

## **BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**Who we are:** Since 1885, the heart of Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) has beat with a rhythm of hope that extends throughout North Carolina, South Carolina and Guatemala. For each person's specific need, we offer a unique ministry ready to help. It is only through the providence of God and being *on mission together* with NC Baptists throughout the state that we are able to minister to the myriad of needs and share God's love with those we are privileged to serve. **We are many ministries beating with one heart -- *the heartbeat of Jesus.***

**Did you know:** God has grown BCH from its roots as an orphanage to a sprawling non-profit organization that ministers to others from the first heartbeat to the last.

- BCH has locations in more than 35 communities in NC, SC and in Guatemala.
- BCH impacted 167,619 lives in 2022 through the support of NC Baptists.
- 80% of those we serve come to BCH unchurched and unreached for Jesus.
- There have been 661 professions of faith throughout the past five years.
- Through the **EVERY CHILD Foster & Adopt Initiative**, a partnership between BCH and NC Baptists, we train and license Christian couples to be foster families. We help churches to begin their own foster care ministries. There are more than 10,000 (*Data from [morethanenough.cafo.org](http://morethanenough.cafo.org)*) NC children in the state's foster care system who were removed from their homes for their protection. We believe the church is the answer for connecting children with caring, Christian homes. ***Visit [every-child.org](http://every-child.org)***
  - Also through **EVERY CHILD**, BCH's Christian Adoption Services aids couples with domestic and international adoption and ministers to expectant mothers to show them the beauty of choosing life for their babies by helping them make an adoption plan. ***Visit [christianadopt.org](http://christianadopt.org)***
  - The total number of foster homes licensed: 354. The total number of foster children served in BCH foster homes: 725.
  - **Domestic adoptions have increased 41%** compared to this time last year.
- BCH oversees an orphanage and cottage homes at Good Shepherd Ministries in Xela, Guatemala providing care to indigenous boys and girls who are abused and neglected.
- The ministry provides homes for intellectually/developmentally disabled adults.
- BCH operates the North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) serving senior adults. ***Visit [ncbam.org](http://ncbam.org)***
- It offers 24/7 residential wilderness camp ministries that are accredited, non-public schools. ***Visit [cameronboyscamp.org](http://cameronboyscamp.org) and [campduncannc.org](http://campduncannc.org)***
- BCH provides a supportive home for teen mothers and their babies.
- Family Care offers a residential program for single mothers needing support.
- Greater Vision Outreach aids immediate needs of community families in crisis and connects them with resources to achieve long term stability.
- HOMEBASE offers resources to college students with little to no family support.

## Highlights and Future Efforts:

- **Tirrell Discovers Family & Freedom, Accepts Christ:** From isolation to salvation, Tirrell is experiencing family and freedom for the very first time. For years, he was confined in his childhood home never attending school and only being fed rice. His extreme situation was not discovered until he was almost a teen. Now, he has found his family through John and Erin Stuebe who were trained and licensed as foster parents through the **EVERY CHILD Initiative**, a partnership between BCH and NC Baptists. *Through the couple's discipleship and church involvement, Tirrell accepted Christ on June 16.* Tirrell's story is the focus of the Annual Offering. **The Week of Prayer is November 5-12. The new video and offering resources are at [bchoffering.org](http://bchoffering.org)**
- **Emmanuel Home Welcomes First Resident:** The new residential ministry for mothers who have chosen adoption for their babies, has its first resident. This birth mother comes from Eastern NC and has no family support. She found a job almost immediately.
- NC Baptists throughout the state **collected more than \$500,000 in food, supplies and gift cards** through the annual "Food Roundup."
- Bikers participating in "Ride to Clyde," the statewide motorcycle ride organized in partnership with NC Baptists, **raised a record \$178,002.00.**
- Efforts are in place for **a new collaboration between BCH's Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Ministry and NC Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM).** This will bolster each ministry and continue to grow our services to the local community including the aging population as well as families with special-needs members.
- **Two new Innovations in Special Needs Ministry:** The first new effort is known as "Special Homes for Special Adults," known in the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) field as Alternative Family Living. This is where families or individuals open up their homes for a special needs adult to live. A family in Greensboro will be the first within this new model of care. The second new effort are **Inclusion Classes** at the Weekday Education center in Thomasville, one of the few places serving special needs children. Inclusion Classes are designed to mix special needs children with typically developing boys and girls so they help each other learn and grow.
- NC Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) opened the first of its **new "Care Villages"** at BCH's Kennedy Home in Kinston with help from the Neuse Baptist Association and area churches. Plans are in place for **a Care Village at the Baptist Convention building in Cary.** NCBAM works with churches, aging-service providers, and others to bring services to Care Village members living in their own homes. This allows them to age "in community." *Learn more at [ncbam.org](http://ncbam.org).*

*Learn more about the many ministries of Baptist Children's Homes at [bchfamily.org](http://bchfamily.org).*