friendship, and a trusting relationship. We hope that this mentor relationship will last for years to come, beyond the borders of our campus.

Our mentors will help our children avoid

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Executive Director Robert Kimberly with some of our Southeastern family.





Contact us!

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not 'waller in the mud' of his previous mistakes. I pray to God that I provide a good, consistent and caring example of what Jesus is to me... Love Personified.

In Jonah 3:10, God forgives the Ninevites. I'm amused at Jonah's response. To paraphrase, Jonah says, "I knew you'd be gracious so go ahead and kill me because life is not worth living."

This just stuns me. This passage exemplifies a God of grace and simultaneously gives us a poor response to God's calling.

Do we treat those that have the greatest emotional and physical needs the same way Jonah treated the Ninevites? Are we too afraid to the leave the comforts of our suburban homes and families to help young men and women like Bobby? Like Jonah, do we avoid uncomfortable opportunities? Being a mentor has been uncomfortable. I've never done anything like this. Occasionally,

there are awkward moments. I don't always know the best way to respond. There are challenges for which I'm illequipped. I've chosen to embrace and pray over these inadequacies and see

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the benefit in my own life. I pray that in some small way Bobby and the other children at Southeastern will benefit as well.

I encourage each of you to strongly consider supporting Southeastern financially and with your time.

In His Grace.

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A former resident reflects

By Alicia McDaniel

Former Southeastern resident

Southeastern Children's Home was definitely a blessing in my life. They provided me with the turnaround I needed in my life.

I came from two broken families: my birth family and a failed adoptive family. As a teenager, I was placed at SECH's pre-independent living program at the Lyman House with Tony and Janice Axsom.

SECH gave me a reason to excel in life again. They gave me the hope and resources to become who I am today.

I went back to church to find God. I was even baptized by my house-father, Tony. My housemom, Janice, drove me around and helped me get my very first job, which was at Subway right down the street from the Lyman house. And, from there, my foundation of work history was built.

Tony and Janice provided the love and support I desperately needed as a teenager. They were a constant source of encouragement and help.

It has been seven years since I left Southeastern Children's Home. I have kept contact with everyone at SECH because I believe everyone there is my "real" family.

I went to college in Reno, Nevada, and after graduation, decided to stay here. I love it here!



Alicia McDaniel with her child

Now, I am a chef, with a Technical Degree in Business Office Administration. Plus, I will soon be adopting a child of my own.

As I approach parenthood, I'm a little nervous. I just hope I can be as good of a parent as Tony and Janice were to me.

Lights! Camera! AUCTION!

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the Southeastern Children's Home auction May 31, 2014, 4:30 pm at Central Church of Christ in Spartanburg, SC. See you there!



Please remember ...

If you give through the United Way, please remember to designate Southeastern Children's Home as your charity of choice.

Wish list

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

- Dependable cars for the children
- Liquid laundry and dishwasher detergent
- Gas-powered weed trimmers

Planned gifts have lasting impact

By Philip Murphy

Development Director

It's been said, "People have made at least a start at understanding the meaning of life when they plant shade trees under which they know full well they will never sit."

A planned gift to Southeastern Children's Home is like growing a tree that will provide shade and shelter for thousands of children and families. It is a legacy that you will leave - a legacy of caring for "the least of these," and offering hope to children and families who need it most.

"Planned Giving" is a term that, guite simply, refers to gifts that require some planning. The gift can be an immediate gift of stock or real estate. Or, the gift could come to fruition later,

like an insurance policy or bequest in your will.

Planned gifts are ways you can make a lasting impact on the work of Southeastern Children's Home while achieving all of your philanthropic, financial and estate planning goals. Here are some of the planned gifts you can make to SECH:

- Monetary bequest in your will
- Gift annuities
- Real Property
- Gifts-in-Kind
- Life Insurance
- Publicly Traded Securities
- Charitable Remainder Trust

Please consider planting a planned gift that will provide for needy children for generations to come.

2013 Annual Report

Childcare statistics

Children served	
Baptisms	5
Referrals	41

Counseling center statistics

Counseling center sessions	712
Duncan	635
Hendersonville	77

Statement of financial activities

Income

Net Income.....

\$522,363
\$387,758
\$32,072
\$952,375
\$701,183
\$102,840
\$130,887
\$934,910

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potential risky behavior. Though there will undoubtedly be difficult conversations, we believe mentors will help our children improve their self-confidence,

and help our children have higher aspirations for their lives.

At the heart of

our program, we have a steadfast

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commitment to God. Just as Jesus created disciples, we believe we need to do as much as possible to help foster spiritual growth among our children. Hopefully, our mentor program will serve as another tool we can use to help our children come to know God.

This newsletter highlights two distinct viewpoints: one from Dr. Jim Gill, one of our mentors, and one from Alicia McDaniel, a former SECH resident.

If you live within the Greenville-Spartanburg area, please consider partnering with us in our volunteer mentor program. Please feel free to call our office and apply. After all, everyone needs somebody sometime.

Sincerely,

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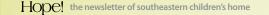
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