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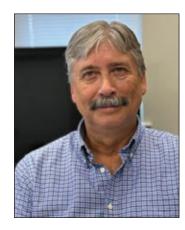


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FROM THE PRESIDENT Mike Yuhas

Tennessee, like many states across the nation, faces a growing challenge in ensuring the well-being of its most vulnerable residents—its children. Among them, a significant number are considered "at-risk," meaning they face a higher likelihood of experiencing negative outcomes due to factors such as poverty, neglect, lack of educational opportunities, or unstable home environments. These children are more likely to experience lower academic achievement, mental health challenges, and, in some cases, involvement with the juvenile justice system.

In Tennessee, where rural and urban disparities create distinct challenges, the need for targeted interventions has never been more urgent. At-risk children are not just the responsibility of the state. The role of churches and individuals is equally critical in addressing the needs of at-risk children. Many churches across Tennessee have stepped up by providing spiritual guidance, mentoring, and hands-on assistance to struggling families. Volunteers and church programs often bridge gaps where other resources may fall short. Their outreach creates a sense of community, stability, and love, which can be life-changing for a child who feels abandoned or forgotten.

Tennessee Children's Home plays a pivotal role in supporting at-risk children in Tennessee. As a key provider of residential services, TCH helps to meet the immediate needs of children facing abuse, neglect, and family instability. Through our comprehensive programs, we offer a safe environment, spiritual guidance, therapeutic services, and a path to a brighter future for many youth who otherwise might not have the support they need.

Additionally, our Independent Living and Displaced Family Programs offer crucial support to young adults and families. The Independent Living Program is designed to help youth who have aged out of the foster care system. This program helps young adults gain the skills and resources needed to live independently, providing spiritual guidance along with guidance on education, employment, financial literacy, and life skills. Our Displaced Family Program also focuses on helping families facing crises such as eviction, domestic violence, or severe economic hardship, ensuring their children don't have to experience homelessness or instability.

With combined efforts of Tennessee Children's Home and the work of churches and individuals, progress can be made teaching more of the Gospel of Jesus and improving the lives of those we serve.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all the supporters—whether through time, resources, or prayers—whose contributions continue to make a profound impact in the lives of Tennessee's most vulnerable children.

Mike Yuhas



## **OUR MISSION**

Tennessee Children's Home is committed to improving the lives of those we influence through quality services in a Christian atmosphere.

## **OUR VISION**

Those served by Tennessee Children's Home will learn to live healthy physical, mental, social, and Christian lives.

## WHAT WE DO

Tennessee Children's Home provides group home residential treatment, child and family counseling, and independent living programs. The purpose of TCH is to support, educate and provide Christian out-of-home care for children who are victims of abuse, dependent neglected, orphaned, and/or exploited, making all reasonable and practical efforts to provide services to meet their intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual needs. a further purpose is to provide family intervention that is intended to prevent or reverse family disintegration through a series of community based and family based intervention strategies.

With four campuses located across the state, Tennessee Children's Home is able to offer a variety of services to children and their families. These include residential care for children placed by the Department of Children's Services and classified as needing Level II services. TCH also offers Alcohol and Drug programs. The group home residences are family oriented-serving no more than 8 children per house under the guidance of Christian house parents. Each campus offers supervised recreational facilities such as gymnasiums, softball fields, volleyball, exercise and weight-lifting equipment, games rooms, and other activities.

All the children in our care, regardless of the program, receive professional counseling. For some privately placed children, those classified as Level II, TCH offers on-campus and highly structured, therapeutic educational facilities. TCH also provides a minimum 3-month monitoring program to assist children and their families in the transition back into home, school, and work environments.

## **OUR PROGRAM**

The Level II residential care program is designed for children who may be abused or neglected and who may exhibit runaway or delinquent behavior. They may have problems with their families, local law enforcement, school environments, or with their own personal behavior. The children served are between 13 and 18 years old. The children receive individual and group counseling, assistance with individual problems, and behavior modification instruction designed to help them become responsible adults. They live in group homes designed to be as family integrated as possible.

The Cornerstone School in Spring Hill, Duncan Academy in Knoxville, and New Heights in Pinson are the on-campus schools that provide for the educational needs of children in Level II programs and private placements. Most of these children are academically behind and/or have special learning needs. The school offers a structured and treatment-oriented environment, a 6:1 student-teacher ratio, tutoring, and special education classes. Students take courses in Math, Science, English, Reading, Life Skills, Physical Education, and Bible.

As Tennessee Children's Home works with abused, neglected, wayward, and orphaned children and youth, all reasonable and practical efforts are made to provide services to meet their intellectual, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs. This program has already proven successful as we observe the changes in student's behavior. The children become more self-confident, have less personal behavioral problems and are more productive as members of their community. We are providing the highest quality program promising the overall growth and success of each child in our care. •



There is a song by the group Acapella called "Teaching the Truth in Love." It asks the question, "Are we teaching the Truth in Love?" The song actually uses two biblical examples. First, in Matthew 19, we find the story most known as "The Rich Young Ruler". In this story, Jesus tells someone to keep the commandments to receive eternal life. The young man states that he has kept the commandments from his youth. Then, asking further, he asked if there was anything else he needed to do. Jesus tells him to sell what he has and give it to the poor. That is when we read that the young man went away sorrowful because he had many possessions. Second, in John Chapter 8, the song references the adulteress brought into the public. When those accusing her had sentenced her to being

stoned, Jesus surprises everyone and says, "he who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first". Jesus was teaching those watching that there is a chance at forgiveness.

These two stories referenced in this song provide an application for us today. Being able to say the hard things is a skill we all need in our life. However, when it comes to the work that we do at Tennessee Children's Home, there is only one option. We must speak the truth in love. Imagine growing up with no stability, not knowing where your next meal will come from or even worse, not knowing where you will lay your head each night! This is the reality of most of the youth that we serve, and they need to hear good and positive things to help forget about the drama and chaos in their lives. We can

choose to water the message they need to hear down. When we do that, we might feel like we're making progress, but it will be short lived. Fortunately, the truth always prevails. What we try to do with those we serve is not hold anything back. Sometimes that means things might get harder before they get better. When this approach is taken, true healing can begin and actually take root, allowing the youth to thrive long term.

The song referenced in this article goes on to say, "Are we teaching the truth in Love, telling it like it is, are we holding pure motives and showing that we care?" Pure motives along with a true caring attitude go so far when dealing with any situation in our lives. When it comes to what we are doing with youth at Tennessee Children's Home, it is a must! •



At Tennessee Children's Home, we believe that every child deserves more than just care—they deserve love in action and truth that never wavers. Our mission is inspired and anchored in the powerful words of Scripture:

## "Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love." -2 John 1:3

These words are not merely ideals; they are a calling. We strive to be a place where grace is extended, mercy is lived out daily, and peace is pursued in every relationship. But above all, we seek to walk in the unwavering truth of God's Word and the boundless love of Christ.

At the heart of our work is another guiding verse:

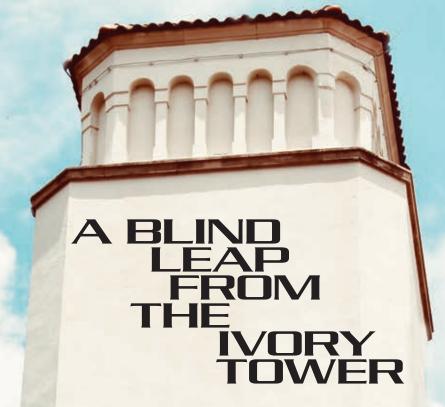
## "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." -1 John 3:18

Love is not just a feeling or a phrase here—it's a commitment. Whether it's providing a safe home, providing education, spiritual guidance, or simply being present in moments of struggle and growth, our staff and supporters live out a love that takes action.

Children who come to us often carry stories of hardship and loss. But within our care, they begin to experience a different narrative—one where they are known, valued, and loved. It's a love that shows up, a love that listens, and a love that never gives up.

Our approach isn't flashy or performative; it's steady, consistent, and rooted in the truth of God's promises. Because when love is genuine, and truth is the foundation, healing happens. Futures change. Hope grows.

We invite you to be part of this mission. Pray with us. Serve with us. Walk in truth and love—together—with us.



**By Joel Harris**Counselor
Henderson, Tennessee

As boys roll into the west campus of Tennessee Children's Home-West, they come with a variety of issues. Many have been raised in parentless homes, others with parents in the home but aren't good parents. One of the greatest areas in which they're lacking is godliness. Many of them have never been exposed to the principles of faith and family, as revealed in the Bible. This means they're devoid of the morals and values God has given. This will also account for the behavioral issues they have and with which we, as facilitators, must deal.

Atheists and skeptics of every stripe often choose to chide Christianity. As the title of this article implies, they sit in their ivory towers of learning and hurl accusations out the closest window. However, the accusations they send flying out those pearly portals are often one-sided arguments. That is, the self-titled "illuminated ones" see the rest of the world—especially the Christian world—as ignorant peasants who wouldn't know a good education if it landed in the middle of their pig stye. Although the young men we serve have never attended a university, they are still inundated with the teachings of such places.

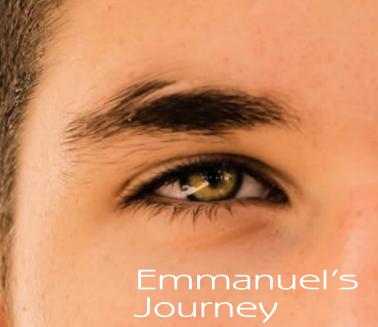
Gangsta Rap, movies, TV shows, and a variety of other venues regurgitate the same lies about decency but dressed in new robes. These young men are over-exposed to the lies of ungodly people who serve "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4). The "father of lies" (John 8:44) continues to blind people by appealing to the "lusts of the flesh" (1 John 2:16), drawing them in by deception. Their vision is always filtered through the lens of vanity. When a famous musician or actor makes a sinful act look appealing, our future clients are spellbound, captivated by the glitz and glamor of being the coolest and wealthiest.

The previously mentioned things all contribute to the common lies about Christianity and a belief in a higher power. People still believe faith in something other than oneself is irrational; yet the Bible teaches that our faith is founded upon the Rock of Jesus Christ (Matthew 7:25; Psalm 18:2). Others proclaim that Faith in Jehovah is unproveable; yet the fact that everything exists is incontrovertible proof of the existence of a Creator (Psalm 19:1-4). Some of the loudest critics of Christianity opine that Christians are all hypocrites. While hypocrites exist in all facets of life, even in religious circles (see Matthew 23:1-12), it's not true that if one person doesn't follow the prescribed order it makes the whole group hypocritical. The Ivory Tower scientists love to proclaim that the existence of a divine Creator is at odds with "proven" science. Although the Bible

isn't a scientific textbook, it does reveal numerous scientific facts (Job 26:7; Isaiah 40:22; et al.).

Why all of this "God-stuff" in a publication from a child welfare agency, you ask? Because the Tennessee Children's Home has, at its core, Jesus Christ. God and His Son are at the center of our mission. At the West Campus, we incorporate the teachings of the New Testament into everything we do. Jesus flows through our Equip groups, He permeates daily life in the houses, and courses deeply through the veins of New Heights School. He is our lifeblood, our means to the greatest end one can have. And it's His life we try to emulate every day.

If a young man in our care is hurting from the multitudes of trauma in his life, Jesus Christ and His gospel are an answer he won't get anywhere else. If a destitute pubescent lad has no earthly family, the great I AM can give him solace that no one else can. When we, as caregivers and counselors, are at the end of our rope, reaching for secular means that leave us lacking, the One who is called "Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6) is the only one who can rescue us. Ladies and gentlemen, may we never fail to give Him the glory and seek His comfort at every turn. •



By Monica C Torres Displaced Family Program Resident, Clarksville, Tennessee

It's hard to see signs of anxiety, depression and self-worth when you are battling with it yourself.

The year 2020 Covid-19 hit, Emmanual was in the 8th grade and schools closed to begin online classes. Emmanuel was not good with change; he struggled with 7 and 8th grade years.

My Workers Comp ran out. We prayed on it and the Lord made a way for us to move to Clarksville Tennessee.

Emmanuel had to adapt to a whole new life; school became a huge struggle. Emmanuel's little sister began to struggle as well. Next thing, both children started missing school, not eating, not sleeping right or sleeping all day. In 2022, the truancy courts and a DCS Therapist got involved. Finding out the kids struggled with mental health issues and anxiety, depression, and self-worth.

Fast forward to 2024, a judge decided he had had enough and placed both kids in custody. On January 23, 2024, all three of our lives were forever shattered. Through lots of prayers, we all became stronger. We could feel each other's pain.

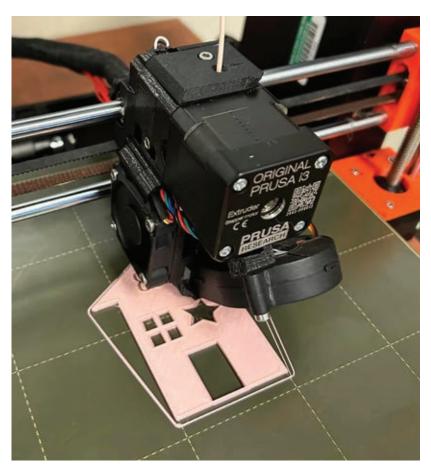
Emmanuel's first placement was Holston Homes 5 hours away. A month and a half later he got transferred to Tennessee Children's Home (TCH). When he got to TCH he had credits as a 9th grader. Through hard work in class, he gained more credits. He made new friends and got to meet amazing people who he would consider as family now. He would tell me stories about the facility and the boys. He

talked about how nice the staff were. He began to reconnect with the Lord by going to church with the House Parents on Sundays; he got rebaptized. He even did a Monday devotional in front of the staff and the young men who were on their own journey there at TCH. When I would go visit him every other Saturday a lot of the young men would let me know Emmanual was a good young man and did not deserve to be there. As a parent, hearing young people give me praise about my son made me proud.

The structure, guidance, morals and caring staff TCH has made a difference in my son's life for the better. TCH has helped Emmanuel grow into the strong young man he is today.

Finally, after months of being in a green shirt (highest level in the program) he was ready to go home. However, I needed to find a home for the three of us. Thankfully TCH also has a program for displaced families and an Independent Living Program. I received a phone call from Mrs. RozeEllen, the Campus Director from Clarksville, Tennessee, inviting us to apply for the program. I filled out the application and next thing I knew we were accepted into the program. We now have a 3-bedroom apartment. We arrived with just the clothes we had, the kids' beds, and dressers. TCH receives generous donations which help furnish our whole apartment. We are beyond grateful. Finally, Emmanuel and Kassandra got to come home on a home trial visit on November 1st. Emmanual was sent to an adult high school because he had 10th grade credits and honestly, we were unsure he would graduate on time. But Emmanuel worked hard day and night doing his schoolwork, and he was determined NOT to have to return to the system. On February 23, 2025, Emmanual closed his case with the courts and on March 5, 2025, he completed High School. On May 21, 2025, Emmanuel Ezekiel Torres, Class of 2025, walked proudly with his cap and gown on.

We are beyond proud of this young man. He plans on taking a year off school but will look into a trade school or college. He just turned 18 on June 14th, and I can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for him. He is a bright young man. Although we never understand our paths and why God puts us through certain trials, the picture becomes clear once the pieces fall into place. Through Emmanuel's Journey, it has led us here to the TCH Clarksville facility. I'm pleased to say we love it here. The staff is amazing and as a family, we are learning new life skills. Thankful for our food pantry and other donations Thanksgiving feast and Christmas Gifts were a real treat. We are learning to help each other. Thank you all. Thank you, Tennessee Children's Home, for your dedication to making a difference in these young men's lives. Thank you to the House Parents who treat the kids as their own. Thank you for donating the van (BIG RED) to our family also. We are beyond grateful and blessed. •



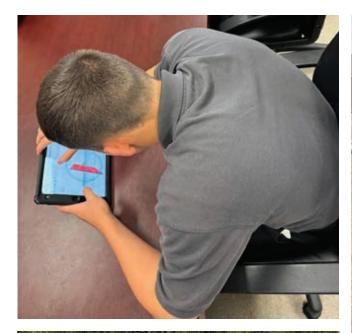


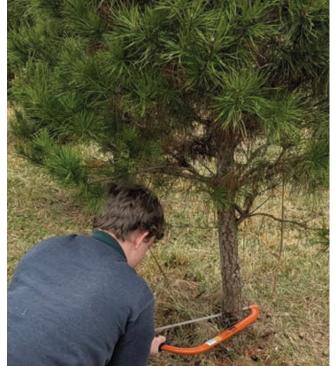
## STEM

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math or STEM, is something that we set out a few years ago to make a priority in our schools. Incorporating this in a bigger way in important to the educational development of any youth but in particular, at-risk youth. As STEM is continuing to become a larger part of our curriculum here at our on campus schools, the youth have the opportunity to learn about automotive mechanics, 3D printing, Laser engraving, and even gardening. Check out some of these photos of what we are able to teach the youth we serve. •















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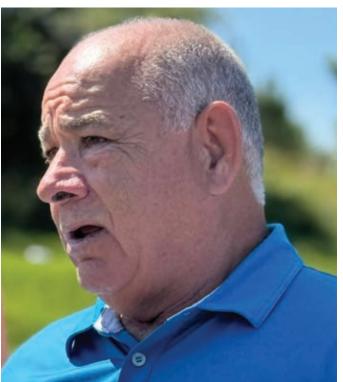




























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## BENEFIT DINNER

Tennessee Children's Home was honored to present Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cole as *Champion for Children* this year at our benefit dinner. Mr. Joshua Crain was our guest speaker. We had awesome food and fellowship. We raised over \$58,000.







As an expression of sympathy or celebration, memorial/honor contributions may be made to **Tennessee Children's Home** in lieu of flowers or gifts.

Flowers fade, but a donation to Tennessee Children's Home lives on.

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## **B.** McKay House

Casserole Dishes

Footballs, Basketballs, Baseballs, etc...

Blackstone Griddle

## **McCune House**

Heavy Duty Mixer

4- Swiffer & 4 Liquid Solution (Kit)

Heavy Duty Vacuum

## D. McKay House

X Large Pots and Lids

8 sets of Black Out Curtains 52"X 84"

Extra Large Digital Picture Frame

## **Adams House**

Wii & Games

Dish Towels and Dish Rags Silverware Sets for 12 places

Kee House

Craftsman V20 Stick Vacuum

Blackstone Griddle

Lego Oracle Red Bull Racing RB20 F1 Car Item #42206

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## **McCathern House**

Silverware Sets for 12 places

2 Large Non-Stick Skillets

16- Plastic Cups

## KNOXVILLE

## **8564 House**

Heavy Duty Vacuum

Patio Furniture

Outdoor Griddle

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## REVENUE And EXPENSE SUMMARY

(Excluding Depreciation)
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

	Admin. & Develop.	Spring Hill	N. Central	West TN	East TN	TOTAL	Budget	Var	Var%
	Aumm. & Develop.	Spring nin	N. Cellual	West IN	East III	IUIAL	Duuget	Val	Val 70
REVENUE									
Contributions		1,351,709	60,911	364,531	317,408	2,094,559	1,697,000	397,559	23.4%
Contracts		2,222,973	110,711	1,528,298	1.062,876	4,924,858	4,927,568	(2,710)	-0.1%
Other		145,458	1,000	33,750	8,150	188,358	155,000	33,358	21.5%
Total Revenue	0	3,720,140	172,622	1,926,578	1,388,435	7,207,774	6,779,568	428,206	6.3%
EXPENSES									
Personnel	648,090	1,706,331	136,611	1,271,512	870,208	4,632,752	5,099,414	(466,662)	-9.2%
Operating Costs	374,896	522,918	204,023	468,989	378,771	1,949,596	1,890,056	59,540	3.2%
Sub-Total Expense	1,022,985	2,229,249	340,634	1,740,501	1,248,979	6,582,348	6,989,470	(407,122)	-5.8%
	(648,090)	291,640	32,404	194,427	129,618	0			
	(374,896)	168,703	18,745	112,469	74,979	0			
ALLOCATE ADMIN. & DEVELOPMENT	(1,022,985)	460,343	51,149	306,896	204,597	0			
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Total Expense	0	2,689,592	391,783	2.047,396	1 453 576	6,582,348	6 989 470	(407,122)	-5.8%
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSE	0	1,030,548	(219,162)	(120,818)	(65.142)	625,426	(209.902)	835,328	

Detailed financial information will be provided upon request. If you need additional information, please contact: MIKE YUHAS, President c/o Tennessee Children's Home P.O. Box 10 Spring Hill, TN 37174



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