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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mike Yuhas

*"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed . . .
nothing will be impossible for you." – Matthew 17:20*

For more than a century, Tennessee Children's Home has witnessed the truth of those words. From humble beginnings in 1909 to the lives being transformed today, our history is a testimony to what God can accomplish through faithful people who are willing to answer His call.

When Tennessee Orphan Home was founded in 1909, the mission was simple but profound: provide a Christian home for children who needed love, guidance, and hope. The challenges were great. Resources were limited. The needs were overwhelming. Yet faithful men and women believed that God could provide a way where there seemed to be no way.

What began with a vision and a commitment to serve children has grown into a ministry that has touched thousands of lives across generations. Through world wars, economic downturns, changing social systems, and countless other challenges, Tennessee Children's Home has remained steadfast in its commitment to caring for children and families.

The story of Tennessee Children's Home has never been about buildings, budgets, or programs. It has always been about faith. Faith that every child is created in the image of God. Faith that brokenness can be healed. Faith that a loving home can change the trajectory of a young person's life. Faith that God will provide what is needed to accomplish His work.

There are always mountains of financial struggles, staffing shortages, changing government regulations, and uncertainties about the future of child welfare always to stand before us. Yet, time and again, God moves those mountains through the generosity of supporters, the dedication of staff, the prayers of churches, and the unwavering commitment of people who believe in our mission.

Every child who has found safety, every family that has experienced restoration, every young adult who has gone on to live a productive and meaningful life is evidence of God's faithfulness. The success stories that have emerged from Tennessee Children's Home over the past 117 years are not simply organizational accomplishments; they are miracles made possible by faithful servants who refused to give up.

Today, the needs facing children and families continue to evolve. The child welfare system is changing. Communities face new challenges. The demand for quality care and support remains significant. While the mountains before us may look different than they did in 1909, the source of our strength remains the same.

As we look toward the future, we do so with confidence—not because we know exactly what lies ahead, but because we know the God who has guided us this far. The same God who inspired our founders continues to direct our path. The same faith that sustained Tennessee Children's Home through more than a century of ministry continues to sustain us today.

None of this would be possible without you. Every prayer offered on behalf of our children, every dollar donated, every volunteer hour given, and every word of encouragement has helped move mountains. You are part of this story. You are helping create opportunities for children who need hope, stability, and love.

As we reflect on our journey from 1909 to the present, we are reminded that the greatest chapters of Tennessee Children's Home's story have always been written when God's people stepped forward in faith. Together, we have seen mountains moved and lives transformed.

Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for believing in our mission. Thank you for helping us continue the work that began more than a century ago.

With God's help, the mountains before us will continue to move, and future generations of children will experience the love, care, and hope that define Tennessee Children's Home.

Faith can move mountains—and together, we are living proof. •



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. •

By Chris Doughtie
Director of Development

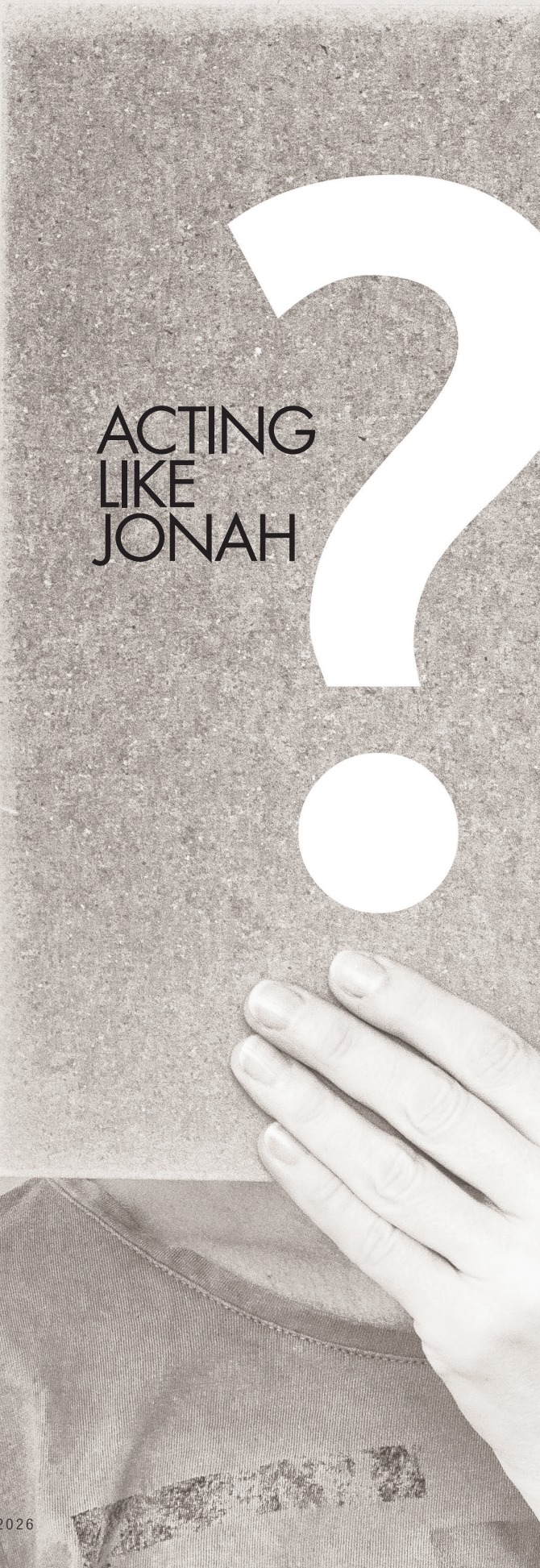
I was introduced to Tennessee Children's Home in 2009 because the church I attended was a supporter. I remember the president at the time coming to do a presentation because the organization had been around for exactly 100 years. I remember feeling proud that my congregation supported such work. Beyond that, **I don't think I thought about Tennessee Children's Home much for another year or two.** Sometime in 2011 there was a posting at my congregation for a job opening at Tennessee Children's Home. It was for Houseparents. I remember thinking to myself that this would be a cool job. Getting to make an impact on kids who, at a young age, had already lived their lives in such disarray. I just knew I could be a positive influence in that realm. **I did nothing about it.**

Fast forward another year to January 2012. Another job posting for the same position. A set of Houseparents needed to take care of 8 at-risk youth in a Christian environment. I thought the same things as before and unfortunately did just about the exact same thing as the year prior: **Nothing.** There was one difference though. I did express my interest in this opening to some fellow church members. This ended up making its way to the campus director responsible for hiring Houseparents. Since this particular job does not have people knocking down the door to apply, the campus director made his way to me and asked if my wife and I would like to learn more about the position. So, we took him up on the offer and visited and talked with other Houseparents. Ultimately, we were asked if we would fill the position. My wife was on board and the conversations we had seemed to make sense. So, I called the campus director and told him **No Thanks.**

It wasn't long after that **No Thanks** that I realized I had made a poor decision. Instead of acting on faith and doing something that I felt called to do, I ran away. Just like Jonah did when he was called to help a struggling group of people. It was possibly the worst 3 days of my life that included discussions with my wife and Praying to God asking what to do. Thankfully, I called back on the 3rd day and told them I had made the wrong decision and thankfully, they had not moved on from considering us. In February of 2012 my family of 4 moved into a house on the property of Tennessee Children's Home and were blessed to begin our ministry as Houseparents.

Ultimately, I could argue that I faithfully agreed to change my life and do what I believe the Bible tells us we should be doing by taking care of those in need. In reality, my faith was weak. It took too long for me to come to a faithful conclusion. In the end, by making this decision and coming to work at Tennessee Children's Home, I believe my faith was ignited with an overwhelming boost. My wife and I served for 5 years as Houseparents. We had the opportunity to impact hundreds of young people during that time, and I would not change it for anything. Thankfully, we have been able to stay with the organization. I now have a role as Director of Development, and my wife is the cook for the on-campus school.

We hope the work that we do attracts people like you to be interested in what we are doing. We know not everyone will come and work with us, but if someone is interested in anyway, we hope they will **Not** do what I did but confidently reach out and find out if there is a place for them to help in our amazing mission. •



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An Endowment Protects the Future. Donors Change Lives.

By Rebecca Mischke
Development

“An Endowment Provides Stability—Not Unlimited Resources”

Tennessee Children’s Home (TCH) has always been built on one simple promise: that every child deserves safety, stability, and the opportunity to thrive. For generations, faithful supporters, churches, families, and community partners have helped make that mission possible through prayer, service, and financial generosity.

From the sale of land in Spring Hill, Tennessee in the 1980’s, Tennessee Children’s Home has an endowment fund.

An endowment is more than a financial account—it is a lasting investment in the future of the children we serve. These funds are carefully managed so that the principal remains protected while a portion of the earnings can be used to support the ongoing needs of the TCH year after year. This money is overseen by our Trustees.

The purpose of the endowment is to provide long-term stability. It helps ensure that Tennessee Children’s Home can continue in perpetuity. The income generated from the endowment assists with essential needs such as housing, education, counseling, medical care, spiritual development, and daily operations. It also helps provide a financial foundation during uncertain economic times.

The endowment has also been especially important during seasons when charitable giving across the country declines. During major national and global tragedies—such as the Indian Ocean tsunami and Hurricane Katrina—many donors understandably redirected their giving toward emergency disaster relief efforts. While those causes were incredibly important, ministries like Tennessee Children’s Home often experienced significant decreases in regular donations during those times. Because of the stability provided by the endowment, TCH was able to continue caring for children without interruption, even during financially difficult seasons.

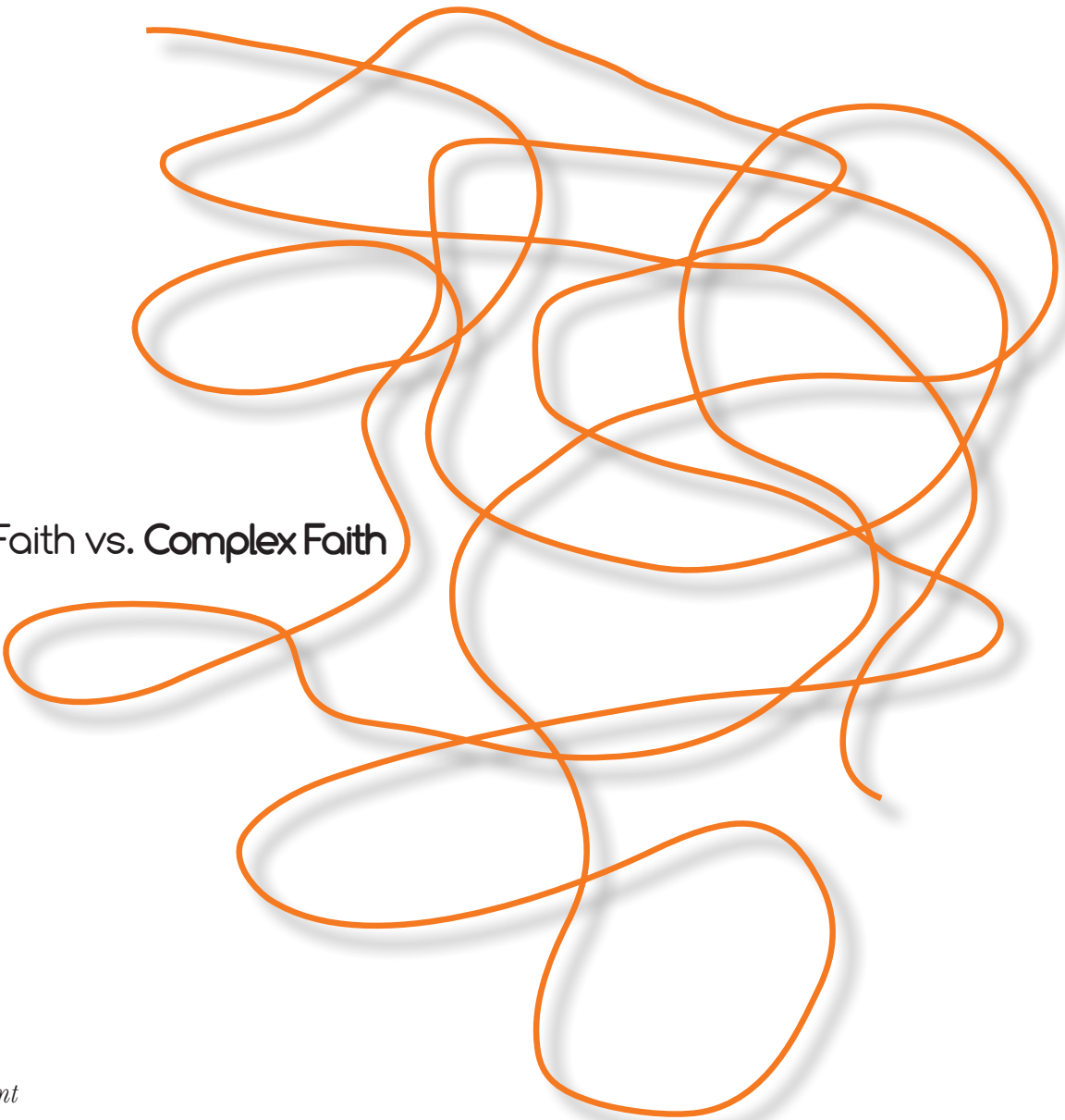
However, it is important to understand that an endowment is not designed to replace annual giving or fully fund the ministry. Much of the endowment is restricted and intended for long-term preservation, meaning it cannot simply be spent freely to cover all current expenses. Like many nonprofit organizations, Tennessee Children’s Home continues to rely heavily on the generosity of donors to meet everyday operational needs and respond to the growing needs of children and families.

The reality is that the cost of caring for children continues to rise. Food, utilities, education, transportation, healthcare, maintenance, and staffing expenses increase each year. In addition, the emotional and spiritual support our children need requires ongoing investment in trained caregivers, counselors, and programs that help them heal and succeed.

Every donation—large or small—still makes a direct and meaningful impact. Monthly support, special gifts, church contributions, planned-giving, and sponsorships help bridge the gap between endowment income and the actual cost of ministry. These gifts allow Tennessee Children’s Home to continue providing a safe, loving, Christ-centered environment where children can grow with dignity, hope, and opportunity.

Tennessee Children’s Home’s endowment represents the faithfulness of past generations. Today’s donations represent a commitment to the children who need us now. Together, both ensure that Tennessee Children’s Home can continue its mission for generations to come.

We are deeply grateful to every supporter who believes in this work. Your generosity changes lives, strengthens families, and helps provide hope for children across Tennessee. •



Simple Faith vs. Complex Faith

By Chris Doughtie
Director of Development

If you regularly attend a congregation of the Lord's Church, you have undoubtedly studied the idea of faith on numerous occasions. Faith seems to have some fairly simple aspects to it. A surface level understanding of faith will feel simple and easy to grasp. A comprehensive understanding of faith, however, confirms that this topic is not just a basic idea. We read about numerous individuals in Scripture who made incredible decisions based on their faith in God. Hebrews chapter 11 overviews a significant portion of these instances. It was more than just faith that Abraham was described as having in Genesis 22 while his son Isaac was bound on an altar. He was described as "fearing God" while following through with a command from the Lord.

This is just one example of how faith is a very complex idea that we as followers of Christ need to grasp on a complex level.

Faith comes in to play in our daily lives, even when we do not know it. Something as simple as setting our alarm clocks because we know tomorrow the sun will rise and we will have to be somewhere at a certain time. This is indeed a matter of faith. We take care of ourselves on many levels like hygiene, nutrition, and exercise. Why? Because we have faith that we will live another day and even make impacts on others to an old age.

What about bigger issues in life? Such as where we live? Where we work? Who we marry? All of these decisions will be made with aspects of faith in ways that we don't

even realize. Just as the decisions made thousands of years ago by people in the Bible that were considered to have great faith, we also live and make decisions. Now ask yourself this: Would the decisions you make warrant being listed in an incredible group of people who made an impact for our Lord and creator?

Faith is not something we build by doing things that make us happy. Faith is something we build by making difficult decisions which teaches us what faith really means. In order to do that, we must look at the Bible to see what it says about Faith. We need to make decisions based on what pleases God. Let's not build faith that is surface level. Let's make sure the faith we are building is Complex! •

MOUNTAINS MOVED BY GRANDPARENTS

When Grandparents Become Parents Again

By Rebecca Mischke
Development

Jesus said, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20)

At Tennessee Children's Home, we see that kind of faith every day.

This year's theme, "Faith Can Move Mountains," is more than a slogan. It is a reality lived out by many of the families who care for the children entrusted to us. Some of the biggest mountains facing children today are not financial hardships or academic struggles. They are broken homes, absent parents, addiction, incarceration, neglect, abuse, and family instability.

And increasingly, it is grandparents who are stepping forward to move those mountains.

The U.S. Department of Labor reports that roughly 2.74 million children are being raised by grandparents, while national kinship care organizations estimate that about 2.5 million children live in grandfamilies. (DOL)

Tennessee reflects this growing trend. Census-based estimates indicate that more than 75,000 Tennessee grandparents serve as primary caregivers for their grandchildren. (filetransfer.nashville.gov)

The numbers at Tennessee Children's Home are even more striking.

Currently, on our Spring Hill campus, 28 of our 32 children are being raised by grandparents.

Think about that for a moment.

Nearly nine out of every ten children on our campus are being parented by men and women who thought they had already finished raising children. Many expected to be enjoying retirement, traveling, attending grandchildren's ballgames, or spending quiet evenings at home. Instead, they are attending parent-teacher conferences, helping with homework, scheduling doctor's appointments, and navigating the challenges of raising a new generation.

Why is this happening?

The reasons are complex and often heartbreaking. Across our nation, families continue to battle substance abuse, mental health challenges, domestic violence, incarceration, economic instability, and generational cycles of dysfunction. Tennessee's Relative Caregiver Program specifically identifies circumstances such as parental abandonment, incarceration, abuse, neglect, and parental inability to provide care as common reasons relatives must step in to raise children. (Tennessee State Government)

It would be easy to point fingers at an entire generation of parents and ask, "What is wrong with parents today?"

But the better question may be, "What has happened to families?"

Many parents are carrying burdens their own parents never learned to address. Addiction has devastated communities. Social isolation has increased. Mental health struggles have become more visible. Economic pressures have intensified. In many cases, the children arriving in grandparent-led homes are not the result of a single bad decision but years of accumulated hardship.

None of this excuses parental neglect or abandonment. Children deserve safe, loving, stable homes. Yet understanding the causes reminds us that brokenness is often generational—and so is healing.

That is where faith enters the story.

Every day, we witness grandparents displaying extraordinary courage and sacrificial love. We see grandmothers fixed incomes to provide school clothes. We see grandfathers learning how to navigate modern technology so they can help with homework. We see aging caregivers choosing sacrifice over comfort because they refuse to let a child face the world alone.

These grandparents are moving mountains.

They may feel overwhelmed. They may wonder if they have the energy, resources, or strength to continue. Yet they show up day after day because love compels them forward.

The ministry of Tennessee Children's Home exists to come alongside families facing these challenges. Through residential care, family support, counseling, education, and Christian guidance, we seek to help children find stability and hope while strengthening the families who love them.

As Christians, we know that mountains are rarely moved all at once. They are moved one prayer, one act of obedience, one sacrifice, and one step of faith at a time.

The grandparents caring for so many of our children understand this truth better than most.

They remind us that faith is not merely believing God can move mountains. Faith is picking up a shovel every day and trusting Him as He does.

Please continue praying for the children and families of Tennessee Children's Home. Pray for parents who are struggling. Pray for grandparents who have answered the call to raise children again. And pray that God will continue to use this ministry to bring healing, restoration, and hope to generations of families.

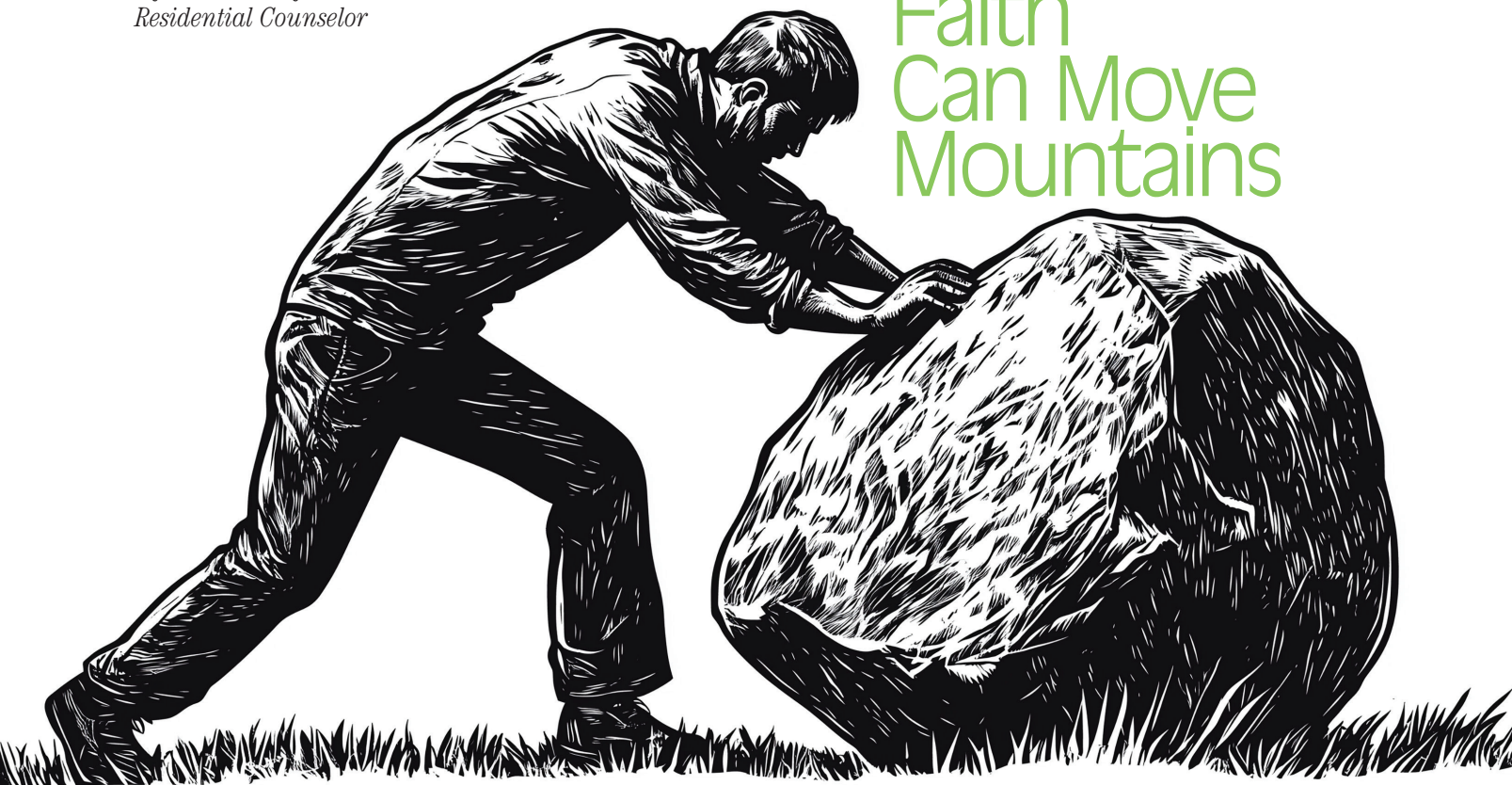
Because with God, even the largest mountains can be moved. •

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By J. D. Conley
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Faith Can Move Mountains



LIFE IS FULL OF OBSTACLES.

These obstacles may appear as financial struggles, broken relationships, health challenges, or uncertainty about the future. When these moments arise, they can feel like mountains in our way—too large to climb or too difficult to overcome. Scripture helps remind us that faith has the power to move even the greatest obstacles.

Jesus told his disciples, “Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours” (Mark 11:22-24). Jesus is not teaching nor encouraging reckless demands of God. Instead, He is teaching that genuine faith places complete confidence and trust in God’s power rather than our own abilities.

Faith is not pretending that problems do not exist. Faith is choosing to trust God despite the reality of those problems.

Abraham believed God’s promise that he and Sarah would have a child, though they were both well beyond the age of having children. Joshua and Caleb believed that God was able to bring lowly Israel into the Promised Land. David marched toward Goliath in battle, knowing that the battle belonged to God. Read Hebrews 11; in every case, faith is demonstrated through obedience, perseverance, and reliance on God.

The mountains that we face today may not be made out of stone, but they are just as intimidating. Anxiety, grief, addiction, fear, loneliness, and many other seemingly impossible circumstances in life can seem overwhelming. Yet, the same God who parted the Red Sea, shut the mouths of lions, and raised Jesus from the dead remains sovereign today. Our faith is perfected in the greatness of God in whom we place our trust.

How can we grow our faith to the point of trusting God in every circumstance of life?

1. **Spend time reading the Bible.** Greater faith comes from hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17). Don’t just read to complete a reading plan. Read to know God.
2. **Pray honestly.** Prayer isn’t about impressive words—it’s about building a relationship with God (Mark 9:24). Faith often comes during conversations with God.
3. **Obey before you understand everything.** Faith grows through obedience (Hebrews 11:8).
4. **Remember God’s faithfulness.** Looking back on what God has led you through will help fuel confidence moving forward (1 Samuel 7:12).
5. **Surround yourself with faithful believers.** Faith is strengthened in community (Hebrews 10:24-25).
6. **Embrace trials as opportunities to trust.** James writes that the testing of our faith produces steadfastness (James 1:2). •



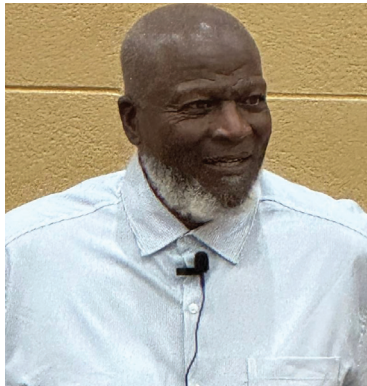
What a great day for a run at the **2025 Tennessee Children's Home Pathways 5K**! We are so grateful to every runner, walker, volunteer, sponsor, and supporter who came out to make the day meaningful for the children and families we serve. A special thank-you to C. John Chavis for your faithful support of Tennessee Children's Home through the years—we love you and deeply appreciate all you do. Register today on RunSignUp and join us for another great day supporting children, hope, and brighter futures on August 22, 2026. •

the fun of the run



The **2025 Spring Hill Turkey Burn** was another incredible celebration of community, fitness, and giving, bringing together runners, walkers, volunteers, and families in support of Tennessee Children's Home. A special highlight of race morning was the beautiful performance of the National Anthem by American Idol finalist and local rising star Mattie Pruitt, whose powerful voice set the tone for an inspiring day before hundreds of participants took to the course. As we celebrate another successful year, we invite everyone to be part of a special milestone—the 10th Annual Spring Hill Turkey Burn on Saturday, November 28, 2026. Whether you're running the 1K, 5K, or Half Marathon, volunteering, or cheering from the sidelines, you'll help make a difference in the lives of children while creating lasting Thanksgiving weekend memories. Mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate ten years of running with purpose, hope, and community spirit! •

What a wonderful night at the **Tennessee Children's Home Benefit Dinner in Spring Hill!** We were honored to hear inspiring words from Willie and James Franklin, whose messages reminded us why this work matters so deeply. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the children and families we serve, and a special thank-you to Dannie Holmes Catering for providing such a delicious meal. •



BENEFIT DINNERS

The **Henderson Tennessee Children's Home Benefit Dinner** was a meaningful evening of fellowship, encouragement, and celebration. We were honored to welcome guest speaker Justin Rogers, preacher of Lexington, Tennessee, whose message was a blessing to all who attended. A heartfelt congratulations goes to Brian and Jan King for being recognized as Champions for Children—an honor so richly deserved. Through their faithful hearts and generous service, countless youth and families have been impacted for Christ. •



IMMOVABLE MOUNTAINS

By Brandi Arabie-Smith

Spring Hill Administrative Assistant

Life brings uncertainty, difficulties, suffering, and heartbreak. The Bible teaches us in Matthew 17:20, that, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." But where do we go when those mountains seem unmovable.

For many of the residents at TCH, it feels that they are constantly standing in front of an unmovable mountain. Whether it is a need for money, loss of family, failing when you're trying your hardest, no family to lean on, or struggling to overcome addiction. Their life can be a battle much like what Paul says in Romans 7:15 "For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate, I do." To them, it seems as if the mountain will never move.

Many of us feel the same way. We worry about money—how we will make ends meet when the prices of everything are going up. We lose family and loved ones. We try hard and seem to fail, sometimes daily. The people we depend on in this life fail us. We face addiction—although it may not always be to drugs or alcohol. Our life is also like Paul's, fighting a battle between right and wrong. We face many of the same hardships and it seems no matter how much faith we have in God, how many times we bow in prayer, how often we struggle to put Him first, that mountain does not move. So, what do we do then? It is simple. We keep on.

We keep on. We keep on believing in all powerful God. We keep on believing that things will

work out for good. We keep on believing that all of this is just temporary. We keep on believing that when we leave this world, we have a better place awaiting us, because we have been faithful to Him.

We keep on. We keep on going. We don't let this mountain ahead of us stop us. If we can't move the mountain, we climb it. We conquer it. We climb to the top of it and proclaim our love for God from its peak. Every step we take builds our faith even more. Every step gives us strength to reach the top or even move the mountain. If it doesn't move, rise above it.

We keep on. We keep on sharing Jesus with all those who will listen, through our words, through the way we live, through our love. We share our love with everyone we come in contact with. We share Him from the very top of that mountain we just climbed. We share how Jesus has impacted our life. We share the Gospel. We share the mountains that we have already moved. We share the pain and how He has helped us overcome it so far.

What we don't do is give up. We don't quit praying. We don't quit worshipping. We don't give up on God. Giving up is always an option, but it is not the best choice. It is not the answer— in fact it is the worse decision we can make. When we feel like giving up, we need to sit in silence and remember all the mountains that we have already overcome. We need to remember everything God has already seen us through. Why would he stop now?

This is one of the hardest things to teach young people in our care. Many of us had a relationship with God before we ever see the mountain— imagine how much harder it is to have a mountain there— with no relationship with God. As with many in the world, we may be the only Christian they ever meet. Our relationship with God may be the only one they ever see. So, we need to make sure they see a relationship of faith, of hope, and of love. We do this daily by being their support, while sharing their pain, while teaching them the truth and loving them, even when they fail.

So, when we are praying for our mountain to move, and it seems like nothing is happening, we pray again. We pray again the next day, and the next day, and the next day. Because in reality, mountains move one inch, one rock, and one prayer at a time. •

June 13, 2026

To Tennessee Children's Home,

I wanted to take a moment to share how much Tennessee Children's Home has impacted my son, Brayden, and our family.

When Brayden entered the program, he was struggling with behavior issues at school, being defiant, and making choices that concerned me as a parent. Like many families, we were facing challenges and hoping to find guidance and support that could help put him on a better path.

Since becoming part of Tennessee Children's Home, I have seen positive changes in him. He has improved his behavior at school, worked hard to catch up on his grades, and become more focused on his future. He has learned valuable life skills, including how to garden, and has become more willing to help around the house. One of the most meaningful moments for our family was seeing him choose to be baptized, which reflected the personal growth and maturity we have witnessed during his time in the program.

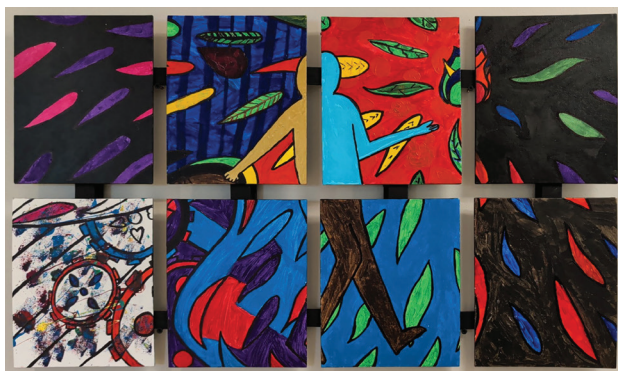
Brayden has told me that Tennessee Children's Home helped him learn how to get along better with others and helped him realize how important family is. He feels that the program helped him move towards getting back on track in school and taught him lessons that he can carry with him throughout his life.

What stands out most to me is the environment the program creates. It helps young people get their minds in a better place so they can make better decisions and choices for their future. While I know Brayden still has work to do and continues to grow, I am grateful for the progress he has made and the foundation Tennessee Children's Home has helped build.

Thank you for the care, guidance, and support you have given my son. The positive impact on his life and our family is something we truly appreciate.

Sincerely,

Meshawn Mccathern



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Tennessee Children's Home Art Project



COLLABORATION OF VALUES

This summer as part of introducing art to the residents of TCH's Middle campus we wanted to use this opportunity to get our residents to work together to create a single piece of art for each class. These four pieces were made with this collaborative assembly in mind and with the purpose of being displayed in the school so that the residents can take pride in their work.

The inspiration for this work was based off four sets of scripture chosen by four of our team members that contribute to our work in different roles. Mike Yuhas and his role of leadership in Tennessee Children's Home chose James 2: 14-17. Bob Adams and his role in the education of our residents chose Proverbs 22:6. Doug McKay and his role in Campus housing and the stewardship of the residents chose 1 Peter 4:10. I, Brandon McKay in the role of education and guardianship chose 1 John 4:18.

The process consisted of eight panels of canvas per project. Each student was given the opportunity to use the canvas and any color to express themselves using acrylic paint. Each had underdrawings to give the residents a diving board into their creativity based on a scripture chosen by a member of our team. After the paint had dried and the brushes were cleaned the canvases were then relined so that the underdrawings would be to the forefront and the scriptures meaning would come through.

Going forward I hope to keep bringing art into the residents' treatment. The freedom of creativity and the control they can choose over their art is what makes this so important.

This is the list of Staff and Residents from each house that were involved.

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D&R McKay House:

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McCune House:

Daniel, Julian, Kani, Kinsley, Maverick, Slade, Wayne, Wilson

Staff:

Bob Adams, Brandon McKay, Melissa Schlaff, and Sharon Mills. •

Tributes

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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Night Staff (Knoxville & Spring Hill)

Spring Hill & Knoxville are seeking at least one full-time and one part-time night staff to supervise youth during sleep hours of 10:00 PM-6:00 AM. High School diploma or GED equivalent required, at least 21 years of age, prefer someone with experience working with youth.

Residential Counselor (Henderson & Knoxville)

Knoxville & Henderson are seeking Residential Counselors (House Parents)

to begin immediately. This position would be responsible for the supervision of a group of up to 8 youth in a residential setting. Experience working with youth a plus.

Teacher (Henderson)

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- Tall Rolling Cart
- Electric Dryer

McCune House

- 8 Quilts/Comforters
- Large Plastic Bowls
- 8 sets Forks and Spoons / Unbreakable Plates and Cups

D. McKay House

- 8 Bath Rugs/Toilet Bowl Brushes
- 8 Toilet Roll Holders
- \$150 Amazon Cards (To Purchase frames for Boy's Artwork)

Adams House

- 10 Shower Curtains (no hooks needed)
- 10 Laundry Hampers
- 10 Shower Mats

Kee House

- Craftsman V20 Stick Vacuum
- Outdoor Gas Griddle
- Counter Top Ice Maker

McCathern House

- Electric Can Opener
- 2 Large Non-Stick Skillets and Pots and Pans
- Dish rags and Dish Towels

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House 440

- 3 piece casserole set
- 24 Bath towels
- Dish Towels and Dish Rags

House 185

- 3/ (12 piece) set Corelle: Winter Frost pattern
- 3 PS4 Controllers
- PS4 Games: Madden 2K, Need for Speed, and any PS4 Lego games.

House 155

- Buzbug Bug Zapper
- 3 / (12 piece) Corelle: County Cottage pattern

House 105

- PS5 Games: Forza Horizons, ATV & Motorcross, and 2 PS5 Controllers
- Graphic Novels (DC, Marvel Injustice)
- Individual Hand Held video games (20 Questions, Trivia, and Sports games)

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8564 House

- Food Processor
- Microwave
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8566 House

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(Excluding Depreciation)

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

	Admin. & Develop.	Spring Hill	N. Central	West TN	East TN	TOTAL	Budget	Var	Var%
REVENUE									
Contributions		1,802,813	41,214	299,538	331,076	2,474,641	2,030,500	444,141	21.9%
Contracts		2,311,826	120,681	1,003,024	881,281	4,316,811	4,653,818	(337,007)	-7.2%
Other		175,201	6,100	77,556	33,012	291,869	155,000	136,869	88.3%
TOTAL REVENUE	0	4,289,840	167,995	1,380,118	1,245,369	7,083,322	6,839,318	244,004	3.6%
EXPENSES									
Personnel	634,924	1,907,963	169,473	1,320,039	965,287	4,997,687	5,115,875	(118,188)	-2.3%
Operating Costs	375,922	444,580	185,690	365,623	271,402	1,643,218	1,868,971	(225,753)	-12.1%
SUB-TOTAL EXPENSE	1,010,846	2,352,544	355,164	1,685,662	1,236,688	6,640,905	6,984,846	(343,942)	-4.9%
	(634,924)	285,716	31,746	190,477	126,985	0			
	(375,922)	169,165	18,796	112,777	75,184	0			
ALLOCATE ADMIN. & DEVELOPMENT	(1,010,846)	454,881	50,542	303,254	202,169	0			
TOTAL EXPENSE	0	2,807,425	405,706	1,988,916	1,438,857	6,640,905	6,984,846	(343,942)	-4.9%
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSE	0	1,482,415	(237,712)	(608,798)	(193,488)	442,417	(145,528)	587,945	
ENDOWMENT DRAW							145,528	(145,528)	
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSE									
AFTER ALLOCATED ENDOWMENT						442,417	0	442,417	
OTHER NON-OPERATING EXPENSE	38,461					38,461		38,461	
ENDOWMENT DRAW OTHER									
REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSE						403,956			
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN									
REVENUE	0	77,450	0	39,888	0	117,338	0	0	
EXPENSES	-	-		0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL GAIN/(LOSS)	0	77,450	0	39,888	0	117,338	0	0	

Detailed financial information
will be provided upon request.
If you need additional information,
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