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LOVE IS OUR CALLING

# Southeastern Children's Home's Exciting New Chapter



**BY BRAD BROOKS,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Those of you who are active on social media have likely seen some posts from Southeastern Children's Home in recent days about "something new" and "big things" that are happening with our ministry. A post on February 10th stated that "...connecting with Southeastern Children's Home is about to get easier, faster, and more impactful..." and that "something amazing is coming soon."

Then, on February 11th, you may have been among the first to see us reveal our new logo and announce the redesign of our website. Both rollouts were the culmination of months of behind-the-scenes work by our team and our marketing partner, Grove9. It was an exciting day for our team and for our ministry, and the enthusiasm for what it all means for the SECH brand continues to build.

As a foster care agency that seeks to grow and expand so we can provide safe, loving,



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Christian homes for the vulnerable children in our state, the SECH brand is what people will come to associate with us and the work we do. According to one marketing expert, “An effective brand is one of the most powerful forces on earth. It is a single idea, a positive stereotype that lives deep in the hearts and minds of [the] target audience...”

I think he’s right. Think about the brands you know and use every day. Their slogans, taglines, logos...they’re all easy to remember and they’re quite possibly what you think of each time you use their product. Brand messaging is powerful indeed.

But, as the marketing expert quoted above says, it’s only one of the most powerful forces on earth. Which begs the question: what is the most powerful force on earth? I’m glad you asked.

Love.

Love is perhaps the most powerful force on earth. It’s what our God is. It’s what led Jesus to the cross. It’s what keeps a marriage and a family together. It’s what, as Deon Jackson once sang, makes the world go around. It’s what drives our ministry every single day – so much so that we have chosen “Love” to be our agency’s brand platform.

When you visit our redesigned website, you’ll see phrases echoing the love theme. These are phrases like: “Every Heart Embraced” and “Every Heart Gathered” and “Every Heart Matters.” It’s all about love because that is what SECH is all about. From our foster

parents to our volunteers to our board of directors and our staff, what we all have in common is the love we have for the children and families we serve each day.

Some things have changed at SECH in recent weeks. We have a new logo. We have a redesigned website. We’re increasing our presence on social media. These changes are necessary, and they’re wonderful.

But one thing has not changed and never will change – the love we have for our God and the precious children and families He has called us to serve. Love is our brand. It’s what we’re all about.

Thank you for your support of SECH and the love you have for our ministry and the children and families we serve. We hope you like the changes we’ve made, and we hope you’ll continue to help us be able to share the love of Jesus with those made in His image.



**Southeastern**  
**CHILDREN’S HOME**



## CAITLIN'S CORNER

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# Every Child Has a Story

BY CAITLIN INGLE,  
FOSTER CARE SUPERVISOR



## MEET SARA

### A BRIGHT SMILE AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Sara is a sweet and bubbly young girl whose smile instantly brightens any room. She's full of energy and joy and enjoys cheerleading and dance, which give her space to express her personality. Drawing is another favorite creative outlet. Recently, Sara was baptized at her foster family's church. We are so excited to see how the Lord continues to guide her as she grows!

## ABOUT SARA

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**What grade are you in?**

3rd

**What is your favorite movie?**

David

**What is your favorite food?**

Tacos or Burgers

**What do you want to be when you  
grow up?**

An artist

**What is your favorite subject in  
school?**

Math

**What is your favorite color?**

Purple, gold and white



*Disclaimer: Names and faces have been  
changed to protect the privacy and  
safety of the children.*



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## A CALLING FULFILLED

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# Joshua Propst Joins SECH as Director of Operations



**BY JOSH PROPST,  
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS**

My name is Joshua Propst. I was about 23 years old, fresh out of college, recently married, and working in an after-school youth development program for underprivileged children when the calling came. It was quite unexpected. I had always loved working with children, whether it was bible camp, mission activities, group homes, or after-school. But this was different. After work every day, those children went back to their home and I went to mine. It was a job, nothing more, very little commitment. Now I was being

asked to take care of two young boys who had been removed from their home. They would have to live with me while their mother jumped through hoops and reestablished her credibility with social services in order to get her children back.

Why me? For how long? Will my wife agree to this? What will my family and friends think? Can we even afford this? What about school, church, vacation? After much prayer and deliberation, God answered our questions with "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me."

So Andrew and Westley came to live with us. We took them to school, purchased food and school clothes, brought them with us to church, took them on vacation, brought them to family gatherings, and basically just welcomed them into a Christian home. It only lasted a few months and then they were able to be reunited with their mother. But those few months didn't just change them, they changed me. The experience ignited a spark within me that followed me my entire career. I continued to work with children in secular after-school care, developing and delivering programs, and advocating for youth. As I



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built my career, I developed an impressive resume of accomplishments and accolades. But after 28 years, at the end of the day, I still felt discontent. Why? I knew I had done good work, impacted hundreds of people. Why did I still feel that something was missing?

Again, after much prayer and deliberation, God spoke to me. "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." The realization that I had practically spent an entire career doing good deeds, but doing very little to lead those under my influence toward Christ hit hard. Further clarification came when a church friend approached me asking, "Are you familiar with Southeastern Children's Home? I think you should check it out." I felt like God was saying, "Trust me, follow me, and let me show you." I was being led toward something bigger.

In December 2025, I left the secular workforce to join the team at Southeastern Children's Home as Director of Operations. My work is no longer just a mission, it's a ministry. Driven by a higher calling, I have come full circle. As a child I fondly remember collecting change

in Sunday school to give to the Southeastern Children's Home. I remember church sermons listening to the Executive Director speak about supporting the children's home. But now, I am the person in charge of collecting the change cans and depositing donations. I am the person speaking to audiences on behalf of Southeastern Children's Home. And I am the one with the privilege of supporting Christian parents as they open their families, taking in the most vulnerable, and training them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

It is such a blessing to be able to join the staff at Southeastern Children's Home. I am excited to be a part of the team, to help grow the program and expand our services to more children. But mostly, I'm excited to see how God will use me to accomplish His purposes in this next phase of my life and career! To God be the glory!



## JOSH'S JOURNEY BEGAN WITH ONE YES.

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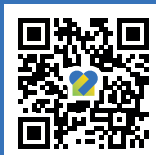
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