

June Prayer Calendar

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST HOMES FOR CHILDREN



- 6/1 Chloe, Special Request, OKC
- 6/2 Thomas, Special Request, OKC
- 6/3 Ashley, Special Request, OWA CH
- 6/4 Ginger Adams, Staff, HPC North OKC
- 6/5 Kayden, Special Request, OKC
- 6/6 Branch, 18, Staff Child, OKC
- 6/7 Payton, Special Request, BRT
- 6/8 Dana Philips, Staff, OWA
- 6/9 Starla Wiese, Staff, BHG
- 6/10 Camden, 2, OKC
- 6/11 Jessica Lewallen, Staff, HPC Tulsa
- 6/12 Cylas, Special Request, OWA CH
- 6/13 Anthony, 16, BRT
- 6/14 Ember, Special Request, OKC
- 6/15 Ricardo, Special Request, BRT
- 6/16 Maebree, 7, Staff Child, OKC
- 6/17 Holly Chisum, Staff, OWA
- 6/18 Emaleigh, 16, Staff Child, HPC Ardmore
- 6/19 Ulias, Special Request, OWA CH
- 6/20 Hannah, 15, Staff Child, OWA
- 6/20 Jacen, 13, Staff Child, HPC Edmond
- 6/20 Sheyenne, OKC
- 6/21 Chance Kaderli, Staff, OWA
- 6/21 Cheryl Nunn, Staff, OWA
- 6/22 Alena, Special Request, OKC
- 6/23 Jennifer Kloeppe, Staff, BRT
- 6/24 Ethan, 4, OKC
- 6/25 Kaylea, OKC
- 6/26 Ben, 18, Staff Child, HPC OKC North
- 6/27 Brody, Special Request, BRT
- 6/28 Dominique, Special Request, OKC
- 6/29 Allison, OKC
- 6/29 Andy Billimek, Staff, OKC
- 6/29 Phoenix, 12, BRT
- 6/30 Joshua, Special Request, BRT

*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.

Two of a Kind

By Catherine Finch

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” – Philippians 2:3-4 (ESV)

Dylan* and Matthew* are twin brothers who live at Boys Ranch Town, Edmond (BRT). The boys are 17 years old and juniors in high school. In the time they have spent at BRT, both boys have become leaders on campus and role models to the younger boys around them.

Dylan and Matthew did not arrive at BRT at the same time. Dylan has lived at BRT for a little over four years, and Matthew has lived at BRT for two years. “It was weird when I first came here on my own,” said Dylan. “I did not know anybody. But I appreciated when Matthew joined me here. It did not take us long to adjust to being back together again on a regular basis,” said Dylan. “It only took us a day-and-a-half”

“Because of Dylan, I kind of knew what to expect when I came here,” said Matthew. “He introduced me to some of the other guys, and I felt more comfortable with him around. I didn’t come in blindsided.”

Both brothers enjoy the on-campus programs, but they each have an area they particularly like. Dylan has a show heifer and is diligent in the daily prep required for shows. Matthew enjoys “cowboying” as he puts it. The boys appreciate the responsibility and routine that comes with caring for their show heifer and horses.

Dylan and Matthew are now the oldest boys on campus. Because of their experiences and the amount of time they have spent on campus, the other boys look up to them and listen to their advice. “I have been put in charge of a few things on campus,” said Dylan. “And I think I’ve earned the respect of those around me, because they come to me with questions and want my advice.”

“If I could tell a new kid one thing, I would tell them it gets better,” said Dylan. “Most of the kids who come here are not used to structure, so that’s an adjustment. I didn’t navigate transitioning to life here very well, but I pushed through, and it was worth it.”

“I tell people how it is,” said Matthew. “Especially when we’re working with horses, if someone isn’t doing it right, they can get hurt. So, I tell them the correct way to do it because I have experience, and I don’t want them to hurt themselves or the relationship with the horse. Our houseparents tell us to set a good example, because the other kids look up to us.”

Dylan and Matthew both expressed gratitude for the opportunities they have had at BRT to grow in their faith, interests and character. “When I first came here, I struggled with authority and didn’t want to listen to anyone,” said Dylan. “I soon learned life is much easier when you respect others and authority. When you respect others, they respect you too, and then you are able to lead others with that respect.”

*Names changed to protect their privacy.



Please pray for...

- *The continued spiritual growth and leadership of Dylan and Matthew.*
- *The brothers as they prepare to graduate high school soon. Pray they would finish strong and seek counsel as they make plans for the future.*
- *All of the young men on BRT’s campus. Pray they would strengthen and encourage one another in their walk with the Lord.*