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Our newest, friendliest Skyla, the maybe-Malinois, is a good listener, a great

companion, and a master of unconditional love

We've added another orphan to our family. It's just that... well... this one is a little hairy.

The Smith Cottage recently adopted Skyla, a four month old dog from an animal rescue center in Greenville. Skyla is an adventurous, hyper puppy that has quickly become a friend to all the children in our care.

"... When I get mad, I don't want to be around other people, and I want to just cool off. Skyla helps me cool off. ..."

"We did a lot of praying about it," Smith cottage houseparent Johnny Davis said. "We searched for a dog that would get along with everyone. I was leaning towards a Labrador or German shepherd, but Skyla looked like a cross between both breeds."

It's recently come to our attention that Skyla may be a Belgian Malinois.



Cold hands, warm hearts on a snowy Duncan day.

"It turns out, Malinois are very smart animals. They're playful and somewhat sneaky." Johnny said. "All the kids like her. They take turns bathing her. Skyla sleeps in the kids' rooms. One night she'll be with Billy. The next night she'll be with Alex."

New accreditation, striving for excellence

By Robert Kimberly

Executive Director

Every person and every organization should strive for excellence.

For years, Southeastern Children's Home was accredited through EAGLE, a faithbased organization that, in its prime, served the needs of our organization. However, due to a number of changes in circumstances, we

"... We want to be a leader in our field ... the type of organization that others look to for quidance ..."

have decided to shift our accreditation from EAGLE to COA (Council on Accreditation).

COA is one of the most well-known, authoritative accreditation organizations in the world. They demand excellence and have extremely high standards.

As such, we are in the process of revamping and improving many of our standards. Our staff

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is diligently working to create new internal systems and goals that will enhance the standard of care we provide to children and families.

Some may question why we'd want to change anything. After all, we've provided incredible services for over 40 years. In my mind, progress is impossible without change. We need to change in order to better serve families and children.

We want to be a leader in our field. We want to be the type of organization that others look



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(and furriest) resident

The boys have enjoyed having Skyla around.

"Skyla is a pretty cool dog," Smith cottage resident Tymere said. "She's pretty smart. Whenever she wants to come in, she just opens the door. I don't know how she figured that out. Unfortunately, she doesn't know how to shut it back."

Of course, like every puppy, there's a lot of hard work involved in training Skyla. The children have had mixed results training

"She can play fetch, sort of," Tymere said. "She'll bring the ball back to you, but when you go to grab it, she'll run away. She loves to be chased. Once you throw a ball, you better be prepared to wrestle it from her."

Not only have the children enjoyed having Skyla as a playmate, she also has been true to the nickname, "Man's Best Friend."

"When you're alone, and other people are getting on your nerves, it's easy to just go outside and play with Skyla," Tymere said. "When I get mad, I don't want to

be around other people, and I want to just cool

"... She makes you play with her ... At first, she's annoying, but then she makes you smile and she brightens up your day" ..."



off. Skyla helps me cool off. She's persistent. She makes you play with her. She won't stop. At first, she's annoying, but then she makes you smile and she brightens up your

Even the girls at the Senn cottage enjoy having Skyla on campus.

"Skyla has the prettiest eyes," Senn cottage resident Olivia said. "There are moments

where she can be really nice, but she's always stealing our balls. It's kind of funny the way she steals the ball. Then we chase her. I guess it's our game we play."

We're happy to give Skyla a home, but we're even more excited to allow the boys and girls of Southeastern a chance to have a family pet. It's just one more thing that allows them to feel the normalcy of a Christian home.

Feel free to come visit our campus in want to bring an

Duncan, SC. You may

extra ball and some dog snacks for our newest resident when you come.

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Reborn in Christ



"... This is the first day that I felt truly happy ... I was ready to make a change ..."



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We're excited to welcome

two new young ladies into our Christian family. Bri (inset photo) and Olivia (background photo) were baptized on the same day at one of our local

"This is the best day of my life," Olivia said right after she was baptized. "I've never even had a best day of my life. This is the first day that I truly felt happy."

Olivia, a member of the Senn Cottage is 14 years old and has only been with us for a few months.

"I knew about baptism, but I didn't really fully understand it before I came here," Olivia said. "I got baptized because I wanted to be made new. I wanted to be closer to God. I was ready to make a change."

Please pray for and encourage these two new Christians.

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Small change changes lives in a big way

Every tidal wave begins as a ripple!

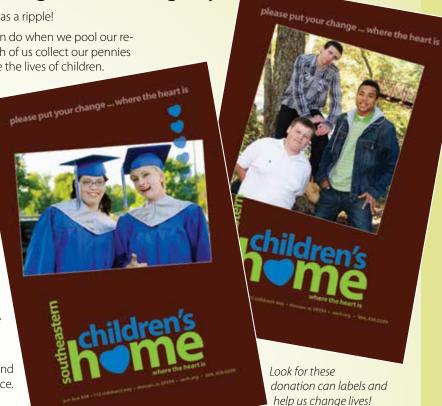
It's amazing what we can do when we pool our resources together. If enough of us collect our pennies and dimes, we can change the lives of children.

The 2015 Change for Children campaign has begun.

This year, we're searching for 150 churches to participate in our Change For Children campaign. If you or your congregation would be willing to collect change cans, please contact our office at 864.439.0259.

Take one can and put it in your office, another can for your home, and maybe another to give away to a friend.

Those pennies, nickels and dimes can make a difference. We need your help!



2014 annual report

Cash Flow Report

Income

Public Support\$499,862
Contributions\$419,019
Restricted Funds & Estate Gifts\$83,394
In Kind Gifts\$41,654
Grants\$16,098
Subtotal\$1,060,027
Expenses
Program Services for Children\$767,260
Management and General Expenses\$108,594

Development Expenses\$139,041

Subtotal\$1,014,895

Net Ordinary Income\$45,132



Executive Director Robert Kimberly with some of our Southeastern family.

Striving for excellence

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to for guidance. We want to make you proud of the organization that you're supporting.

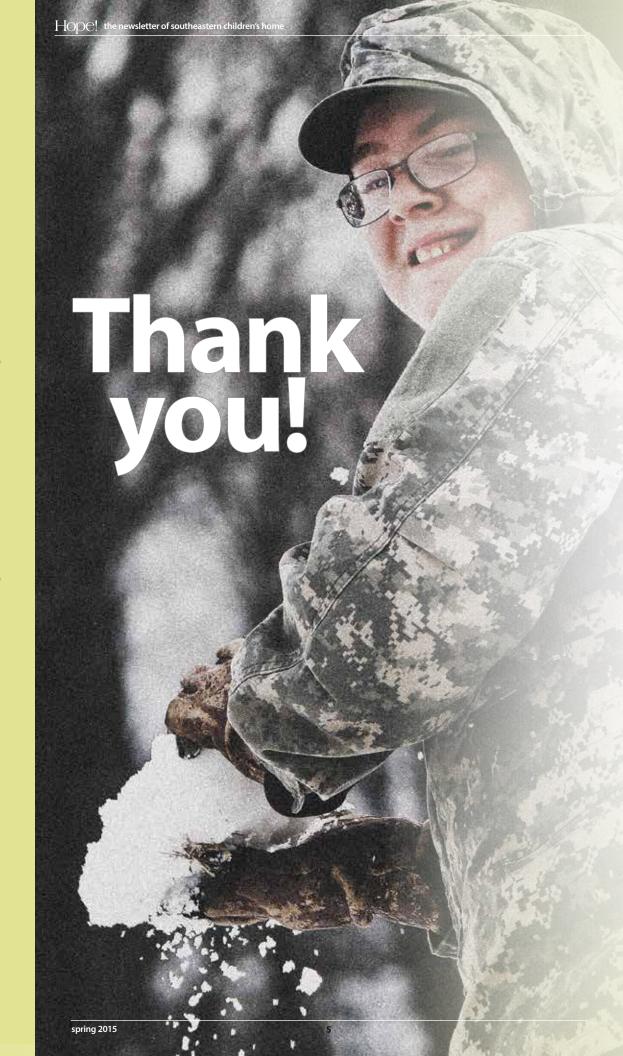
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