

## BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

**INTRODUCTION:** Since 1885, the heart of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH) has beat with a rhythm of hope that now extends throughout NC, SC and Guatemala. Today, BCH reaches people of all ages including *vulnerable children (many in the NC foster care system), single mothers, expectant mothers, birth mothers, intellectually/developmentally disabled adults, aging adults, community families, and impoverished children in Guatemala*. Through the **EVERY CHILD Initiative** in partnership with NC Baptists, BCH comes alongside churches to train and license husbands and wives to be foster families and equip the church to provide support and ministry to them. We believe the church is the answer to ministering to the needs of the most vulnerable and "Plan A" for sharing with them the unconditional love of Jesus. *On mission together* with NC Baptists, a myriad of needs are met and the gospel is shared. **We are many ministries beating with one heart — the heartbeat of Jesus. Learn more: [bchfamily.org](http://bchfamily.org)**

### OVERVIEW:

- **Lives Impacted through BCH's many ministries in 2024:** 172,101 lives
- **Professions of faith in 2024:** 322 professions of faith
- **EVERY CHILD Initiative Numbers:** Total number of foster homes licensed to date: 559. Total number of children served in BCH foster homes to date: 1,213.
- **CEO David Melber Brings Renewed, Gospel-centered Focus:**  
David Melber, a 25-year leader who has dedicated himself to non-profit ministry within Southern Baptist life, began as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH) on January 1, 2025. He and his wife Tera moved from Georgia, where he served as Chief Operating Officer of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. David brings a renewed focus for BCH to be a gospel-centered organization that brings hope to the vulnerable and comes alongside churches in their efforts to make the name of Jesus known.
- **BCH Adopts BF&M 2000:** In April 2025, the BCH Board approved the Baptist Faith & Message 2000 as BCH's official statement of faith, establishing a clear, Gospel-centered foundation for ministry and partnerships moving forward.
- **New Trainings Widen BCH's Ability to Equip and Empower Churches:**  
Gospel-centered, trauma-informed trainings were developed so churches can compassionately care for the vulnerable and see discipleship flourish:
  - Children's and Youth Ministry Teams and congregations are empowered to launch and strengthen initiatives that foster resiliency, safety, and spiritual growth for families impacted by brokenness.
  - Leaders and volunteers are equipped to serve families impacted by

Autism Spectrum Disorder, building ministries of sensitivity & belonging.

- **Fifteen Birth Mothers Make Decisions for Christ:** Christian Adoption Services, a BCH ministry, offers the annual retreat to encourage birth mothers who have chosen adoption for their babies and share the hope of the Gospel with them.
- **Ride to Clyde Marks 10th Anniversary with Record Amount Raised:** Organized in partnership with NC Baptists and benefiting BCH, motorcyclists celebrated the milestone year by raising \$261,367.
- **Annual Offering 2025:** This year's offering theme is EVERY CHILD and focuses on the story God is writing in the hearts and lives of the Hinton Family and their incredible foster care journey. This year's goal is \$2 million. (See below).

**Week of Prayer: Nov. 9-16 | Resources: [bchoffering.org](https://bchoffering.org)**

### **God Brings Two Families Together through the Hintons' Foster Care Journey**

*Chad and Alicia Hinton were out of excuses. The couple sat in their home church, Englewood Baptist in Rocky Mount, where they had finished hearing a sermon series that would forever impact their family's direction. The messages included two Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) guest speakers who shared about the EVERY CHILD initiative, where BCH trains and licenses Christian husbands and wives to become foster parents. The couple, who live in Tarboro, knew God was leading them to foster vulnerable NC boys and girls in addition to raising their four biological children.*

*In late December 2022, the Hintons received a call that a newborn baby was in need of a foster family. On Christmas Eve, Chad remained home with their children while Alicia drove to the hospital and held baby Ian in her arms for the first time.*

*In the days ahead, Chad and Alicia connected with Ian's great aunt and uncle who were raising Ian's two half-sisters. A friendship evolved between the two families—one that allowed Ian to know his biological family.*

*Chad and Alicia's plan to foster as many children as possible arrived at a crossroads when they learned Ian would be eligible for adoption. When they discussed this with Ian's great aunt and uncle, they all agreed that the bond formed between their two families was special. Adopting Ian has allowed their relationship to grow stronger and ensure he and his siblings would be involved in each other's lives.*

*Ian became a permanent member of the Hinton Family in February 2023. They hosted an adoption celebration at their church where family—including 10 members of Ian's biological family—friends, and BCH team members attended.*

*Today, the Hintons have moved into a bigger home—one that allows them the room to foster more children and have space for future sleepovers with Ian's sisters. The Hintons see this an extension of the ministry God has given them through the EVERY CHILD initiative and the support of NC Baptists including the Annual Offering.*