



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Ashley Haddox-Williams, Staff, OKC Steve Morrison, Staff, BRT Shelby Billimek, Staff, OKC Malcolm Philips, Staff, Home Office Carlee, 3, Staff Child, OWA Jacob, Special Request, BRT Caleb, 17, BRT Audrey, Special Request, OWA CH James McClure, Staff, BHG Saylor, Special Request, OKC Michael, Special Request, BRT Sienna, 14, BHG Christy, Special Request, BHG Andrea, Special Request, OWA TL Braylon, 8, OKC John Meeks, Staff, OWA Rachel Jackson, Staff, Home Office Kaylynn, Special Request, OKC Dakoda, Special Request, BRT Ariana, Special Request, BHG Cheyenne, Special Request, OKC Justin, BRT TL Blaze, Special Request, BRT Robert Litke, Staff, OWA Tegan, 10, Staff Child, HPC North OKC Tarah, 18, Staff Child, BHG Sawyer, 7, OKC Anglena, Special Request, BHG Justin, 13, OKC Locklan, 3, OKC Carys, 12, Staff Child, HPC North OKC Sebastian, Special Request, OKC Kathie Ogburn, Staff, HPC North OKC

*BRT-Boys Ranch Town, Edmond *OKC-Baptist Children's Home, Oklahoma City *OWA-Baptist Children's Home, Owasso *CH-Children's Hope *TL-Transitional Living *BHG-Baptist Home for Girls, Madill *HPC-Hope Pregnancy Center All dates are birthdays unless stated otherwise.

A Second Chance

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." - 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)



Baptist Children's Home, Owasso is growing not only in staff numbers but also in the number of residents. In the early fall of 2022, two boys joined the Owasso campus. There had not been a boys' cottage on Owasso's campus for a long time, but God has been faithful to provide houseparents. Additionally, construction for a super cottage began in August of 2022. This super cottage will allow Baptist Children's Home, Owasso to serve 16 additional children. God is at work on Owasso's campus!

Noah* is one new boy on campus, and he is excited to be a part of the growth happening in Owasso. Noah is 16 years old and attends Owasso Public Schools. He enjoys playing sports and video games and, of course, food. He is on the football team at school and will run track in the spring.

While some children in Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children's (OBHC) care may come from smaller families, Noah comes from a family of eight siblings. He said it was a bit of an adjustment to move into a home with one other boy. "It's definitely quieter here than at home," he said. However, he said he has really enjoyed the environment.

"To be honest, the Children's Home is exactly how I expected it to be," said Noah. "You have freedom and restrictions, but overall, I really like it."

"I did not expect to meet so many influential people," he continued. "My houseparents have really invested in me, especially Mr. Meeks. They are always willing to talk with me when I have questions or need help."

Noah's cottage has a daily morning devotion. He said he has appreciated the lessons he has learned during the devotional time, but one lesson in particular has stuck with him. "I have learned how to trust God and not worry so much about what's to come," said Noah. "I've learned how to have patience and have faith in God's timing."

As he settles in to life on campus, Noah said he appreciates the consistency of his weekly schedule. While he does have daily chores to do, he said he enjoys the stability of life on campus and having his houseparents to count on. He said he views his time at Baptist Children's Home, Owasso not as a last resort, but a new beginning.

"I think being here is a second chance at life," said Noah. "I have a lot of opportunities here that I did not expect. This is a new beginning for me, and I am excited to see where it leads."

*Name changed to protect their privacy.

WAYS TO PRAY

- Pray for Noah as he continues to settle in to life at the Owasso campus.
- Pray for Noah's houseparents as they invest in him and lead his cottage.
- Pray for Baptist Children's Home, Owasso as God brings growth and renewal to the campus.