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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Since The Baptist Orphan's Home opened in Oklahoma City 122 years ago, the ministry today known as Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children has been showing and sharing the love of Christ to children and their families. I want to thank you for your prayers for and promotion of our work. I have learned there will probably not be a day when I will not need to ask people to pray that the Lord will send us staff. The good news is He is answering prayer! We have new houseparents onboarding at Boys Ranch Town, Baptist Home for Girls, and Baptist Children's Home in Owasso. We have also added an additional family advisor at The Vine to meet the expanded capacity of renovated cottages being opened there. Keep praying and sharing the need!

Over these 122 years of ministry, we have had the privilege of assisting thousands of young men and women in achieving educational milestones. For many, that has been a high school diploma or G.E.D. Others have continued their education and gone on to receive bachelor's and advanced degrees. Throughout their journeys, we have walked beside them and provided the resources needed to pursue and achieve their educational goals.

Let me tell you about two of these graduates. Morgan came to Baptist Home for Girls two-and-a-half years ago from a very difficult situation. When she arrived, she was scared and shy. It has been amazing to watch her transformation. She came to Christ and was baptized at Little City Baptist Church. She is an FFA Officer, and her Parliamentary Procedure Team won state at the recent contest. She will go to Southeastern Oklahoma State University in the fall. One of the houseparents with a five-year-old daughter shared, "I pray my daughter will grow up to be like you." God has changed Morgan's life!

Leslie came to The Vine three years ago out of a background of addiction and out of a lifestyle that was dangerous for her and her son. The Vine has provided her with safety and structure, and they have thrived! She has committed her life to Christ and completed her degree in early childhood education. She is now teaching kindergarten in OKC Public Schools. Not only is Leslie a different person, but she barely resembles the same person I first met almost two-and-a-half years ago. It is humbling to see the transforming power of the God.

The apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV), *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* One of the humbling privileges of the seat the Lord allows me to sit in today is to see the transforming power of the Lord. Thank you for joining us in our grand vision of striving to bring Hope by providing help and homes to children and their families. ♥

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dr. James L. Swain". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Dr. James L. Swain

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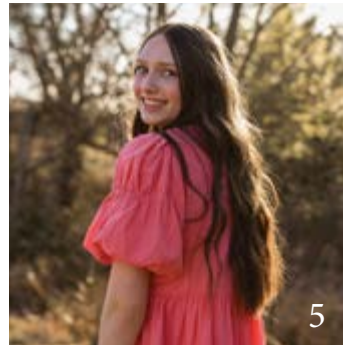
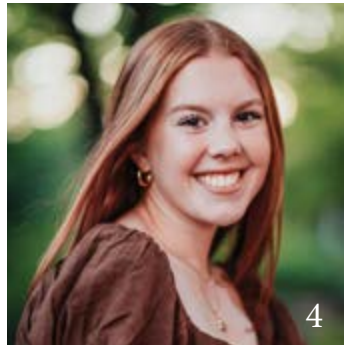
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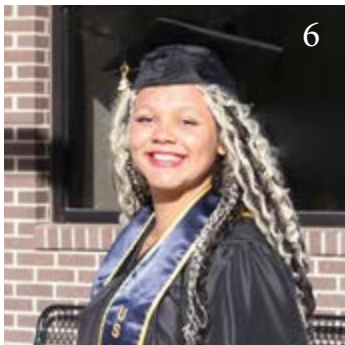
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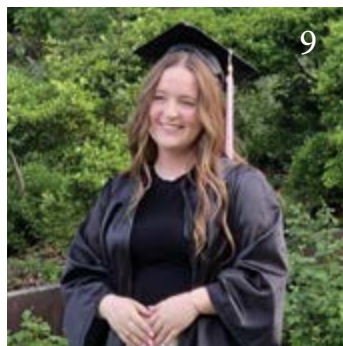
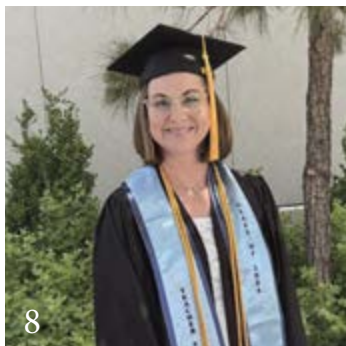
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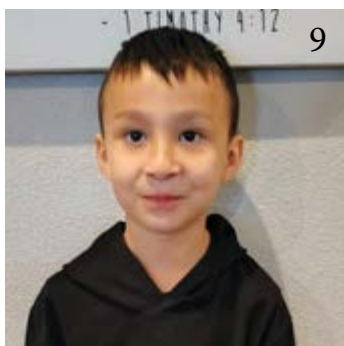
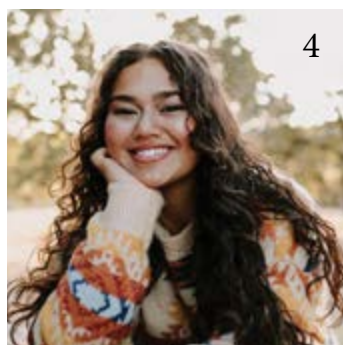
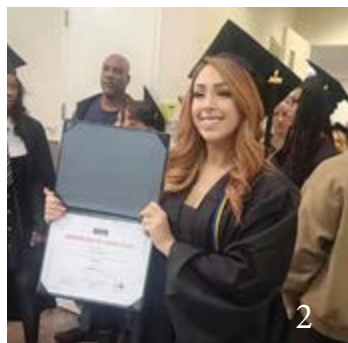
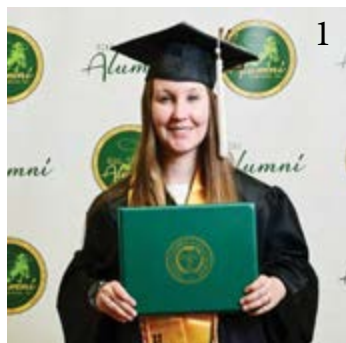
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HOMESCHOOL

Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children (OBHC) is thrilled to celebrate the kindergarten, high school and college graduates of 2025! Join OBHC in praying for the students and moms we serve along with OBHC staff and staff children graduates as they enter the next stage of life. We are so proud of all they have accomplished and cannot wait to see what they do next!



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How Can We Not?

BY CATHERINE HORN



“...God moved in our hearts and we both knew we had to do something.”

— TOMMY HIX —

Tommy and Bonnie Hix have been faithful supporters of Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children (OBHC) since the 1970s. The couple has been married for 65 years. Tommy was a barber for 17 years and worked for Wonder Bread for 20 years. Bonnie worked as an elementary school teacher for 25 years. They are currently members of Central Baptist Church in Lawton and live in Lawton, OK.

The couple was first introduced to OBHC at church in the mid-70s. The Women's Missionary Union (WMU) group at their church picked one family from the church to host a child from OBHC in their home for two weeks during the summer. Those chosen could also host children for the day or for family outings or holidays.

The first child they hosted was named Darrel, and he not only spent time during the summer with them, but he also spent Thanksgiving and took day trips to their home. After Darrel, they hosted a girl named Angie. She developed such a close bond with Tommy and Bonnie that she wanted to live with them when it looked like her grandparents could no longer care for her. The Hix family visited about officially welcoming Angie into their home, and their youngest daughter responded, “How could we not?” Ultimately, Angie's grandfather was able to take her back home, and while they missed her, the Hix family was grateful Angie was able to reunite with her family.

“We had to do something.”

A few years later, a couple from their church became houseparents at Baptist Home for Girls (BHG). The houseparents offered for the Hix family to come visit them at BHG and experience the ministry taking place there. While at BHG, Tommy asked if they needed anything. The housedad said he would like the girls to start raising and showing sheep, and they also needed a grill for cookouts. Tommy said, “I know I can get you a grill. Let me see what I can do about the sheep.” The Hix family talked to their Sunday School class back at home, and not only did their class give BHG a grill, but one of the members had a sheep showing business and donated the equipment BHG would need to successfully show and shear sheep.

When asked why they have been involved with OBHC for so long, Bonnie said, “We were blessed with two children that were good kids, and we weren't rich, but they had everything they needed.



We knew the children who came to OBHC didn't have everything they needed, especially the parenting. God moved in our hearts and we both knew we had to do something.” Tommy added, “Back when it was called the Baptist Orphan's Home, you just assumed OBHC just dealt with orphans, so I was surprised to realize how many kids have parents, but they come from such hardship and need a loving and safe place to live.”

While the days of hosting children in their home has long since passed, the couple continues to support the ministry of OBHC. Instead of asking for gifts for Christmas or birthdays or their anniversary, they ask their friends and family to give a gift to OBHC in honor of them instead. Tommy told his family, “If we wanted it bad enough, we would already have it, so give our gifts to OBHC.”

Bonnie said, “When I first started teaching, I told Tommy we're going to give part of the first check I get to OBHC. Even as I wrote that first check, I thought there's more that we could do. If you miss the opportunity to serve and give, you miss a blessing.”

Tommy and Bonnie Hix are an inspiring example of what it looks like to show and share the love of Christ to children and their families. “They display a beautiful example of what God wants for marriage,” said Candi Bennight, the Hix's niece and a trustee for OBHC. “It's the heart God gave them. They just have a heart for children.” ♥

Good News

God is at work throughout the campuses and pregnancy centers at Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children (OBHC). We hope you enjoy reading a few Good News updates from OBHC!



Baptist Home for Girls

- The Baptist Home for Girls (BHG) campus enjoyed a cupcake wars baking and decorating competition with OBHC Board members.
- One of the girls celebrated senior night for track.
- Five girls and a staff child participated in the end-of-year band concert.
- One of the graduating seniors is an honor graduate and planning to attend Southeastern University. She offered the prayer at Baccalaureate. The other senior is heading to the Navy. We celebrated them with a senior reception and Ovation dinner.
- Two girls received recognition at the FFA banquet. One girl chaired the Madill Senior FFA Parli-Pro team that won state. She also competed in a welding competition, won 1st place in outdoor furniture, and was the recreational division champion.
- The children on campus enjoy caring for some baby chicks that have recently hatched – 32 chicks in a week!
- Thompson Cottage enjoyed celebrating the beginning of summer by engaging in some friendly competition at Activate Games in Plano.
- The campus is celebrating a salvation! ♥



Baptist Children's Home

- A volunteer took one of the moms shopping and had a great time.
- Campus celebrated two salvations this month!
- Brooks Cottage enjoyed a day of flying remote-control planes with a friend from Adult 5 Sunday School.
- One of the moms received a one-year sobriety chip.
- Campus children enjoyed a field trip to the fire station.
- Family-Focused Care enjoyed skating and laser tag.
- The moms completed a 16-week faith and finance class and attended a parenting workshop at Battle Creek.
- We enjoyed a night at the Tulsa Drillers and ended with some amazing fireworks! ♥



The Vine



- One of the moms was baptized!
- We had a wonderful time celebrating birthdays this month.
- Some of the children had the opportunity to attend baseball camp and had a blast.
- The last day of school was celebrated with a snow cone party. We are excited for summer at The Vine!
- The Phase 3 families enjoyed a fun outing to a farm.
- We celebrated the campus graduates this month. We had a Pre-K graduate and an Ovation dinner celebrating those who completed a GED, graduate school or graduated from the campus program. ♥



Hope Pregnancy Center

- The Shawnee center celebrated our second anniversary in May. We are thankful for the Lord's provision and how He continues to bless us.
- We recently had two salvations and continue to pray for those individuals to allow Christ to radically change their lives.
- Multiple clients have given birth to healthy babies this month.
- The center hosted 17 young ladies from Christian Heritage Academy at the Kickapoo location. They filled positive bags and prepared Bibles for the clients. It was a great opportunity to educate them about Hope.
- This month, we began celebrating and showing appreciation for the local churches that support us by providing breakfast for their staff.
- Staff members attended a local church's first Baby Boot Camp and were able to love on the expectant first-time mothers and engage in the community. ♥



BRT Boys Ranch Town

- A group from Henderson Hills Baptist Church revamped the Kimbler Cottage flower bed with the boys. Another group from Henderson Hills visited the ranch for lunch and a tour.
- One of the young men in the College and Career housing graduated from OSU-OKC fire academy.
- Some boys and staff were able to visit some farms and churches in the OK panhandle.
- A boy won tickets to a Comets game, and a group from Thompson Cottage enjoyed a AAA baseball game.
- A member of the UCO football team came to the ranch and played football with the boys.
- A group from Quail Springs Baptist Church brought dinner for Mabee Cottage.
- A boy graduated from Francis Tuttle and Memorial High School.
- Boys' accomplishments were recognized and volunteers honored at a recent end-of-school luncheon for the on-campus school. ♥

“Do everything as unto the Lord...”

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHT



My name is Tim Helton, and I serve as a houseparent at Baptist Children's Home, Owasso (BCH). After twenty years as a missionary and serving in church ministry, our family felt God wanted us to transition into the mission of full-time residential childcare. My time at BCH has been rewarding among the many challenges. My wife, Missy, and I arrived on the Owasso campus on October 30, 2023. When we backed our U-Haul up to Hardesty Cottage, we were greeted by several houseparent couples and residents to help unload our belongings.

In the days following our arrival, we were blessed with meeting staff, onboarding meetings, and a trip to Oklahoma City to meet and become acquainted with home office leadership and support staff. We quickly learned that Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children (OBHC) has one mission in mind: to show and share the love of Christ to children and their families.

An Amazing Change

I have personally seen God do amazing things at OBHC. Our background checks returned in record time, and we jumped in as primary houseparents, establishing the culture God has led us to implement. With some ups and downs, we have been able to build some strong relationships with the girls. I have even had the privilege of baptizing two of the residents who attend our church. One young lady we have invested in comes to mind. This particular young lady arrived at BCH in a very dark space.

She was very defiant against the implemented structure and expectations. She showed no interest in family devotions or our attendance at church services. She was often late in the mornings and left the cottage with a poor attitude. Over time and with much consistency, she began to get on board with our expectations and her student success plan. The Good Friday service at Central Baptist Church in Owasso was her time of surrender. After a very strong, straightforward sermon about mankind's need for Jesus, this young resident gave her life to Christ. The change in this young lady was nothing short of amazing. She showed a great interest in God's Word, got involved in the youth praise team, and her attitude and spirit in the cottage went from passive follower to leader.

The story of this young lady is one of the many success stories in OBHC's history. We look forward to a continued part in an organization that still believes Jesus is the ultimate answer and change for the children and families of Oklahoma and around the world. What sets OBHC apart? Our organization believes and strives to live out the concept of Colossians 3:23 in which believers are admonished to "do everything as unto the Lord."

In His Service,

Tim Helton

HOUSEPARENT
BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME



EVERYDAY HERO

YOU CAN BE AN EVERYDAY HERO – BECOME A DIFFERENCE MAKER

For more than a century, Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children (OBHC) has been showing and sharing the love of Christ. This mission takes place 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The needs of the marginalized, minimalized, abused and neglected do not stop on weekends, holidays or after hours.

Real heroes show up early, stay late, and meet the need. They provide a path forward for children and their families as they walk out of brokenness, shame, poverty, illiteracy, despair, and the darkness of lostness.



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CABINET SPOTLIGHT

Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children's (OBHC) Cabinet is the highest level of leadership who serve the children and families in OBHC's care. They work tirelessly to ensure OBHC is operating to the best of its ability, all while showing and sharing the love of Christ with children and their families. They prayerfully lead with integrity, grace and wisdom. In the next couple of Legacy volumes, we will highlight members of the Cabinet.



Deborah Young, Director of Public Relations

Share a little bit about yourself.

I come from a small, close-knit family and have spent all but five years of my life in south Oklahoma City. I grew up attending Moore schools and Southern Hills Baptist Church and obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration in management administration and a master's degree in marketing, surrounded by opportunities I once believed were available to everyone. Those opportunities looked like two parents who loved each other and the Lord and made church a priority from day one. They looked like a stay-at-home mom who quizzed me on spelling words each evening and a dad who loaded up giggling girls to go skating on Saturday mornings and coached my softball team in the summer. They looked like college aspirations that were not questioned but expected and parents who taught me how to set goals, work hard, and follow through.

What is your position at OBHC, and what does a typical day in your position look like?

I have been privileged to serve at Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children (OBHC) for 15 years, most of which I spent in development connecting Oklahoma Baptists and friends to the heart of our ministry. I love offering people a chance to transform lives through their generosity. On January 1 of this year, I stepped into the role of director of public relations, and let me tell you, there is no such thing as a "typical" day! It is fast-paced, challenging, rewarding, and never boring. My team oversees all of

OBHC's written and digital communications—everything from brochures to promotional items, letters to emails, and yes, even this very magazine. They are the unseen storytellers who bring our mission to life, and I am honored to work alongside them.

How did God draw you to OBHC?

God used all the opportunities I was given growing up to lead me to OBHC. I had long since realized not everyone had the same experiences I had lived. I encountered children and families affected by generational poverty, homelessness, abuse and neglect. Many did not even know what opportunity looked like. Over the years, I served on mission trips, volunteered in shelters and soup kitchens, and bought Christmas gifts for children with incarcerated parents. Those experiences developed compassion for others and opened my eyes to see that I needed to do more. When God led me to OBHC, I knew I had found a place where I could help provide opportunities like I had taken for granted and for children and families to allow God to change their future through this ministry.

What are your favorite hobbies, and how do you like to spend your free time?

Outside of work, Tim and I are embracing life as empty nesters. We enjoy spending time with our adult children and two grandchildren. We love taking road trips, cheering on OU football and softball teams, and relaxing in our backyard enjoying and praying for the vast amount of flowers we plant each spring but eventually forget to water! We also teach 12th-grade Sunday School at church which keeps us connected to a younger generation who needs to hear the truth of the gospel as they seek to follow Christ.

What are three ways we can pray for you?

Pray for wisdom to grow deeper in my walk with the Lord and lead with grace.

Pray for my adult children and teenage grandchildren as they navigate a world that looks very different from the one I grew up in.

Pray for the public relations team as we continue connecting the ministry of OBHC to new generations and engage donors on a deeper level. ♥

CABINET SPOTLIGHT



Jim Lehw, Vice President of Ministries

Share a little bit about yourself.

Brook and I are celebrating 32 years of marriage on July 30. Brook teaches english and leadership at Southmoore High School and is in her 29th year of teaching.

We have three young adult children: Kennedy, Lincoln, and Jackson. I have a Bachelor of Science in management and ethics from Mid-America Christian University. I am currently pursuing a master's with a human resource emphasis through Mid-America.

I served in the local church for 34 years before coming to serve at OBHC. I served in youth ministry at FBC Piedmont, Henderson Hills, Edmond, and Wilmont Place in OKC. I served as an associate pastor and missions at Emmaus Baptist Church for 22 years. During that time, I was able to serve on our OBHC Board of Trustees as chairman and then as an advisor to the Board. In 2022, I stepped away from local church ministry to serve part-time for OBHC as the human resources director and part-time with the North American Mission Board, opening the Send Relief Center in OKC. In January 2023, I began my current role as the vice president of ministries, serving alongside our four campuses, Foster Care Ministries (FCM), and HR.

What is your position at OBHC, and what does a typical day in your position look like?

I have the privilege to lead by providing processes to empower each of our campuses, FCM and HR to do the ministry that God has called us to. Along the way, I get to work with an amazing team of gifted employees all throughout OBHC that allows us to minister in some really hard places in people's lives.



How did God draw you to OBHC?

I had the privilege of growing up at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch outside of Amarillo, where my parents served on staff. My parents worked in different roles during their 17 years on staff. While I was at the Ranch, I had an aunt and uncle invite me to go to camp at Falls Creek with their church family, Memorial Baptist Church in Tulsa. It was early into camp when I was sitting in the back row in one of the old Bible study pavilions listening to the teacher teach the book of Philippians. We read Philippians 1:21 that says, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." God's word is powerful, and I knew then that I needed to discover what that meant. I spoke to our youth pastor, Ken Surrite. He and a friend I met that week, Don Newberry, visited with me about what it meant to surrender my life to Christ. After going back to Cal Farley's, I am thankful God put an assistant chaplain by the name of Joel Poppenfoose in my life to disciple me and live out what it meant to be a follower of Christ. I do not think I can share about what drew me to OBHC without knowing those important things: growing up in a boys' home where my parents worked, how Jesus became Lord of my life that day at Falls Creek, and being discipled by Mr. Poppenfoose and those at Memorial Baptist Church.

What are your favorite hobbies, and how do you like to spend your free time?

I love spending time with my family. We love traveling, and our family favorite location is Lake City, Colorado.

What are three ways we can pray for you?

Pray for my family, for continued growth in my relationship with Jesus, and that I would never settle for how things are and continue to look for ways we can step into hard places to make Jesus known. ♥

Women of Compassion



A DAY OF KINDNESS AND KINGDOM IMPACT: Women of Compassion 2025

This past April, a record-breaking 432 women gathered in spirit and in person for one of the most powerful events in the history of Women of Compassion. Hosted at the beautiful Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club, the annual Cups of Kindness event was a celebration of unity, generosity, and life-changing ministry through Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children (OBHC).

Whether seated at elegant tables or voting remotely by absentee ballot, these faithful women stood shoulder to shoulder with one mission in mind – to show and share the love of Christ to children and their families. The results speak volumes: \$432,000 was awarded to OBHC ministries across the state, bringing the Women of Compassion lifetime total to over \$2.8 million invested in children and families since the first vote in 2014!

GRANT AWARDS THAT CHANGE LIVES

Five vital areas of OBHC ministry received critical funding:

Baptist Home for Girls (Madill) – \$100,000 to replace 15 aging fiberglass showers with beautiful tile showers and upgraded plumbing, giving girls a much-needed update to their bathrooms.

Boys Ranch Town (Edmond) – \$100,000 to furnish every bedroom with new metal bed frames, quality mattresses, and sturdy dressers, offering comfort and security to boys who need it most.

Baptist Children's Home (Owasso) – \$100,000 to renovate and expand the community kitchen, enhancing shared meals and fellowship.

General OBHC Grant – \$100,000 to meet the greatest ministry needs across all campuses and centers.

Hope Pregnancy Centers (Statewide) – \$32,000 to supply a full year of essential medical supplies for all eight centers, providing care for vulnerable mothers and their babies.

From showers to bedrooms, kitchens to pregnancy centers, these grants represent more than just dollars; they represent hope restored, lives renewed, and faith in action.





Mark Your Calendar for April 11, 2026 – Tulsa, OK

We are already looking ahead with excitement to next year's Women of Compassion gathering and vote, scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2026, at the stunning Southern Hills Golf and Country Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

We are thrilled to welcome special guest Sara Roberts as our keynote speaker, alongside musical guests Blake and Jenna Bolerjack, a dynamic husband-and-wife duo who share the gospel through soul-stirring music such as "God Hid a Lion" and "Ain't No Grave." Their performances have inspired audiences across the U.S. and Europe.

How You can be part of Women of Compassion 2026

Becoming a part of this impactful sisterhood is simple and meaningful. Each member donates \$1,000 each year to form grants that will be awarded at the annual Cups of Kindness event. Grant totals are dependent on yearly participation. You can join today using any of the following options:

1. Mail a check to:

OBHC, 300 Johnny Bench Drive, Suite 450
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(Please note "WOC 2026" in the memo line.)

2. Join online at obhc.org/woc.

3. Use your Donor Advised Fund (DAF) – an easy way to give and stay tax-savvy.

3. Send your Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your tax advisor.

4. Increase your donation by joining for a friend or family member.

5. Set up monthly giving toward your membership by calling Jessica at 405.697.2719.

No matter your age, background or denomination, if you have a heart for ministry and a desire to make a difference, Women of Compassion welcomes you. Let us link arms again in 2026 to continue the work God has begun in us and through us.

Together, we are building a legacy of love. One meeting. One vote. One Act of Compassion. One voice. One woman at a time.

Shonda Flowers

For more questions, please contact Shonda Flowers at shonda.flowers@obhc.org or 405.550.5870.

August PRAYER CALENDAR



*BRT - Boys Ranch Town, Edmond
 *The Vine - Oklahoma City
 *OWA - Baptist Children's Home, Owasso
 *CC - College and Career
 *BHG - Baptist Home for Girls, Madill
 *HPC - Hope Pregnancy Center

All dates are birthdays unless stated otherwise.

8/1 Damien, OWA, Special Request
 8/2 Leona, BHG, Special Request
 8/3 Natalie, 16, Staff Child, HPC Mobile Unit
 8/3 Spencer, 14, The Vine
 8/4 Max, BRT, Special Request
 8/5 Jeremiah, The Vine, Special Request
 8/6 Char'Vez, 16, OWA
 8/6 Khrisda, The Vine
 8/6 Seth McCaa, Staff, BRT
 8/7 Bo Blakey, Staff, BRT
 8/8 McKinzy, 18, BHG
 8/9 Shelby, OWA, Special Request
 8/10 John, 8, The Vine
 8/11 Kourtne, BHG, Special Request
 8/12 Kolt, 5, The Vine
 8/12 Kristi, OWA
 8/13 Joel, BRT, Special Request
 8/14 Steve Floyd, Staff, Home Office
 8/15 Caroline, 12, Staff Child, Hope Ministries
 8/15 Rachel, The Vine
 8/16 Joseph, 11, Staff Child, HPC OKC North
 8/17 Karen Alley, Staff, HPC Tulsa
 8/17 Rosebud, The Vine
 8/17 Sapphyre, 10, The Vine
 8/18 Charlie Jo, 9, Staff Child, OWA
 8/19 Charity Lyon, Staff, HPC NWOK
 8/19 Rhonda Daniels, Staff, BRT
 8/20 Olivia, 5, The Vine
 8/21 Wyatt, OWA, Special Request
 8/22 Zoey, The Vine, Special Request
 8/23 Julian, 7, The Vine
 8/24 Maddie Payne, Staff, The Vine
 8/24 Sophia, 15, BHG
 8/25 Maddox, 7, The Vine
 8/26 Amy Halverson, Staff, Home Office
 8/27 Carly Messersmith, Staff, Development
 8/27 Deborah Young, Staff, Home Office
 8/27 Elliot, 1, Staff Child, Home Office
 8/27 Trinity Tinsley, Staff, The Vine
 8/28 Brooklyn, 18, The Vine
 8/28 Mary Genn, Staff, BHG
 8/29 Sawyer, 5, The Vine
 8/30 Brylie, BHG Special Request
 8/31 Terry Davidson, Staff, Development
 8/31 Tyce Pruitt, Staff, BHG
 8/31 Wyatt, 16, BRT

Leslie's Story



My name is Leslie. I have a 20-year-old daughter from whom I am estranged, and I have a seven-year-old son who is a little ball of fire. I grew up in Owasso with my sister, mom and dad. We spent some time going to a Baptist church in Collinsville, where my sister and dad and I were baptized at a young age, and I had grandparents in Hominy, Oklahoma, that took us to church.

I have been at The Vine since August 2021. My son and I started in Thompson Cottage, and then we moved to the remodeled Tubbs Cottage after about a year. We have been in the duplexes since December.

I was led to The Vine after being lost for many years. Brokenness from divorce, family brokenness, and life as a functioning addict led me to hit rock bottom in 2020. My life quickly spiraled out of control, and after a second try at rehab, I knew I needed different people and places in my life. Since I grew up in Owasso, I had always heard a lot about Baptist Children's Home, and I knew it was right for us.

My favorite memories are when we first got here. I enjoyed walking around campus with my son, playing on the playground, or walking around the circle and watching the sunsets. My son and I love outdoor

activities like going to the park, lake or water parks. I love to get up early before my son and spend time reading the Word and spend time with God before our day gets started.

I am proud to say I was able to finally finish school and become a teacher. After I came to The Vine, I almost immediately got started in college at Mid-America Christian University to be a teacher. I started going to school in 2010 and never finished, so that was a huge accomplishment. It took about three years to finish that degree, do my student teaching and then become a teacher for OKC Public Schools. I plan to stay in the Moore area for now. I hope to buy a house in this area and stay in the healthy community God has put us in. I might pursue my master's degree after a couple of years of teaching.

I have always felt safe and loved here. I know all of the staff here are true Christians that will lead and love us through anything we go through. ♥

Prayer Requests

I would like prayer to stay consistent in my relationship with God, for wisdom in parenting and teaching littles, and that my son and I would be reunited with my daughter one day soon!

September

PRAYER CALENDAR



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- 9/1 Felecia, The Vine, Special Request
- 9/2 Maverick, 7, Staff Child, BHG
- 9/2 Shonda Flowers, Staff, Development
- 9/3 Ashton, 15, OWA
- 9/3 Jim Lehew, Staff, Home Office
- 9/3 Sam, 14, Staff Child, Hope Ministries
- 9/4 Mya, BHG, Special Request
- 9/5 Able, The Vine, Special Request
- 9/6 Jennifer Stewart, Staff, Home Office
- 9/6 Leslie, The Vine
- 9/7 Jessica Nichols, Staff, OWA
- 9/8 Summer, 14, Staff Child, Development
- 9/9 Calvin, 17, Staff Child, HPC OKC North
- 9/9 Juliette, 1, Staff Child, Home Office
- 9/9 Kalab, 9, The Vine
- 9/10 Laney, BHG, Special Request
- 9/11 Justin, BRT, Special Request
- 9/12 Briana, The Vine, Special Request
- 9/13 Lillith, OWA, Special Request
- 9/14 Addy-Mae, 7, Staff Child, BHG
- 9/15 Shelbie, The Vine
- 9/16 Lydia Whaley, Staff, BHG
- 9/17 Gayla White, Staff, Hope Ministries
- 9/18 Rodger Duncan, Staff, Development
- 9/19 Natalie'Rae, The Vine, Special Request
- 9/20 Isabella, 8, The Vine
- 9/20 Jennifer Fett, Staff, Hope Ministries
- 9/21 Abby Fixico, Staff, OWA
- 9/21 Hanna, The Vine
- 9/22 Jim Glennie, Staff, BRT
- 9/23 Billie Galloway, Staff, OWA
- 9/23 Breanna, OWA
- 9/23 Daxton, 15, BRT
- 9/23 Ricardo, BRT
- 9/24 Kinley, 6, Staff Child, Home Office
- 9/25 Justin, The Vine, Special Request
- 9/26 Locklan, The Vine, Special Request
- 9/27 Charley Westbrook, Staff, BRT
- 9/27 Karson, 16, OWA
- 9/28 Emily Romero, Staff, BRT
- 9/28 Joshua, 18, Staff Child, HPC Edmond
- 9/28 Lily, 10, Staff Child, Development
- 9/29 Eli, The Vine, Special Request
- 9/30 Evie, The Vine, Special Request

Misael's Story



My name is Misael, and I was born in Chihuahua, Mexico but was raised in Beaver, Oklahoma, located in the Oklahoma panhandle. My parents' names are Ausencio and Isabel, and my only brother's name is Omar.

I lived at Boys Ranch Town (BRT) from August 2022 until May 2025. I came to BRT because I did not have a living arrangement to be able to attend school at Francis Tuttle Technology Center. Ultimately, BRT became a home where I was able to attend school and work while I lived in the College and Career apartments.

The biggest adjustment to life on campus was not having my parents with me. However, I enjoyed everything BRT had to offer. Events such as the rodeo, style show, and any extra classes that were offered on campus were extremely enjoyable. They helped me have something to look forward to in my day-to-day life. On top of that, I felt like I was out in the panhandle again even though the city was just a few miles away.

Some hobbies of mine include running, playing games, or enjoying my time at Arcadia Lake. At BRT, I really enjoyed cooking in my own space and just having somewhere I could call my own home for a short period of time.

God has been working in my life day-in and day-out. We are to seek the kingdom of God before we seek anything else. He is to be the number one focus in life, and the earthly things in our life will be added to us; not replace God but compliment what He has planned in our life.

Before BRT, I did not know how to cook, do laundry, financially support myself, and the list goes on and on. Living at BRT was the first real time that I lived on my own and had to take care of myself. This is where I went from being a kid to being a man.

Now that I have graduated from Francis Tuttle Technology Center, have been recently married and have moved away from BRT, my plans include getting my wife through the respiratory program at Francis Tuttle Technology Center, saving for a house, and building our own family. ♥

Prayer Requests

Please pray I gain the discipline to have a daily Bible study with my wife Acacia. Please pray for my legal citizenship process to go smoothly and quickly. Pray also that schooling and finances will work out so we can have a house before our 30's.

October PRAYER CALENDAR



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10/1 Hattie Parsons, Staff, The Vine
 10/2 Melissa Litke, Staff, OWA
 10/2 Oaklee, 12, BHG
 10/2 Thomas, 18, BRT
 10/3 Asher, 8, The Vine
 10/4 Jennifer Swift, Staff, HPC OKC South
 10/5 Blaze, BRT CC
 10/5 Naomi, 13, Staff Child, HPC Mobile Unit
 10/5 Nareya, 13, OWA
 10/5 Tanner, 18, Staff Child, OWA
 10/5 Tristan, 10, BRT
 10/6 Kenai, 11, Staff Child, OWA
 10/6 Sergio, BRT CC
 10/7 Quarius, The Vine, Special Request
 10/8 Jessica, The Vine
 10/9 Avalynne, BHG, Special Request
 10/10 Rylei Proctor, Staff, Home Office
 10/10 Sally Mitchell, Staff, HPC Ardmore
 10/11 Derek LaChance, Staff, Development
 10/12 Abbie, 13, Staff Child, HPC Tulsa
 10/12 Evonne Bashaw, Staff, BRT
 10/13 Claire, 4, Staff Child, BHG
 10/13 Erin, The Vine
 10/14 Kenli, 11, The Vine
 10/15 Karie MacLeod, Staff, HPC OKC North
 10/16 Lisa Tolbert, Staff, HPC Ardmore
 10/17 Lieschen Saale, Staff, BHG
 10/18 Heaven, 1, The Vine
 10/19 Ali Langdon, Staff, The Vine
 10/19 Clayton Chisum, Staff, OWA
 10/20 Anna, 14, Staff Child, Hope Ministries
 10/21 Matt Henderson, Staff, Development
 10/21 Sara Pruegert, Staff, Home Office
 10/22 Kelli, The Vine, Special Request
 10/23 Gabe, BRT, Special Request
 10/24 Samantha, The Vine, Special Request
 10/25 Megan McMahan, Staff, BHG
 10/26 Amanda Carr, Staff, HPC Mobile Unit
 10/26 Brynlee, 9, The Vine
 10/27 Cheyenne, BHG, Special Request
 10/28 Ariana, 5, The Vine
 10/28 Elijah, 14, BRT
 10/29 Clay Young, Staff, BHG
 10/29 Kathy Gaynor, Staff, HPC OKC South
 10/30 Aliyah, 14, The Vine
 10/31 Lillian Ingraham, Staff, Home Office

Morgan's Story



My name is Morgan. I have two brothers, one older and one younger. I grew up in a difficult situation. A lot of the time we did not have utilities and lived in run-down places. That never bothered me until I began to be treated poorly by my parents. It got to the point where I decided I was not going to put up with it anymore.

I moved to Baptist Home for Girls (BHG) about three years ago, because my parents decided to put me here. My biggest adjustment was getting used to the way of life at BHG. It was very different from what I experienced at home. There was a lot more structure. I had to wake up pretty early to be ready for breakfast at 6 a.m. That meant I got up around 5-5:20 a.m. Around 7 a.m., we would go to school and come back in the afternoon for a snack. Afterwards, we would do schoolwork or ag program, hang out and then eat dinner. Bedtime was around 9 p.m. for me. Even though it took a while to adapt to the schedule, it is not as strict as it seems once you get used to it. I really appreciate how there is such a large support system here that will help you get through adjusting to life at BHG.

Some of my favorite activities include spending time with friends and family. I also like to do things related to agriculture, workout, garden, cook and read.

My favorite memory at BHG would have to be going on the Canada trip. It was fun to meet friends of Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children (OBHC) and travel with other children and their families from all across OBHC.

I became a Christian during my time at BHG and was baptized at Little City Baptist Church. I am proud of who God has shaped me to be. All the things that I have been through were used for good. I believe that I am strong and capable of anything as long as the Lord walks with me. In the fall, I plan to attend Southeastern Oklahoma State University for computer science and will live at BHG as part of the College and Career program. My dream is to live in the country and also have cattle.

Since I have moved to BHG, the biggest difference in my life is Jesus. Without Him, there was a lot of negativity in my life that I thought was normal. Now, I experience much more joy and fulfillment. ♥

Prayer Requests

Please pray for God's will to be done my life. Please pray for patience as I seek God's will. Please also pray over my future.

November

PRAYER CALENDAR



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- 11/1 Anna Graeml, Staff, HPC OKC South
- 11/2 Braylon, The Vine, Special Request
- 11/3 Rebekah Stapp, Staff, Home Office
- 11/4 Atlas, 9, The Vine
- 11/5 Brian Nunn, Staff, OWA
- 11/5 Seth, BRT CC
- 11/5 Victoria Garrett, Staff, Development
- 11/6 Maggie, The Vine, Special Request
- 11/7 Ezekiel, BRT CC
- 11/8 Ava, 18, Staff Child, BRT/Development
- 11/9 Autumn, BHG, Special Request
- 11/10 Eli, BRT, Special Request
- 11/11 Kasen, The Vine, Special Request
- 11/12 Craig Swengle, Staff, OWA
- 11/12 Kamryn, 10, The Vine
- 11/12 Sandy Plain, Staff, BRT
- 11/13 Dayle-Anne, OWA, Special Request
- 11/14 Christopher, 6, The Vine
- 11/14 Grace Paul, Staff, BRT
- 11/15 Miles, 7, Staff Child, BHG
- 11/15 O'Shay, 2, The Vine
- 11/16 Ariel, 15, BHG
- 11/17 Mandi Parkhurst, Staff, HPC Edmond
- 11/18 Milo, 1, Staff Child, OWA
- 11/19 Arnell, 7, The Vine
- 11/19 Hannah, 6, Staff Child, BHG
- 11/20 Alex, 15, BRT
- 11/20 Carter, 13, Staff Child, Home Office
- 11/20 Shipley, 5, Staff Child, HPC Tulsa
- 11/21 Amelia, 13, BHG
- 11/21 Tim Helton, Staff, OWA
- 11/22 Brooklynn, 17, BHG
- 11/22 Samantha, 17, The Vine
- 11/22 Santiago, 4, The Vine
- 11/23 Elliot, BRT, Special Request
- 11/24 Isabelle, The Vine
- 11/25 Susan Westbrook, Staff, BRT
- 11/26 Maycee, 17, OWA
- 11/27 Armani, The Vine, Special Request
- 11/28 Morgan, BHG CC
- 11/28 Rianee, 2, OWA
- 11/28 Sherri Bodine, Staff, HPC Shawnee
- 11/29 Autumn Tinsley, Staff, The Vine
- 11/29 Isaac, 17, Staff Child, The Vine
- 11/29 Stratton Walck, Staff, BRT
- 11/30 Julian, BHG, Special Request

Kristi's Story



My name is Kristi, and I have three children. Before I came to Baptist Children's Home (BCH) three months ago, I was stuck in addiction and an abusive marriage until a social worker helped me get the information I needed to get out of our situation. I went to a treatment center and got the tools I needed to be sober. After I finished rehab at Northwest Treatment Center, I moved to Baptist Children's Home.

It was a relief to settle into life at BCH. There was more freedom than at the treatment center. I began to feel safe, secure and stable. Each day, I get up before my children and enjoy some silence before getting them ready. Then I get them ready for daycare and get myself ready for work. After work, I have time to get some things done before getting the children and enjoying the evening with them.

Some of my favorite things to do are listening to music, making jewelry and reading. BCH recently went to a family fun center together, and I really enjoyed that. I also enjoy the cottage outings.

In my small group, we are currently talking about the Sermon on the Mount. I am learning that actions alone are not what matters but the intention of our heart before the action. I had tried for so long to get myself out of my situation, but nothing ever worked. I know it was only the hand of God who could have pulled me out of the situation I was in and brought me here. So, I decided to trust Jesus as my Savior. I feel like I did not find Jesus; He found me. Now, I am leading my children to healing and to Jesus.

BCH has made me feel so welcomed. The staff that work at BCH are good and kind and make me feel safe. My children and I went from living in an uninhabitable home to a place where all our needs are met. I feel supported for the first time in my life, and I know BCH wants me to succeed. As I work toward finding a vehicle and a career that will support my children, I know BCH will encourage me on every step of the way. ♥

Prayer Requests

Pray for my children to find healing and safety. Pray for my children's father to find healing so he can be a good father. Pray for healing and direction for me.

Join the "10-Acre Challenge"

TO HELP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN NEED



Oklahoma farmers have long been known for their generosity, faith and hard work. Now, they have an opportunity to combine all three in a simple yet powerful way. By joining the 10-Acre Challenge, producers are encouraged to donate the crop proceeds from ten acres of land to Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children (OBHC). The funds raised will directly support children and their families across OBHC's ministries.

It is simple to join the challenge:

- Harvest your crop as you normally would.
- Deliver to the elevator, and designate the proceeds from 10 acres (or more) to OBHC.
- Contact Michael Williams to notify him of your donation. He will call the elevator to coordinate the sale.
- The elevator sends a check to OBHC, and 100% of the proceeds are used to care for children and share the love of Christ.

Tax Benefits for Donors - By giving grain instead of cash, farmers can potentially reduce their taxable income and avoid self-employment tax on the value of the grain. OBHC encourages you to consult your tax advisor to determine what is best for your individual situation.

A single gift can provide:

- Help with parenting skills, career development or educational opportunities for single mothers.
- Counseling for a child healing from trauma.
- Life skills training for teens preparing to age out of foster care.
- Most importantly, opportunities to hear the gospel and experience the love of Christ.

"For those who work the land, giving from the harvest is one of the most personal ways to be a blessing. The 10-Acre Challenge is about doing something ordinary—planting and harvesting crops—and allowing God to use it in an extraordinary way."

Michael Williams
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF OBHC

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To learn more or to join the challenge, contact:

Michael Williams, Executive Vice President, Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children at 405.818.8833 or michael.williams@obhc.org.



Gladys Smith Award

Wilma Bradshaw of Edmond, Oklahoma, is such a worthy recipient of the Gladys Smith Award. Wilma has been a steadfast supporter of Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children (OBHC) for over 25 years, beginning alongside her late husband, Truman. Her dedication to OBHC, particularly to Boys Ranch Town, has left an indelible mark on the ministry.

Wilma's commitment to OBHC is unmatched. She has passionately championed OBHC's mission within her church, Edmond's First Baptist Church, particularly during the Back-to-School Dinner Event. Each year, she leads her Sunday School class and fellow members to give generously, successfully raising increasing amounts to meet OBHC's needs. Her fervor for OBHC extends through her longstanding membership in Women of Compassion, where she continuously invites others to join her in support.

Wilma's love for the children of OBHC shines through in her every action. From advocating for OBHC's involvement in her church's yearly mission initiatives to finding new ways to support the cause, she exemplifies a genuine heart for service and a deep love for Oklahoma Baptists.

IN HONOR

JANUARY 1, 2025 - APRIL 30, 2025

Making an OBHC honor/memorial gift to memorialize someone special in your life or mark a special occasion, such as a wedding, anniversary, birthday or holiday, is one way to recognize them and also help children in need. Names will be listed in OBHC's Legacy publication. To donate, fill out the form on page 35, call 405.697.2722, or give online at obhc.org/give.

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Dale & Nancy Ballard

BLOSSER, Sylvia, Oklahoma City, Birthday

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BOSCO, Ruth, Poteau, SS Teacher

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Judy Miles

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EASLEY, Matthew, Muskogee, Birthday

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JANUARY 1, 2025 - APRIL 30, 2025

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COLE, Marilyn, *Ada*
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 Susan Stewart
 Todd & Dana Smith

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 Darrell & Nancy Haley

COLE-SEALS, Patricia Ann, *Pauls Valley*
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 Sharon Guthrie

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