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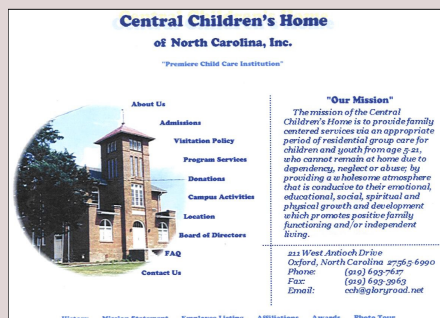
ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?



CCH DAY PARADE PARTICIPANT

We have lots of fun at Central Children's Home. Our work with children is important as well as rewarding with many challenges and opportunities, but we also have a good time. (See Page 11)

RE-VISIT OUR WEBSITE



If you have not had a chance to visit our website, please drop in on us to see the services we offer our clients.

www.cch-nc.org

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

DIRECTIONS TO HIS HOUSE



- ⇒ Make a right on “Believeth Blvd.”
- ⇒ Keep straight and go through the green light, which is **JESUS CHRIST**.
- ⇒ From there, you must turn onto the “Bridge of Faith”, which is over troubled water.
- ⇒ When you get off the bridge, make a Right turn and keep straight.
- ⇒ You are on the “King’s Highway”-Heaven-bound. Keep going for three miles: One for the Father, One for the Son, and one for the Holy Ghost.
- ⇒ Then exit off onto “Grace Boulevard”.
- ⇒ From there make a Right turn on “Gospel Lane”.
- ⇒ Keep straight and then make another Right on “Prayer Boulevard”.
- ⇒ As you go your way, Yield Not to the traffic on “Temptation Avenue”.
- ⇒ Also, avoid **Sin Street** because it is a **Dead End**.
- ⇒ Pass up “Envy Drive,” and Hate Avenue”.
- ⇒ Also pass “Hypocrisy Street,” “Gossiping Lane,” and Backbiting Boulevard”.
- ⇒ But you must go down “Long-Suffering Lane,” Persecuting Boulevard,” and “Trials and Tribulation Avenue”.
- ⇒ But that’s all right, because **“VICTORY BOULEVARD”** is straight ahead!!!!

**GIVE THESE DIRECTIONS TO YOUR FRIENDS SO THEY WILL NOT GET
LOST**

First Missionary Baptist Church, Smithfield Contribution

On February 10, 2006 Mrs. Christine Lassiter of First Missionary Baptist Church, Smithfield, NC visited our campus and presented Mr. Michael Alston, Executive Director with a check in the amount of \$2,295.20 designated toward the purchase of a much needed gas boiler for our dining hall. We are extremely grateful to Mrs. Lassiter, Rev. William A. Headd, Pastor and the First Missionary Baptist Church family 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



Mrs. Christina Lassiter and
Mr. Michael Alston

HOUSEHOLD OF RUTH & ODD FELLOWS PILGRIMAGE DAY

On Sunday, June 26, 2005 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. Moses Horton, DGT 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 Ms. Vickie Armstrong, Marketing Director of Cross Creek Mall and daughter of Bro. Sherman Armstrong, DGT. Ms. Armstrong reflected on her experiences at 12 years old when she was up with her parents at 12:30 pm putting together a float for the parade. Her message entitled The Acorn and The Egg enlightened the congregation regarding the significance of starting out small. The acorn is programmed by God to be a mighty oak. The eggs' shell, white, and yolk represent Trinity. Take away any part and its not an egg.

The Acorn & The Egg

Sister Katie Wilson, DGWR announced the roll call of the Households. A total of ten Households were represented and contributed \$1,612.00 to Central Children's Home. Brother James Bowman, DGS announced the roll call of the Lodges. Eight Lodges were represented and presented \$1,735.00 to the Home. The public offering was \$387.35 bringing the total contribution to \$3,734.35. 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.

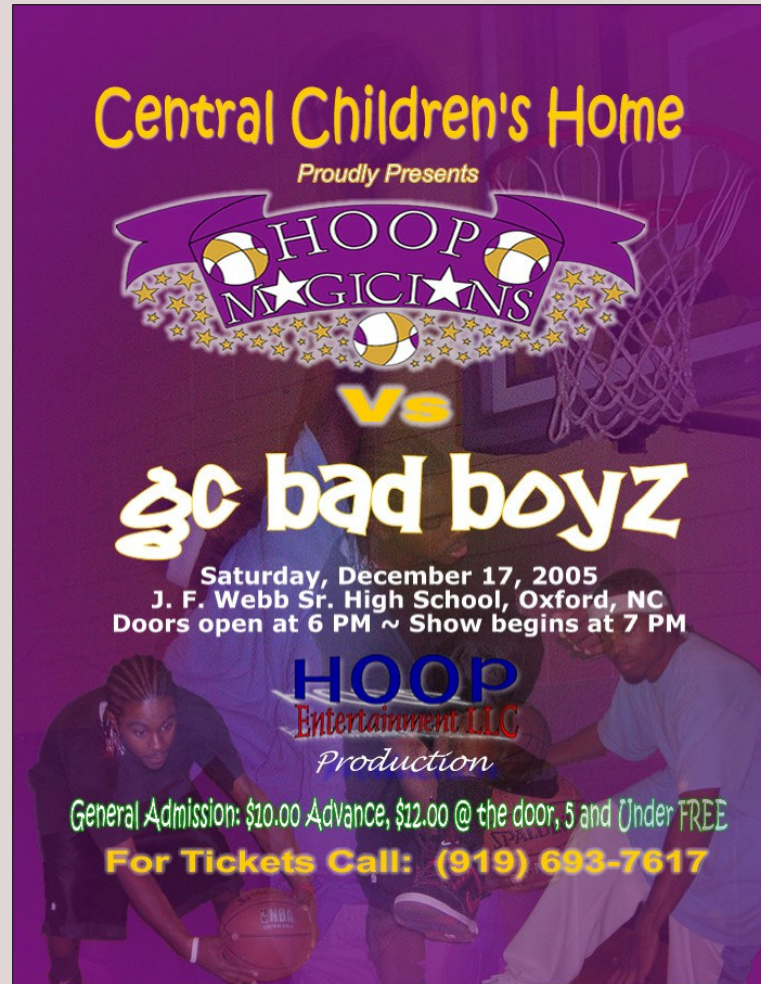
CFSA-NC LAUNCHES FORGET ME NOT CAMPAIGN



Children and Family Services Association – North Carolina, an association of 60 agencies that provide services to children and families, has launched a vigorous public awareness campaign across the state using the slogan, “Forget Me Not – Making Children the #1 Priority in NC.” The initial campaign website (www.forgetmenot-nc.com) was launched in March 2005 followed by a formal press conference in Charlotte.

“Unfortunately, the children served by CFSA-NC member agencies are ‘forgotten children’ in the public mind. To improve the lives of our children and families in North Carolina, we must all work to change this public mindset. Our future, and our children’s future, depends on it.” The purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness about the needs of children in NC, to educate the public about what is being done by CFSA-NC members, and to prompt the public to respond in a variety of ways.

As an active member of the CFSA-NC, Central Children's Home is pleased to join in this worthwhile effort. It's easy to become a child advocate. Thousands of children in North Carolina need the support of caring individuals like you. Together we can ensure that no children are forgotten.



On Saturday, December 17, 2005, Central Children's Home had the pleasure of sponsoring a fundraiser basketball game at J.F. Webb Sr High School featuring the Hoop Magicians of Charlotte versus the GC Bad Boyz.

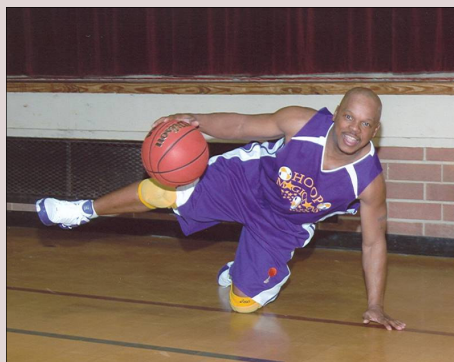
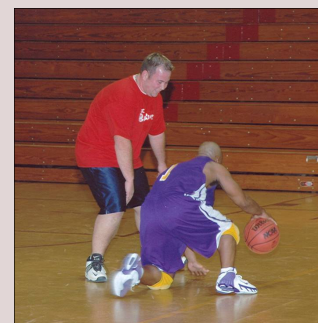
Hoop Entertainment, "Creators of An Amazing Show Basketball Team" Hoop Magicians, was established in June 2005 by manager, Muriel Howell, a United States Air Force Veteran. This Charlotte, North Carolina home-based team is a premier, high-energy show basketball organization. Specializing in fancy basketball tricks, spectacular dribbling, and soaring slam dunks, this team promises to put a smile on your face. The players of this fascinating team are full of talent and personality. They believe in promoting the importance of education, a drug-free environment, and setting and achieving personal and professional goals. Their backgrounds include several years playing with the world-renown Harlem Globetrotters, touring with the infamous AND ONE team, various commercials with Nike, MTV and New Balance.

The GC Bad Boyz consisted of members of our local Granville County Sheriff's Department, NC Highway Patrol, Wake County ABC, State Bureau of Investigations, Wake County Sheriff's Department, Duke Public Safety and Department of Motor Vehicles.

HOOP MAGICIANS CON'T FROM PAGE 5

This game far exceeded the expectation of the crowd with its high energy, close scores, slam dunks and comedy. The 8 minute quarters seemed to go by quickly as the Hoop Magicians pulled the audience into their routine leaving the crowd wanting to see more. Even though there were moments where the score was tied, the Hoop Magicians pulled away to a 9 point lead leaving the final score, 87 -78.

Central Children's Home would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation again to the players of both of these wonderful teams along with a special thanks to Sheriff David Smith and Detective Craig Williams. We hope to make this an annual fundraising event to be held the 3rd Saturday in December so mark your calendars now. This is definitely a *must-see* show for all ages. If you or your organization is interested in learning more about the Hoop Magicians or having them come to your area, you can visit their website, www.hoopentertainment.com.



"If you accept the expectations of others, especially negative ones, then you never will change the outcome."

Michael Jordan

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. Those individuals with multiple referrals will be designated as "unique students" as it relates to the number of individuals and their respective gender. Otherwise, the statistical data stipulated in this report is based on the "delivery of service units".

Statistical Breakdown Analysis

August 2005-May 2006

A. Total Students Per Service Unit (84):	73.9% male	26.1% female
"Unique Individuals" Served (49):	61.2% male	38.8% female

Interpretation: Male students required the transitional classroom setting more than female students. There were (35) repeat admissions by the same individuals 91.4% (32) males and 8.6% (3) females.

B. Utilization by Program Service Type:

Traditional Care	53.6% (45)
Emergency (90 days)	15.5% (13)
Respite (30 days)	30.9% (26)

Interpretation: Other significant data is that 60.7% (51 referrals) for the respective program service types were 7th grade through 9th grade.

C. Referral Reason Type:

Disciplinary	27.4% (23)
Trans/Records	54.8% (46)
Trans/Adjust	17.8% (15)

Interpretation: The majority of the referral reasons were for records and adjustment related to transitional situations 72.6% (61) rather than disciplinary reasons. The grade level range 7th grade through 9th grade represented 60.7% (61) of the referrals.

D. Days of Instruction Overall:

9 th Grade	13.5% (59)
8 th Grade	24.0% (105)
7 th Grade	27.0% (118)

Interpretation: The majority of service days were 7th grade through 9th grade 64.5% (282 days). It is also worthy to note that no services were provided Grade K - Grade 3.

E. Days of Instruction per Referral Reason:

	Disciplinary	Trans/Records	Trans/Adjust
9th Grade	(18)	(36)	(05)
8th Grade	(20)	(30)	(55)
7th Grade	(27)	(20)	(71)
	14.9% (65)	19.6% (86)	30.0% (131)

Interpretation: The 7th grade through the 9th grade represented 64.5% (282 days) of instruction.

Overall days per referral reasons were as follows:

Disciplinary	24.5%	107 days
Trans/Records	38.2%	167 days
Trans/Adjust	<u>37.3%</u>	<u>163 days</u>
	100.0%	437 days

In other words, (75.5%) of the overall instruction days were utilized to provide services as it related to transitional issues such as records and adjustment periods.

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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 October 1, 2004–September 30, 2005, there was a total of (138) 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	34	46	80	58	22	28
Emergency Care	2	26	28	23	5	3
Respite Care	2	28	30	30	0	2
Total All Programs	38	100	138	111	27	33

It is also noted that (88%) of the students were 13 years of age or older. The average length of stay was primarily six months or less (92%). 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 (65%); Caucasian (28%); Hispanic (6%); and other/bi-racial (1%).

As part of our outcome measurement strategies (77%) 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

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Total Revenue & Support	\$1,713,645	\$1,757,947	\$44,302
Total Expenses	<u>2,126,521</u>	<u>1,893,471</u>	<u>233,050</u>
Excess Support & Revenue			
Over (under) Expenses	\$ (412,876)	\$ (135,524)	277,352

Financial Reporting/Accounting Basis

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temp. Restr.</u>	<u>Perm. Restr.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net Assets Beginning 9/30/04	\$1,072,376	\$69,946	\$ -0-	\$1,142,322
Change in Net Assets	<u>(121,583)</u>	<u>29,151</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>(92,432)</u>
Net Assets Ending 9/30/05	950,793	99,097	\$ -0-	1,049,890

Donors

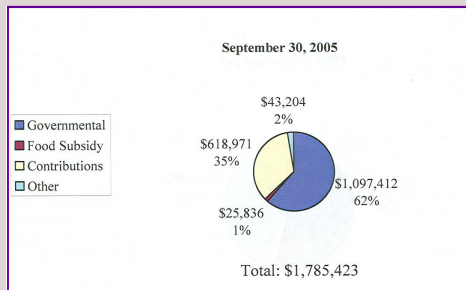
Central Children's Home would like to thank all donors who have continued to support the mission of this agency through financial contributions, in-kind donations, time and effort.

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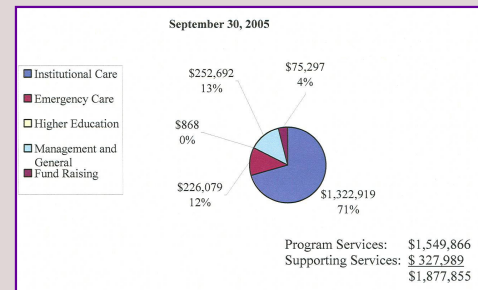
Religious	\$284,456	Individuals	\$ 84,340
Fraternal	74,386	Alumni Assoc.	6,657
Civic	18,943	Duke Endowment	25,000
United Way	2,906	Parish Endowment	18,390
Special Grants	6,961	Predy Estate	75,000

Financial Summary

Sources of Revenue



Functional Expenses



Total Assets	\$1,422,952
Total Liabilities	\$373,062
Total Net Assets	\$1,049,890

CCH-Alumni Reunion Summary of Events

CENTRAL CHILDREN'S HOME FAMILY & FRIENDS DAY & ALUMNI REUNION ASSOCIATION

August 6-7, 2005 was a memorable reunion weekend for the Alumni Association of Central Children's Home. Bonds were strengthened and renewed as we celebrated our legacy of the Central Children's Home—formerly known as The Colored Orphanage. The events were Friends and Family Program consisting of children of the Home participating with friends and family in attendance. Contributions of school supplies were given to the children by the Alumni and various church groups.



Walter Chawlk, Garland Witherspoon
(seated), Mike Alston, Archie Rahmaan,
Thelma Waller

The annual Alumni business meeting followed with a generous contribution of \$7,022.24 which was presented on Sunday. Visitation of an ill former staff member, Mr. Alex Allen took place after the meeting. These events were intermingled with lots of laughter, food, fellowship, and shared memories. Alumni members came from several cities in North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Delaware and Tennessee. One of the members had not returned to the Home in 40 years; however, he and his wife committed to attend each year in the future.

The reunion culminated with a “spirit-filled” worship service at 11:00 am on Sunday morning. Rev. Luke Witherspoon, Rev. Garland Witherspoon, and their brother, Rev. Louis Witherspoon along with their wives blessed us with beautiful praise and worship songs.

The Anointed Steps, a youth dance group from Compassion Ministries of Durham gave a wonderful rendition of praise and worship in dance. Everyone was in awe, especially the youth who were in attendance. Ms. Glenda Walker, widely known speaker and social worker and daughter of Mr. Trent Walker, spoke to the alumni and children on “Keeping a Positive Attitude” which was inspiration for all.

Finally, we left knowing the challenges facing us of keeping the legacy of the Central Children's Home alive. Also, we left with renewed commitment to faithfully support this home that has given us so much and believed in our possibilities. From our shared experience and knowledge, we will make a difference to continue this legacy and to retain the spirit of “WE ARE FAMILY”.

-written by Thelma Waller, President

The Executive Committee

Archie Rahmaan, President
Theodore Brooks, Treasurer
Walter Chawlk, Vice President
Ruth Roberson, Secretary

Children require guidance and sympathy far more than instruction.

Annie Sullivan

IT JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER!

(CENTRAL CHILDREN'S HOME DAY)

What a Wonderful Day! On June 18, 2005, we celebrated our 10th Anniversary Day Re-Enactment Ceremony. It was a spectacular event enjoyed by all. The activities commenced 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 line-up 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. First prize commercial winner was NC Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, second was Ladies of the Circle of Perfection and third, Heroines of Jericho. Non-commercial winners were as follows: First place, District 2, Mary L. Moore, DDGM, second place, New Attraction Band, and third place, Blue Wing Missionaries-in-Action. Congratulation to all of you on a great job of construction and display.

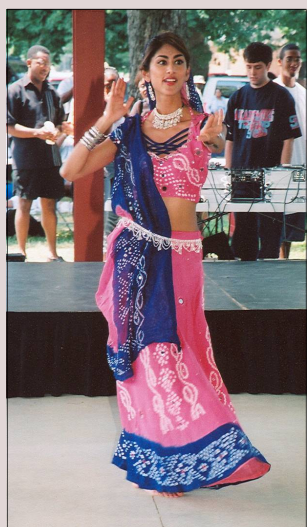


While the parade was going on our campus was preparing a grand celebration with 75 plus vendors from all over making ready to sell their wares. They presented everything from T-shirts to memorabilia to food including Sno-cones, watermelon, complete meals and almost anything else to fill you or cool you on a hot day.

There were activities for the children including a stadium sized inflatable "Moonwalk", furnished by Fun Times by Robert White, Inc., Raleigh, NC. 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 representatives of Miss India North Carolina.

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 chock-full of 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 an ad in our journal for next year or want to rent a booth to sell your wares or 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 18th, 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.



"Where did we ever get the crazy idea that in order to make children do better, first we have to make them feel worse?"

Think of the last time you felt humiliated or treated unfairly.

Did you feel like cooperating or doing better?"

Jane Nelson

AMERICAN LEGION PILGRIMAGE DAY

On Sunday, October 23, 2005 Central Children's Home of North Carolina observed it's 64th Annual American Legion Pilgrimage Day. Veterans and Auxiliary members traveled near and far to represent their Posts and Units. This celebration began in 1941 when several Black Posts and Units 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 "Our Children are our Future".

Our celebration was called to order by Commander William Pointer, Jr. of local Post 166. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Betty Watkins, Division II Commander of Post 202, Fayetteville, NC. We enjoyed greetings from James Lumpkins, County Commissioner, Howard Herring, City Commissioner and 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.



Legionnaire Clyde Brown receives the Eagle Plaque from Michael Alston. Gertrude Washington makes the presentation

The speaker for this auspicious occasion was Mrs. Charlotte Denise Wilson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. P. J. Jones and a Granville County native. She is an Educator at Carrington Middle School. Married to Mr. Vernon Wilson, they are the proud parents of three children. Mrs. Wilson and her family reside in Durham, North Carolina.

Mrs. Wilson's message centered around "The Future of our Children". Her major goal was to reach out to the children who live at the home, but the message impacted everyone there. She held the audience spellbound for approximately 30 minutes and received a standing ovation. Her focal points were 1) Never be satisfied with the way things are; 2) Be a dreamer; never be satisfied with the situation in which you are placed; 3) Don't be a carbon copy. God's will is for you to impact the world; 4) Don't become a statistic, learn to excel. Knowledge is power; 5) Be a trailblazer; 6) Put God first in your life and remember that the future belongs to those who prepare for it.

We had a combined representation from 24 of our posts and units this year. Following the roll call by Legionnaire Roy Leazer of Post #107, Salisbury, the Posts and Units made their contributions. The highest contributor was Post #223, Elizabeth City who donated \$3,000; the second was Post #202, Fayetteville with \$2,225; the third place was Post #107, Salisbury with \$1,325. The highest contributors from the Units were Fayetteville Unit #202 with \$920 and Oxford Unit #202 with \$900 though Oxford yielded first place to Fayetteville; second place went to Belmont #180 with \$500. Third place went to Clinton Unit #319 with a contribution of \$415.

The highlight of the occasion was when the Pilgrimage Committee surprised Legionnaire Clyde Brown, Post #202 with an eagle trophy for having served on the committee for 55 years.

We applaud the effort made by the Central Children's Home Day Committee Members in raising a total of \$20,581.57 and making our Annual American Legion Pilgrimage Day on October 23, 2005 a great success.

We invite you to make plans to join us next year on October 22, 2006 to enjoy a wonderful time of fun and fellowship as we celebrate with these proud Americans as they strive to aide in the support of Central Children's Home.



First Place Contributor: Post 223, Elizabeth City, Commander Larry C. Gibson receives plaque from Commander William Pointer, Jr., Post #166

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN!



First Place Contributor: Unit 202, Fayetteville, Arlene Jones receives the plaque from Helen Amis, President Oxford Unit #166

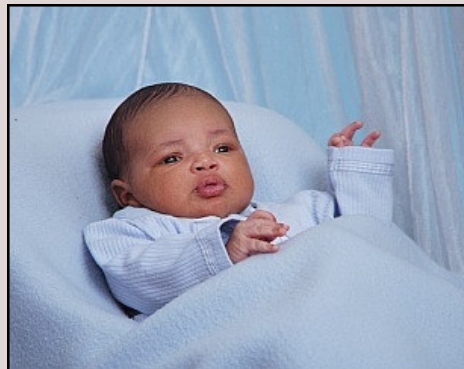
THE HOLY ALPHABET

*A*lthough things are not perfect
*B*ecause of trial or pain
*C*ontinue in thanksgiving
*D*o not begin to blame
*E*ven when time are hard
*F*ierce winds are bound to blow
*G*od is forever able
*H*old on to what you know
*I*magine life without His love
*J*oy would cease to be
*K*eep thanking Him for all the
 things
*L*ove imparts to thee
*M*ove out of "Camp Complaining"

*N*o weapon that is known
*O*n earth can yield the power
*P*raise can do alone
*Q*uit looking at the future
*R*edeem the time at hand
*S*tart every day with worship
*T*o "thank" is a command
*U*ntil we see Him coming
*V*ictorious in the sky
*W*e'll run the race with
 gratitude
*X*alting God most high
*Y*es, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but
*Z*ion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!



Welcome! To Our New Arrival



Anthony Wayne Williams, Jr.

born to

Anthony & Angela Williams

January 4, 2006 @ 3:51 pm

Weighing 8 lbs 11 1/2 oz.

Angela Williams is the Business Manager at
Central Children's Home



Christmas Season at Central Children's Home

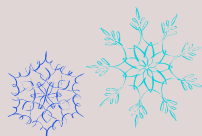


This past year provided Central Children's Home with a great number of challenges and successes, as does any year. The obstacles we encountered made us even stronger advocates for those we serve. As we continued to serve great numbers of children and families across our state with programs that strengthen individual lives with confidence and independence, we faced difficult challenges to meet our day to day needs. As always, our gracious and generous donors came through.

Christmas is a very busy time at Central Children's Home. Starting prior to Thanksgiving, we were blessed with the generosity of caring and giving by our local community as well as individuals, organizations and churches from across our state and country. We will not attempt to list every donation for fear that we may unintentionally omit someone, but we would like to highlight some special considerations.



Triangle Orthopaedic Associates, P.A. and their associates donated \$3,351.40.



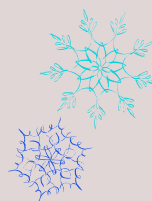
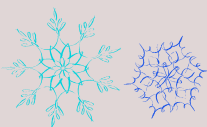
Valassis Manufacturing Company and Valassis Communications, Inc. contributed a total of \$2,104.25.

(Michael Alston, Executive Director accepting gift.)

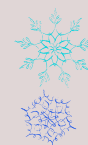


Douglas A. Moore
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Home Buyers Consulting Network, Inc.
donated \$2,000.00 to purchase a much
needed milk cooler for our dining hall.



Area Lodges and Clubs
donated live Christmas
Trees for our Cottages
and
Administration Building



In addition to the featured donors, we received monetary and In-Kind donations, gift cards, greeting cards and visits from individuals, organizations, businesses, churches, church groups and school clubs. Some of the concerned citizens preferred to visit on campus or adopt a cottage to have a special gathering to fellowship with and present gifts directly to the students. As always, our children enjoy the visits and the attention very much.

We give thanks to every individual, church, business and organization that helps Central Children's Home, not just during the holiday season but throughout the entire year. You are helping to smooth the rough edges that life has carved out for the young people who come to Central Children's Home.

"You cannot live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you."

John Woodson, College Basketball Coach

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MICHAEL ALSTON, SR.



1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.
2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.
3 And he said, of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:
4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.
(Luke 21:1-4) and (Mark 12:41-44)

“Let us continue to give our fair share by offering the best of our time, talent and treasure.”

In today's economy with rising gas prices at the pump and skyrocketing living expenses, many of us are experiencing difficulty making ends meet. However, we give honor and glory to God for blessing those of us who are able to meet our obligations as well as those who give the best of what they have to offer regardless of their life circumstances. Our dedicated staff unselfishly offers the best of their time and talent each and every day of the year as a “labor of love”. For this reason, we have been able to accomplish great things with modest resources. It is noteworthy to mention the fact that we received the most honorable distinction of becoming nationally accredited on June 29, 2005 by COA (Council on Accreditation) sponsored by the National Association of Homes and Services for Children. This recognition underscores the quality of services that we provide to children and their families. Our residential life team teaches each child daily living skills. Our adolescent youth are also taught independent living skills. This training includes household management skills, money management, employment awareness training and a host of other skills to prepare our youth for successful adult living. The award winning ENRICH program we offer teaches children healthy eating habits and the value of recreation and daily exercise. The on-campus public school classroom called Genesis Academy also provides best practice to ensure students maintain their grade placement who are enrolled in our local school system for a brief period of time. The Academy also serves as an alternative classroom for those students experiencing disciplinary problems. This “second chance opportunity” enhances grade placement completion and it reduces the high school dropout rate for the children in the foster care system. As the adage goes, “a mind is a terrible thing to waste”.

Likewise, the Board of Directors appreciate the plight of children in foster care. Therefore, we are preparing to launch a multi-million dollar campaign drive over the next (5) years to ensure provisions are available to meet the needs of future generations. Another strategy is the development of the 322+ acres of land belonging to the children's home. This initiative will generate operating income and establish a permanent endowment fund.

In conclusion, we simply ask our friends of the children's home to give the best of what they have to offer because the children depend on us. If your resources are limited at this time, please consider us in your estate planning (life insurance, stock, property, etc.). In summary, “For all these have their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.” (Luke 21:4) My dear friends, may the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep your heart and mind in good comfort.

Blessings to you,

Mike Alston

Michael Alston, Sr., ACSW
Executive Director

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

WINSTON CHURCHILL

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