

# Hope!

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Pouring their hearts  
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Your legacy of hope

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With a  
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# Give thanks with a Gratitude during the best and the worst of times

**By Brad Brooks,**  
Executive Director

In 1978, a preacher named Henry Smith wrote a song that I'm sure many of us know well. The song, entitled "Give Thanks," begins like this: "Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One..." The story goes that while writing this song, Smith was enduring a particularly challenging time in his life. His eyesight was rapidly deteriorating, and he was struggling to find steady work. Among the verses that inspired Smith as he wrote this song were Joel 3:10, Ephesians 5:20, Colossians 3:15-16, and Revelation 2:9. The idea of giving thanks to God in all circumstances – no matter how good or bad – is evident in each of those verses, and throughout Smith's simple yet beautiful song.



*"... Thanks be to  
God for what  
He has done to  
bless our ministry  
at SECH, and  
thanks be to  
each of you ..."*



During a visit in early January to one of our supporting congregations in the Charleston area, I noted to those in attendance that morning a major accomplishment at Southeastern Children's Home. That accomplishment was this: the SECH campus was full; each on-campus foster home was maxed out in terms of both licensed foster parents and foster children. This was quite an improvement over where we had been just six months prior as we were officially transitioning into becoming a Foster Care Community. The response from that supporting church on that January morning was remarkable. The "Amen's!"

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# grateful heart

quickly and loudly rang out from the audience, and I was moved by the outpouring of support and encouragement received. I was also moved in that moment to enthusiastically give thanks – to our staff at SECH, to our board of directors, to the church where I was speaking, to our supporters all across this nation, and most importantly to God. It was definitely something to celebrate.

But Smith's song encourages us to give thanks no matter our circumstances, and the verses that inspired him to write his song echo that sentiment. It's all about gratitude and giving thanks with a grateful heart - in the good times and the bad. Unfortunately, the children we serve at SECH know all about the bad times; many of them have been witnesses to the worst of the worst. They are certainly among those labeled "poor" and "weak" in Smith's song. Fortunately, our staff and our licensed foster parents take very seriously the task of helping the "poor" become "rich," and encouraging the "weak" to be "strong." It is the work we do each and every day, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to do what we do. Thanks be to God for what He has done to bless our ministry at SECH, and thanks be to each of you for the support you provide that helps those who are "poor and weak" to become "rich and strong!"

Sincerely,



Brad Brooks

FOR I KNOW  
THE PLANS  
I HAVE FOR YOU,  
DECLARES THE LORD,  
PLANS TO  
PROSPER YOU  
AND NOT TO HARM YOU,  
PLANS TO GIVE YOU  
HOPE AND  
A FUTURE.

— JEREMIAH 29:11 —

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# Your legacy of hope

## Planned giving helps ensure that Southeastern's work will continue

By Curt Harbuck,  
Director of Development

*"A good man leaves  
an inheritance to his  
children's children."*

Proverbs 13:22 (NKJV)

We want to leave so much to our children. We hope to provide financially for them. We also aspire to guide them into a rewarding life with how they choose to live. We want to help them develop godly character, good citizenship, discipline, and good habits. We want these for the children born to us. We want them to have hope for the future. That is our legacy.

For 55 years Southeastern Children's Home has provided care to needy children and families. At SECH, we provide hope. The type of things that we provide for our biological children, we want for all the children in our care. Through the decades we have been able to provide hope for the hundreds of children we have been blessed to minister to because of the commitment of so many supporters.

We hope to honor those who have blessed us through many good years

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legacy gift ..."*



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by encouraging others to make a legacy gift to SECH. Legacy giving is often referred to as planned giving. Planned giving is the process in which someone creates a financial or estate plan in which they formally decide to give something of value to an organization at a future date. There are several ways in which one may leave a legacy gift.

- **Charitable Bequest** - Bequests are gifts that are made as part of a will or trust.
- **Marketable Securities** - Marketable securities are financial assets that can be easily bought and sold on a public market, such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds.
- **IRA Distributions** - If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can give to a charity annually from your IRA as a tax-free rollover gift. These gifts count toward your minimum required distribution but do not count as income.
- **Charitable Gift Annuities** - A charitable gift annuity provides the donor with a fixed income.

*Please consider a legacy gift to help us keep the ministry of SECH going for many decades to come.*



## CHARITABLE OPPORTUNITY

# Many ways to leave a legacy

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### CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

A charitable gift annuity provides the donor a fixed income stream for life in exchange for a sizeable donation to a charity.

Visit [sech.org](http://sech.org) or contact

**Curt Harbuck**, *Director of Development*, at 864.439.0259

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

# Committed to helping children in need?



Southeastern Children's Home is seeking **ministry-minded couples** with strong marriages and team spirits to serve as **foster parents**.

Monthly foster care **stipend**  
24-hour **backup** and **support**

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# Foster parents pouring their hearts

**By Emily Wireman,**  
*SECH Foster Parent*

My husband, Bill, and I have always prayed for God to open and close doors. He recently opened a door for my family and me to come and live at Southeastern Children's Home! Bill is a youth minister, and I have taught middle school students for 27 years. We invest and pour our hearts into young people. We love the Lord and children with all our hearts.

We stepped into a ministry of people who love the Lord, have a vision for serving children, and have welcomed my family as part of their family. We have been blessed to foster at least fifty children in the past six years, and to adopt a sibling group of three beautiful children. We also have five amazing biological children.

My heart is overwhelmed with gratitude for the leadership of SECH. This has been a smooth process and has allowed us to live in a beautiful home, on an amazing campus, which is a child's dream. We are thrilled to be part of a ministry that supports us on our



*Southeastern foster parents Bill and Emily Wireman*

journey of fostering God's children.

We are thankful for the SECH staff and the generosity and kindness they have shown us! For walking us through the transition of changing our license, getting new children, and being a strong advocate for our

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WYLENE KELLER  
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Oct. 1, 2023 – Feb. 2, 2024



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family! For welcoming us with open arms! It warms my heart to be a part of an organization that has weekly staff meetings and shares prayer requests and a devotional.

I want to personally thank each of the precious donors, churches, wonderful volunteers, and businesses that have been an incredible blessing to our family! I know many of you gave during Christmas. I wish I could convey the smiles, excitement, and overwhelming joy I witnessed during the Christmas season. We will always remember Christmas 2023 as a special time when God showered us with His love through Godly people like you! Thank you for being Jesus's hands and feet and giving to Bill, myself, and our children as we celebrated the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

I am excited to see what the Lord has in store for Southeastern Children's Home and our family! I look forward to the many lives that will be changed forever for His glory and His honor!



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## NEEDS

### Wish list

Southeastern is currently in need of the following supplies:

- Children's Diapers (any size)
- Children's Pull Ups (any size)
- Baby Wipes
- Dishwasher detergent
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Anti-bacterial hand soap
- Trash bags (13 gallon and 32 gallon)
- Cleaning supplies
- Push/Riding Lawn Mowers
- Used vans or cars



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