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*God Promises a Safe  
 Landing,  
 Not a Calm  
 Passage*

## A PERFECT EXAMPLE



### *ESTATE OF MRS. LILLIE M. GRAY*

Mr. Carl William Clark, Administrator for the estate of Mrs. Lillie M. Gray presented a check in the amount of \$17,066.06 on June 8, 2006 to Mr. Michael Alston, Sr., Executive Director of Central Children's Home. The donation was designated for up-keep, financial needs and educational needs.

The pictures on the wall are of Mrs. Lillie Mae Green Gray  
 (12/19/08-6/26/05)  
 and her husband Reverend Wiley Julius Gray, Sr., who preceded her in death.

This is "a perfect example" of giving by way of Estate Planning  
 and/or  
 Life Insurance.

*You are the connection that makes a difference in the life of a child.*

## BRIEF HISTORY OF CENTRAL CHILDREN'S HOME

The Central Children's Home of North Carolina, Inc. is a residential child care facility for children who are separated from their parents and/or significant others by no fault of their own. It has been serving children for over one-hundred years.

In August 1882, the Colored Orphanage Association was formed in Henderson, North Carolina by members of the Shiloh and Wake Missionary Baptist Associations. The idea of a home was presented by Dr. Augustus Shepard who had become familiar with the large number of homeless, neglected children by traveling throughout the state.

In October 1883, a farm of twenty four acres, located one and one-half miles from Oxford, North Carolina on the Raleigh Road was obtained at a cost of \$1,565.00. The Home was named the "Grant Colored Asylum".

The "Grant Colored Asylum" was renamed and incorporated in 1887 as The Colored Orphanage Asylum of North Carolina". In 1927, the orphanage was re-incorporated as "The Colored Orphanage of North Carolina and in 1965 was re-named The Central Orphanage of North Carolina". In August of 1986, the facility became known as "The Central Children's Home of North Carolina, Inc."

The orphanage was incorporated as a non-denominational institution to care for children deprived of their parents with the goals of providing them with training along religious, moral and industrial lines to prepare them for life as productive citizens.

Historically, children receive work experience in farming, dairying, carpentry, bricklaying, brick-making, barbering, shoe repairing, food preparation, household skills, laundry and related areas. Currently, children work on campus at minimum wage, and other children work in the community at restaurants, grocery stores and various local businesses.

The educational needs of children on campus as well as other black children in the nearby communities were met through the Angier B. Duke School located on the campus of Central Children's Home from 1925 until 1971. After the school closed, students were integrated into the Granville County School System. Students who desire to pursue their educational and vocational goals after high school are still eligible to receive scholarship funds established by the late Robert L. Shepard in 1943.

During the administration of Michael R. L. Alston, program services and employee positions have been expanded to provide greater services to children and the community. In the area of program services a Service Plan Advisory Committee was established in 1985 to review all applications and to monitor the progress of "Individual Service Plans".

A Daily Living Skills Program based on a token economy began in December 1985 in conjunction with a weekly Behavior Management Team meeting to chart and review the daily and weekly progress of each student with emphasis on daily living skills.

To improve program service delivery and the daily living environment for our children, staff patterns were enhanced to include the following: Residential Life Supervisors, Social Services Staff, Student Development Specialist, Program Services Director, additional Residential Child Care Workers, Learning Lab Computer Proctor; and the implementation of contracts with (2) licensed mental health psychotherapists; and a Plant Operations Foreman to effect repairs and maintain buildings, grounds and equipment.

We are licensed by the Department of Social Services under the auspices of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to provide care for 44 children in our Traditional Care Program, 6 children in our Emergency Care Program (90 days), and 2 children in our Respite Care Program (30 days). We also provide preparation for Independent Living and scholarships for those children pursuing higher educational opportunities.

### SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

The Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of North Carolina

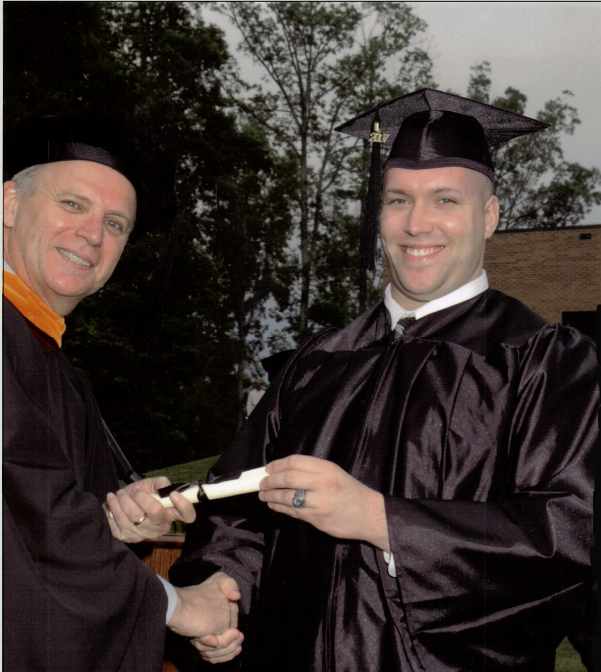
Grand Lodge Prince Hall Masons

Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Household of Ruth and Odd Fellows

American Legion Pilgrimage Committee

## CONGRATULATIONS



**Roger D. Gregory**

Mr. Gregory received an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice Technology from Vance-Granville Community College Thursday, May 17, 2007 during Spring graduation exercises. He resided at Central Children's Home for (6) years and graduated from J.F. Webb High School in 2002. Roger attended Shaw University for (1) year to explore a major in Music Education before enrolling in Vance-Granville Community College.

For three and one half years Roger was employed by the Polk Correctional Institution in Butner, North Carolina prior to his current employment as a Youth Services Counselor with the Wake Regional Juvenile Detention Center in Raleigh, North Carolina. Other aspirations include becoming a Correctional Officer with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

We are very proud of Roger's accomplishments and we wish him well in all his future endeavors.

**Every job is a self-portrait - *Autograph* - your work with quality**

## Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Gamma Sigma Chapter

On August 22, 2006 Annie C. Rose, President of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Gamma Sigma Chapter of Oxford, NC visited our campus and presented Mr. Michael Alston, Executive Director with a check in the amount of \$500.00. We are extremely grateful to Ms. Rose and the members of this most prestigious sorority for their care and consideration.

We are blessed to provide stability in the lives of children who are uprooted from their homes and families. It is rewarding to know that we are supported in our efforts in maintaining a strong foundation for our children who are our future leaders.

Again, thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

*Central Children's Home Staff*



**Mr. Michael Alston and  
Ms. Annie C. Rose**





The Masonic Raleigh Lodge #500 held it's 1st Annual Carolina Pig Jig - BBQ Cook Off on Saturday, September 16, 2006 at the NC Fairgrounds - corner of Trinity and Blue Ridge at 10 am - 5 pm.

*No matter how you spell it...*

Barbecue - Barbeque - Bar-B-Que - BBQ

...Everyone knows that NC BBQ is hard to beat!! Whether your preference is Eastern Style or Lexington, South Carolina or Texas style - whether it be ribs or pulled pork or just plain 'ole chicken... the **Carolina Pig Jig** showcased some of the best BBQ there was to be found throughout the state, and as far as that goes - throughout the Nation!

Representatives from both the *North Carolina A F & A M* and the *North Carolina Prince Hall Lodge* took to the grill for the bragging rights and title of 'best dang BBQ in the state'!

The Masonic Raleigh Lodge #500 presented \$1,815.02 of the proceeds to Central Children's Home. Visit their website at [www.CarolinaPigJig.com](http://www.CarolinaPigJig.com) for information on their next Cook-Off.

## HOUSEHOLD OF RUTH & ODD FELLOWS PILGRIMAGE DAY

On Sunday, June 25, 2006 the District Grand Lodge #7 and the District Grand Household of Ruth #10 Grand United Order of Odd Fellows made their annual pilgrimage to our campus. It's always exciting to have them visit and bring news of happenings all over the state.

Presiding was Bro. James Bowman, DGS followed by Mr. Michael Alston, Executive Director of Central Children's Home who offered words of welcome, encouragement, and a brief update of goals and future aspirations for the Home.

The guest speaker for the event was Evangelist Jane Robinson. Evangelist Robinson referenced St. Matthew 19:13-15 and St. John 15:11 for her message. Her thought was "Jesus Blessed the Children and Departed" and related that "Eternal Life is a Gift from God".

Sister Katie Wilson, DGWR announced the roll call of the Households. A total of thirteen Households were represented and contributed \$1,380.00 to Central Children's Home. Brother James Bowman, DGS announced the roll call of the Lodges. Nine Lodges were represented and presented \$1,212.37 to the Home. The public offering was \$285.53 bringing the total contribution to \$2,877.90. God bless you all on your dedication and efforts.

The meeting was adjourned with benediction and grace followed by lunch in the campus dining hall.

***"Jesus Blessed the Children and  
Departed"***



## A SILVER MEDAL AND CALIFORNIA

Exciting rewards for outstanding effort and hard work still exist. Just ask J. F. Webb senior, Aquila Taylor. Aquila is a member of Webb's Future Careers and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Club. There are 26 members in the Webb affiliate.

Members are allowed to join once they have completed required coursework in the Family and Consumer Science curriculum. The purpose of the club is to promote families in the community by teaching members to be leaders and good citizens and to promote community service.

This was Aquila's first year of FCCLA membership. She attended the regional meeting early in the year and following that meeting she decided to enter competition on the state level. She chose to develop a community service project in the chapter service area. This required that she develop a project, document its history from creation to completion and produce a display to enter in the state competition.



Aquila Taylor

"Pennies for Patients" was Aquila's project title. The object of the project was to raise money for the American Leukemia Society (ALS). Her entire project was executed on the Webb campus among her fellow students, the faculty and staff. She designed and created collection boxes and placed them in strategic locations on campus.

For the three-week life of the project Aquila made public service announcements on facts about leukemia to the entire student body. In those three weeks Aquila's project raised over \$300 for ALS.

Once the project was completed Aquila had to create a display for state competition. She used her computer training to organize her original plan and print pictures. She enlisted the aid of the shop students to create and construct a backdrop for her display.

At the actual competition Aquila presented her project to a panel of three judges. She was required to make the presentation and answer questions. In addition to all the things she learned, the awareness she provided for her fellow students and the money she raised for ALS, the tangible award that Aquila received was a Silver Medal on the state level.

During that same state meeting Aquila's work so impressed the various club advisors that they appointed her as a voting delegate to the National FCCLA Star Event being held in Anaheim, California, July 8-12. This was a total surprise to Aquila and she is very proud of this statewide honor shown her.

Aquila is a Granville County native, but she has also lived in Chapel Hill, Durham and Fayetteville. Fayetteville was a great place but she still prefers home, Granville County. She will be leaving Granville County in the fall to attend NC A&T where she will major in education. Aquila has played on the tennis team at Webb, Harnett Central and Douglas Byrd High Schools. She enjoys playing on the city courts when she has free time.

Aquila is a member of the Future Teachers of America and her favorite subject is English. She credits her Webb English teacher, Elizabeth Doerfler, as the inspiration for that love of the subject. Aquila is mature enough to recognize that her greater achievement to this point is graduation. She credits her mentor, Angela Williams, chief financial officer, Central Children's Home with being the guiding force that helped keep her focused and helped her develop into a mature, self-assured person who is ready to face life's next challenge.

## Hoop Magicians Summer Basketball Camp

In February 2006, a new Show Comedy Basketball Team made Charlotte, North Carolina their home. Owned by Muriel Howell, this team is known for their fancy basketball tricks, spectacular dribbling and soaring slam dunks. The Hoop Magicians is made up of players from North Carolina, New Jersey and Maryland. "Believing in the development of our youth, these athletes also carry the message of the importance of education, establishing and maintaining a drug-free lifestyle, and enhancing self-esteem and realizing dreams."

This spectacular team brought their message to Oxford on June 4-8<sup>th</sup> when they held a summer basketball camp on the campus of Central Children's Home in the Friends Memorial Gymnasium. During the camp, the kids were offered intense basketball instruction concentrating on individual performance, teamwork and good sportsmanship. Daily routines included conditioning, offensive and defensive plays, ball handling, dribbling, rebounding, passing, shooting, chest passes and much more. The entire week was dedicated to development and strengthening of fundamental basketball skills.

For more information on the Hoop Magicians, you may contact Muriel Howell at (704) 598-1186 or please visit their website at [www.hoopentertainment.com](http://www.hoopentertainment.com).



# Genesis Academy

## MISSION STATEMENT

**The Primary goal of the Genesis Academy is to provide a uniquely individualized educational setting that will meet the specific needs of identified students for a temporary period of time, while preparing him/her for a successful transition into Granville County Schools.**

As a point of information, some students were referred to the Genesis Academy classroom on several occasions for multiple reasons. There were (13) multiple referrals primarily for disciplinary reasons which carried over from month to month or repeat referrals occurring in other academic quarters. Otherwise, the statistical data stipulated in this report is based on the "delivery of service units" and/or "unduplicated units".

## Statistical Breakdown Analysis August 2006-May 2007

A. Total Number of Students (37):	(16) male	(21) female
(Unduplicated Service Units)	43.2% male	56.8% female

**Interpretation:** Whereas, there were more unduplicated female student referrals, there were more male students requiring multiple referrals to Genesis classroom (61.5% (8) males and 38.5% (5) females).

B. Utilization by Program Service Type: (37)	
Traditional Care	51.4% (19)
Emergency (90 days)	21.6% (08)
Respite (30 days)	27.0% (10)

**Interpretation:** The "Traditional Care Program" received the greatest benefit from Genesis Academy in grade levels 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

C. Referral Reasons: (50)	
Disciplinary	28.0% (14)
Trans/Records	58.0% (29)
Trans/Adjust	14.0% (07)

**Interpretation:** The majority of the referral reasons were for records and adjustment related to transitional situations 72%. Disciplinary referrals totaled only (28%). There were multiple referrals from (2) students in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

D. Days of Instruction Overall: (369)			
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	02.2% (08)	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	61.2% (226)
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	19.8% (73)	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	03.0% (11)
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	13.8% (51)		

**Interpretation:** The majority of service days were utilized by the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class.

E. Days of Instruction per Referral Reason: (369)	Disciplinary	Trans/Records	Trans/Adjust
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	(00)	(11)	(00)
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	(20)	(169)	(37)
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	(13)	(34)	(04)
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	(12)	(19)	(42)
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	(08)	(00)	(00)
	14.4% (53)	63.1% (233)	22.5% (83)

**Interpretation:** Transition period for records and adjustment totaled 85.6% of instruction time. The majority of instruction time was utilized by the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class.

- ⇒ Significant achievements were made in Genesis Academy this year. Please refer to the Statistical Break-down Analysis. Ms. Linda Woodlief now serves as the primary teacher at Genesis Academy.
- ⇒ The Children's Home received two new computers for the classroom to enhance instruction and the overall learning experience.



## ANNUAL SUMMARY (Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2006)

**Emergency Care**– Located in the H. V. Bryant Cottage, it is designed to provide a safe healthy atmosphere for school age children (ages 4-18) who are facing a crisis and who need temporary shelter away from home for a maximum stay of ninety (90) days.

**Respite Care**– Central Children's Home via an agreement with Kerr-Tar Regional council of Governments and the North Carolina Alliance for Youth provide residential respite care services on a 24-hour basis to males and females between the ages of 7 and 17 who are under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention who need short term care (1 to 30 days). The participating counties are Caswell, Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren.

**Medium/Moderate Care**– Children reside in one of four cottages, depending on their age. This program offers long-term group care services to children (ages 4-21) who are abused, neglected, and dependent.

**Higher Education**– This program is designed to assist eligible students who have completed high school to pursue goals via colleges, community colleges, and/or vocational schools of their choice. The program provides assistance beginning with the application process through completion of the college and/or vocational training program.

**Therapeutic Counseling**– This program is designed to provide a vehicle to reduce the emotional stress for children in care, as well as to provide out-reach to their families and significant others. Children will be counseled on the issues of separation, grief, sibling relationships, group living, family values and belief systems, issues related to academic deprivation, systemic of emotional stress. Other issues include physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse which necessitate separation from their respective families and significant others.

### AGENCY STATISTICAL REPORT

During the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, there was a total of (125) children served by our three residential programs. The chart below is a breakdown of this data.

Type of Service	In Program Beginning of Period	Admissions During Period	Clients Served During Period	Discharges During Period	In Program End of Period	Average Number Per Day
Moderate Care	22	44	66	42	24	23.35
Emergency Care	6	28	34	31	3	4.59
Respite Care	0	25	25	22	3	1.32
Total All Programs	28	97	125	95	30	29.26

It is also noted that (82.4%) of the students were 13 years of age or older. The average length of stay was primarily six months or less (84.6%). As a historically significant African-American residential child care facility, it is worthwhile to mention that the racial composition of the students during this period was as follows: African-American (70%); Caucasian (23%); Hispanic (4%); Asian (1%); and other/bi-racial (2%).

As part of our outcome measurement strategies (71%) of the children discharged from our programs received services according to their respective plans of care. We attribute much of this success to better utilization of assessments, "Enrich Programs" (food, nutrition & exercise program) and our outstanding "Independent Living Component".



## ANNUAL SUMMARY (Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2006)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Revenue & Support	\$1,805,221	\$1,615,853	\$(189,368)
Total Expenses	<u>2,082,007</u>	<u>1,757,359</u>	<u>324,648</u>
Excess Support & Revenue			
Over (under) Expenses	\$ (276,786)	\$ (141,506)	\$ (135,280)

### Financial Reporting/Accounting Basis

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temp. Restr.</u>	<u>Perm. Restr.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net Assets Beginning 9/30/05	\$ 950,793	\$ 99,097	\$ -0-	\$ 1,049,890
Change in Net Assets	<u>(119,136)</u>	<u>2,460</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>(116,676)</u>
Net Assets Ending 9/30/06	\$ 831,657	\$ 101,557	\$ -0-	\$ 933,214

### Donors

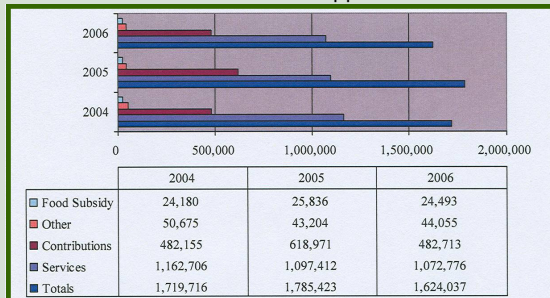
Central Children's Home would like to thank all donors who have continued to support the mission of this agency through financial contributions, in-kind donations, time and effort.

### DONOR SUMMARY

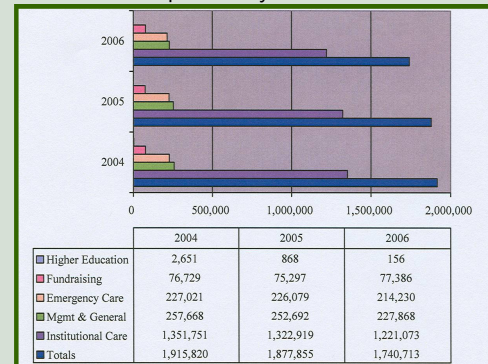
Religious	\$291,356	Individuals	\$69,230
Fraternal	44,714	Alumni Assoc.	11,054
Civic	20,392	Duke Endowment	45,000
United Way	909	Parish Endowment	17,744
Special Grants	5,644	Bequests	39,766
Other Donations	520	Uncollectible Pledges	(72,903)

### Financial Summary

Revenue and Support



Expenses by Function



<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$1,266,880</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$333,666</u></b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 933,214</b>

## FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY & ALUMNI REUNION ASSOCIATION

### Family & Friends Day

The program for Friends and Family Day on Saturday, August 5, 2006 was presided over by Ms. Cynthia Williams, Associate Residential Supervisor.

Our speaker for the program was Mary G. Jones, Deputy Director of Kittrell Job Corp. Mrs. Jones is a native of Henderson, NC and a 1977 graduate of Vance Senior High School. She attended North Carolina Central University and received a BS in Psychology. Mrs. Jones brought forth an inspiring message focused on encouraging our young people to keep hoping. She stated that she felt the children are in good hands at Central Children's Home and if their lives are spiritually based, there is no such thing as hopelessness. She used Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" as her basis.

Each resident of Central Children's Home was awarded an embossed certificate of recognition for various accomplishments whether it be academic, moral, civic or ethical.

Several current students as well as alumni offered reflections of their time spent and experiences during their stay at Central Children's Home.

A number of members and representatives of Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC graced us with their presence and made a generous contribution of \$2,000.00.

### CCH Alumni Return To Give Back

It was a real "family affair" when the Alumni Reunion Association of Central Children's Home held its annual reunion August 4-6, 2006. Former residents, staff and relatives returned to Oxford for the event.

For seven families, it was a reunion within a reunion as siblings returned to the campus where they spent their childhood years, either as a custodial resident or off-spring of former or current staff. The Alston, Brinkley, Brooks, Hopkins, Johnson, Wilkerson, and Witherspoon families were present for the occasion.

Week-end events included an appreciation dinner at the Silo Restaurant in Henderson, NC honoring Mr. Michael Alston, Executive Director of Central Children's Home, for his accomplishments and service during his tenure which began in 1985. During the Sunday morning program the Alumni also presented Mr. Alston a plaque and gift in appreciation of his service.

Other alumni events included attending the Family & Friends Day Program for children currently residing at the home, the annual alumni meeting, and an "Old School Dance" fundraiser. The reunion culminated with worship service and Recognition Ceremony on the campus. Mr. John P. Cureton, President of the Board of Directors and the son of a former CCH staff member, was the speaker. Inspirational music was provided by the Witherspoon family which included Rev. and Mrs. Garland Witherspoon, Bishop and Mrs. Luke Witherspoon and Mrs. Witherspoon's brother and their sister-in-law Mrs. Louis Witherspoon.

Alumni return for the reunion annually, not only to fellowship, but also to give back to the place that was once their home and to ensure its child-caring mission. To that end, during the Recognition Ceremony, the Alumni Association presented donations and matching grants totaling \$7,859 to the home. The Alumni Association also presented its Elisabeth R. Chavis Scholarship to a 2006 high school graduate who resides at the home to enter college this fall.

Those attending traveled from several states, including New Jersey, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, and various cities across North Carolina.

Alumni were pleased to have in attendance former CCH staff member Mrs. Jauncey McDougale who worked at the home for over 50 years which encompasses some of the earliest memories of living on the campus for several alumni. Also, the Alumni paused to remember Mr. James Allen, former CCH staff who passed just prior to the reunion. Mr. Allen was a Farm Superintendent and taught several male alumni his skills. As they fondly recalled, many alumni were able to use these skills after life at the home.

#### The Executive Committee

Archie Rahmaan, President

Dr. Theodore Brooks, Treasurer

Walter Chawlk, Vice President

Ruth Roberson, Secretary



Mr. Archie Rahmaan, President CCH Alumni Reunion Assoc. recognizes Mr. Mike Alston, Executive Director CCH

## 11TH ANNUAL CENTRAL CHILDREN'S HOME DAY CELEBRATION



Parade Participants

On June 17, 2006, we celebrated our 11th Anniversary Day Re-Enactment Ceremony. The festivities kicked off with a parade downtown which began at 10:00 AM—12:00 noon on Spring Street and concluded on Orange Street. There were over 120 entries featuring a lineup of Dignitaries, “Buffalo Soldiers”, Shriners, Prince Hall Masonic Marchers, Fancy Cars, Antique Cars, Motorcycle Clubs, Marching Bands, Floats (Order of Eastern Star, Church Groups, Civic Groups, American Legion, Fraternities and Sororities), Clowns, Horseback Riding Clubs and many more. Monetary prizes were awarded to commercial and non-commercial float participants. Congratulation to all of you on a great job of construction and display.

In the meanwhile, our campus was preparing a grand celebration with 75 plus vendors from all over making ready to sell their wares. They offered everything from T-shirts to memorabilia to food including Sno-cones, watermelon, complete meals and almost anything else to tickle your appetite on a hot day.

There were activities for the children including a stadium sized inflatable “Moonwalk”, furnished by Brenda Yancey, Oxford, NC. Also, the use of an inflatable slide was donated for the enjoyment of the children. There were a host of recreational activities including a baseball tournament, and horseback riding.

The Pavilion entertainment began at 12:00 noon with Steppers, Christian Rappers, and singers, both professional and volunteers. We were also entertained by Hoop Magicians, a very talented and acrobatic basketball team.

The gospel music entertainment was unsurpassed. The audience was ministered to in song and message by the famous “one-man band” featuring Brother William Riggsbee of Nashville.

The publication and sale of our Annual Souvenir Journal was a great success. The journal sold for \$5.00 each and contained pictures of our celebration in previous years. It was also loaded with ads offering congratulations and best wishes from city and county officials and dignitaries, individuals, area businesses, churches, civic and fraternal groups, etc. If you are interested in placing ad in our journal for next year or you want to rent a booth to sell your wares or you want to perform or participate in the parade, please contact us and we will be glad to accommodate you to the best of our ability.

Although it was very hot on June 17th, everyone enjoyed themselves tremendously. The heat added to the warmth, care and concern expressed by the fellowship, participation and support whether you traveled across town or from far away places.

In conclusion, we extend a very special thanks to the Hester-Crews Post #166 and its outstanding Auxiliary Unit of the American Legion for their dedication and support for sponsoring this annual celebration.



A Vendor Displaying Their Wares



## *AMERICAN LEGION PILGRIMAGE DAY Was a Success*

*I*n spite of the rain and mud, on Sunday, October 22, 2006 many Posts and Units embarked on Central Children's Home of North Carolina to observe it's 65th Annual American Legion Pilgrimage Day. Many who could not attend submitted their gifts in advance.

*T*his celebration began in 1941 when several Black Posts and Units of old Division "B" gathered from across the state of North Carolina to bring support to the children housed at the Central Children's Home in Oxford. Our theme for this year was "The Price Of Freedom is Solidarity".

*O*ur program was called to order by Commander William Pointer, Jr. of local Post 166. The members of the J.F. Webb High School ROTC Color Guard, under the direction of 1st Sergeant Ron Miller, advanced the colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adjutant Nina Stephens of Post 202, Fayetteville, NC. and our National Anthem was led by Reverend Evelyn Couch. Reverend William C. Brodie of Henderson Post #176 gave the invocation followed by Wilbert Morton, Vice Commander, 5th District Commander with the welcome. We enjoyed greetings from Hubert Gooch, County Commissioner, Howard Herring, Mayor Pro-tem and Mr. Michael Alston, Sr., Executive Director of Central Children's Home. Music was rendered by the Male Chorus of Huntsville Baptist Church of Oxford, North Carolina and Reverend Evelyn Couch.

*T*he guest speaker for this special event was Judge Gregory Weeks of Fayetteville, NC, who was introduced by his father-in-law, William M. Peace, a local plumber in the area. Judge Weeks centered his topic around our theme: "The Price of Freedom is Solidarity". He stated that many countries now, and even in biblical days, refused to stand together in order to be free, therefore they fell due to the lack of solidarity. He further stated that a house divided against itself cannot stand. We must work together to be free, where there is no peace there is no freedom. Nations are still divided and are waging war trying to find peace. In closing, he urged us to stand together in unity and prayer. Our esteemed guest held his audience in awe for about thirty-five minutes and received a standing ovation.

*A*lthough we did not obtain our goal of \$22,000, Mr. Alston, children and staff of Central Children's Home were pleased with the donation of \$20,300.91. Plaques were presented by Commander William Pointer, Jr. and President Helen Amis of Post & Unit #166 to recognize 1st place contributors along with Certificates for 2nd and 3rd place donors. A first place plaque went to Post #223, Elizabeth City, NC for their gracious donation of \$3,000. Second place went to Post #202, Fayetteville, NC who contributed \$2,230 and third place went to Post #107, Salisbury, NC with a donation of \$1,927. A first place plaque went to Unit #202, Fayetteville, NC who presented \$875. Second place went to Unit #319, Clinton, NC and third place went to Unit #175, Durham, NC. Unit #166, Oxford, NC who is a participating sponsor of Pilgrimage Day, yielded to the visitors. The Central Children's Home Day Committee donated \$5,532.

*I*n conclusion, a Post Everlasting Ceremony was conducted by Post #166. All posts who had members who passed on during the past two years were recognized.

*F*ollowing benediction and grace by Chaplain, Comrade John Wimbush every one was invited to the Dining Hall for lunch.



*Proud To Be An American!*

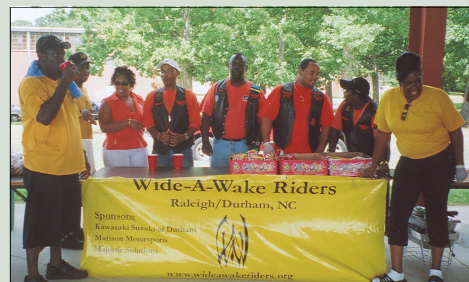


## MOTORCYCLE MANIA!!

We have lots of visitors and guests here at Central Children's Home, but some of them are more exciting than others to our young people.

On August 19, 2006 we were visited by the Wide-A-Wake Riders Motorcycle Club of Durham, NC. They provided lunch for our children and staff as well as a number of exciting activities. They provided inflatables for the children to play in, a dunking booth to keep them cool, a sack race to expend some energy, four wheeler and horseback rides to entertain them and finally, a DJ and music to round out the activities.

The children, as always, are very appreciative of the interaction and attention bestowed on them by all our guests.



Wide-A-Wake Riders  
Durham, NC



Christian Motorcycle Association  
Oxford, NC

The Christian Motorcycle Association, Oxford, NC visited with our children and staff on August 26, 2006 and brought lots of fun and exciting activities. They donated cash and In-Kind gifts with an estimated value of \$600 — but!!! the most exciting activity was when the children were allowed to sit astride all the colorful, chrome, and especially “LOUD” motorcycles and have their pictures taken by members of the CMA.

The “Vision” of the CMA is “Changing the World One Heart at a Time”. They minister to unchurched bikers to bring them to the knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ. They also minister to travelers during holidays, such as the 4th of July, by setting up areas along the Interstate and providing much needed respite in the form of coffee and refreshments at no charge.

We were blessed to have them minister to our children as well.

## PO-PO Five-O vs Bad Boyz

On Friday, September 22, 2006 a basketball fundraiser was held in the gymnasium on the campus of the Central Children's Home sponsored by the Granville County Sheriff's Department, David T. Smith, Sheriff. This was not just any fundraiser or just any basketball game. The Butner Public Safety's “Po-Po Five-O” and the Granville County Sheriff's Deputies “Bad Boyz” paired off in what was the most hilarious, side-splitting event to come to our campus in a long time.

Both teams were reported to have prepared by swearing off “most” of their vices prior to the game. “Most” and not much “prior” mind you. Nevertheless, EMS crews were on stand-by to administer oxygen for shortness of breath, towels for sweaty hands and foreheads, first aid for bumps and abrasions, and ace bandages for the expected on-set of tendonitis.

Detective Craig Williams, coach of the deputies, put the average age of the “Bad Boyz” at about 30, their height at between 5' 4” and 6' 6” and their weights to tip the scales at between 150 to 265 pounds. That's not to say they are not in good shape.

Detective Michael Crews, coach of his fellow public safety officers “Po-Po Five-O”, and a 6' 2” forward was reported to be “in pretty good shape”. The estimated height range of these players is 5' 6” to 6' 6” but the weight range was not to be discussed.

Trophies were donated by Jackie Baird, owner of Carolina Designs on Williamsboro Street in Oxford. Prior to the game it was already being argued as to who would wind up with the trophies. Both teams had already selected a prominent place for display.



Trophies by Carolina Designs

It was reported by Emma Green of the Granville County Sheriff's Department that the score was very close until the last few minutes of the game but then the Bad Boyz got “blown out of the water”. Therefore, Po-Po Five-O took home the trophy with a final score of 78 to 65. Craig Williams with GCSD (Bad Boyz) won the 3 point shoot out which took place during half-time activities.

We congratulate the winners and offer a special thanks to all the participants for the entertainment and the proceeds generated to benefit Central Children's Home. We look forward to this game becoming an annual occasion.



Proud Winners!

## Holiday Season at Central Children's Home

We are truly blessed here at Central Children's Home for all the love and attention bestowed upon us during the holiday season. We have so many individuals, churches, civic/fraternal organizations, businesses and many others who take time from their busy schedules to show care and concern for those less fortunate. **Sooooooo! Who says there is no Santa Claus?**



God Bless you all!



## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MICHAEL ALSTON, SR.



(37) Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

(38) Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

It is time to examine ourselves and chart a new course for the future of our organization while holding fast to our original mission of serving children separated from their families by no fault of their own. To sustain our legacy of service, we are seeking a new vision to help children and their families overcome the many difficulties confronting them in today's society. To rise to the occasion and address these new challenges, the Board of Directors is responding with a new attitude by thinking outside of the box and reinventing itself. In the new scheme of things, each member of the Board of Directors without any mental hesitation or reservation fully accepts their duties and responsibilities of financial stewardship and accountability as well as their traditional roll of policy making. On the other hand, the Administration and Management Team are fully committed to ensuring that program services are carried out in accordance to missionary goals and objectives.

We are pleased to announce full restoration of our residential child care license effective Friday, June 1, 2007 by the NC Division of Social Services. We temporarily experienced a provisional license status as a result of attempting to care for children with special needs that exceeded our level of available services. To address the concerns cited by the State Division of Social Services, our management team and the Board of Directors have jointly developed a corrective action plan. In this regard, we have implemented the following actions and procedures to insure full compliance with regulatory authorities to maintain our current program licensure and accreditation: (1) Upgrade admission criteria and screening procedures, (2) Enhance mental health and therapeutic services, (3) Improve staff-student ratios to afford each student more individualized attention by downsizing our enrollment capacity from fifty-two to forty children per day, (4) Provide night security patrols and additional staff to monitor during sleep hours in each cottage, (5) Continue top-notch staff development and training program, and (6) Strengthen existing program service components such as the Genesis Academy, Enrich Program, Independent Living Program, Therapeutic Services, Daily and Weekly Student Activity Scheduling and Cultural Awareness Activities and Field Trips.

In conjunction with current program services, we look forward to establishing new program services to meet the needs of children and their families such as family foster care, preparation for adoption, therapeutic group home care, residential teenage pregnancy care, and community based young adult living arrangements, etc.

As a furthering demonstration of commitment, our Board of Directors is considering the following to sustain our mission of providing services to children and their families: (1) Launching a major capital campaign drive, and (2) Developing land resources to establish an endowment fund to generate operating income in the future.

With all the challenges before us, we are still mindful of our many good moments of success over the past year to include the paving of our major driveways and restoration of our gymnasium roof. There are many other achievements worth mentioning, and we are proud of the volunteers and financial contributors which made each effort possible.

In closing, I am profoundly thankful for the opportunity to serve our children, their families and the community. Now, may the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen

"WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET, BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE"

WINSTON CHURCHILL

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☐ In Memory or Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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