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END-OF-SCHOOL FUN & SUMMER SUN

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We are in full swing for the summer here at the Home! the children are taking full advantage of the break from the routine of school, from summer camps and activities to summer jobs and tutoring.

The end of the school year brought some great accomplishments for our kids. Here are a few:

- 9 Children made A/B honor roll were rewarded with a day at Carowinds
- A high school student was accepted into the Cosmetology program at the Applied Technology Center this fall
- A middle school student received awards in Chorus AND Language Arts
- Two of our toddlers celebrated graduation from Pre-school at Head Start
- An elementary student received 4 AWARDS for her hard work this year in various studies.

During the summer, we are able to send 12 of our children to tutoring to prepare for next year. With many of our children behind academically, they are taking full advantage of the opportunity to catch up and in some cases get ahead!

Part of our children's summer includes summer camps and jobs through Urban League. We have children traveling locally and as far as Charleston to 14 different camps, and our youth serving in Urban League are helping everywhere from salons to the Boys & Girls club to get valuable job skill training and experience. At the end of the summer, we take the children on a trip to Myrtle Beach. For many this will be the first time they have ever seen the ocean!

All of this is made possible through the generous community that surrounds the Home. We are incredibly thankful that we have the resources to invest into our children's lives in these multi-faceted ways. Thank you for everything you give to our children!



FIRST IMPRESSIONS



Our team here at the Home does amazing work day in and day out with our children. It is usually a big adjustment for our children who come to live with us. They are coming to a place they don't know to live with other children they don't know to be cared for by people they don't know.

A month ago, a young child came in incredibly fearful of her new surroundings. Although she was greeted with smiles and loving attention from our team, she was scared of what the future may hold for her, and unsure of the many new faces she saw.

Her first few days were challenging, but as our team worked with her, she began to grow accustomed to her new environment. They helped her learn routines and provided much needed support for her.

Just last week she attended an art class as part of her summer activities. She is all smiles and adjusted well to her new Home. It takes a village to raise a child, and we have a spectacular village investing in the lives of our children.



DID YOU KNOW?

Since the end of school, our children have logged over 150 HOURS of tutoring in preparation for next school year! (And even better, they look forward to going!)

TEAMMATE SPOTLIGHT: SARA CRANE

Position: Kitchen Services Coordinator (a.k.a. Chef)

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?

Play softball with my church league during the summers. I'm the catcher and been playing for about 4 years now.

What's a fond memory from working with the children?

The kids are sweet. When I first started, there was a child who made me a clay bowl, which I still have at home. I once had a girl make me a beaded bracelet. Other children have made me Valentine's Day and birthday cards. Recently, one of the little girls drew me a picture that I have hanging in the kitchen. *(see picture on right)*

What do you wish other people knew about the Home?

We have a committed team. We have a lot of great people who work here and have worked at the Home for a long time. We also have some GREAT volunteers that have invested many years serving here.

When talking about why she loves her job, Sara said:

"I have a passion for cooking. It's my dream that came true. I love working with the kids - they ask so many questions, and they want to learn. I love that I can make a difference in the life of a child."



BRING A FRIEND & JOIN US FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL

DEEP IN THE HEART

Saturday, September 24, 2016

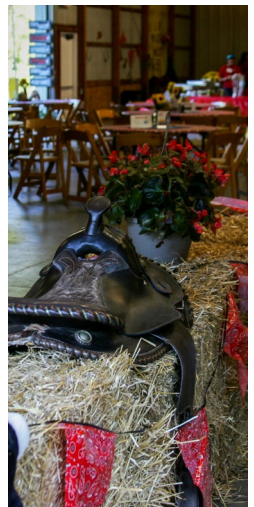
5:30-9:00pm

Adventure Center

at Anne Springs Close Greenway



Slide on your boots n' best western dress for a night of good food & good times for a great cause! Deep in the Heart features music & dancing, a down home BBQ dinner & drinks, a riveting raffle & silent auction and touching stories from representatives of the Children's Attention Home.



SADDLE UP & BRING A FRIEND

Buy a ticket and join in the fun! Better yet, bring a friend you've been meaning to introduce to us. Tickets are \$45, but prices go up after September 10. Don't dally - be sure to get your tickets before they're gone!



BE A SPONSOR

From our Right-hand Sponsor at \$250 to our \$5,000 Lone Star Presenting Sponsor, feature your company or organization while supporting a community partner!



DONATE AN ITEM

Highlight your product or service through an item donation to our raffle and silent auction!

For tickets and complete details, visit:

attentionhome.org/deepintheheart

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DIRECTOR'S DESK: SUMMER PROJECTS

WOW! What a great and busy summer it has been here at the Home! After all of the graduations and end-of school awards presentations, our children have settled in to their summer schedules. From summer camps to swimming at the YMCA, tutoring to Urban League for our teens, there is plenty on the calendar to keep them busy! It is wonderful to hear all about their experiences from both the staff and the kids.

Summer is also a time for projects! We are beyond blessed to have such wonderful volunteer support from our community. Everything from mowing grass and weed eating to helping us maintain our vehicles and organize storage closets, we have great helping hands pitching in to get the job done!

One of our big exciting projects for the summer is the start of construction for our new pavilion in our recreation area! We have already lined up subcontractors, received permits, and insurance. Thanks to Arcadia Homes, The

Herbert and Anna Lutz Foundation and the Operations Committee of the Board for their continued support on this project.

Another summer project includes painting all three cottage bedrooms (18 bedrooms). This is a huge project that we are fortunate enough to have volunteers lined up until all bedrooms are complete.

As busy as the summer will be with the many projects going on, the most rewarding time for me is spending time with our great kids! Their willingness and eagerness to help, their desire to share their life goals and aspirations, and their interest in what's going on at the Home keep me going day-to-day.

I'm not quite through my first year, but I continue to count my blessings as I continue to serve on this team.

- *Richard Huitt*, Operations Director

ROCK HILL SWAT TEAM COMPLETES SPECIAL MISSION



Last month, one of our children was away at Worthy Boys and Girls Camp run by the Rock Hill Police Department. During the camp, the SWAT team gave a presentation and discovered that it was this child's birthday during one of the demonstrations.

Determined to make this birthday one to remember, the officers snuck off and put together a collection of gifts. They had a book bag similar to the kind the SWAT team has, a special watch and a basketball.

When the child was presented with the gifts, he was smiling from ear to ear. These officers truly made an impact in his life, and he proudly wears the watch every day. Thank you to the officers for showing him the person behind the badge and giving him a birthday to remember!

THANK YOU TO OUR GRANTORS!

We rely heavily on the generosity of our community to help us provide the best care for our children. With lengths of stay increasing, we are consistently evaluating the resources each individual child needs to be successful in life beyond their time with us. We are grateful to our generous grantors who provide valuable support in areas from education and food services to special projects and general operations. Recently, we have been blessed with by the following grants:

GRANTOR

Enterprise Holdings Foundation
Publix Super Markets Charities
Junior Welfare League
United Way of York County, SC
Food Lions Feed Charitable Foundation

FUNDING AREA OR PROJECT

General Operations
Children's Services Support Program
Cafeteria Tables and Chairs
Children's Services Support Program
Healthy Eating and Nutrition Education Program

Christmas in



The Children's Attention Home is launching our first ever Christmas in July Campaign! Can you help us make a difference in the lives of our community's most vulnerable children?

By providing individual items or coordinating a needs drive you can help us meet the day-to-day needs of our children and allow our staff to focus on providing summer fun for the 42 children entrusted to us who have been abused and neglected.

HOW TO GET STARTED

1. Go online to attentionhome.org and select the "Christmas in July" slider
2. Choose and confirm the items you would like to provide.
3. Purchase your items or coordinate your drive with friends, family, co-workers, youth group, neighbors, etc.
4. Deliver your items Mon-Thu (Aug 1-4th) between the hours of 8:30am-4pm at The Bridge House, our off campus Administrative Building, located at 1389 Ebenezer Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

In addition to collecting items, there are other ways you can support the Home during this campaign!

GIFT CARDS

We can use them to buy special holiday wishes as well as clothing and other ongoing needs to support our organization throughout the year (basic needs, clothes, gas, and food). This idea also works great for a giving tree at your home holiday party, office, or church. **Please see our sign-up list for specific needs.**

EVERY DOLLAR COUNTS

We cannot do what we do without supporters like you. You can mail donations to PO Box 2912, Rock Hill, SC 29732. For online contributions visit <http://attentionhome.org/give/>

HOST A "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" PARTY IN HONOR OF THE HOME

Make your Christmas in July Party fun and meaningful this year by asking family and friends to bring a gift to support the Home. Ask your party guests to bring specific items like gift cards, a monetary donation, or items from our wish list. This would also be a great time to tell them about the Home. If you need brochures please let us know.

Questions, comments, or concerns? Contact Katy Motsinger at kmotsinger@attentionhome.org OR (803) 372-6841

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: RAEGAN JORDAN

The Volunteer Spotlight honors those who go above and beyond in serving the mission of the Children’s Attention Home! This month, we’d like to shine a special light of thanks on Miss Raegan Jordan.

Raegan began serving at the Home in June of 2015 teaching piano. She got involved to give back to community and share her special talents with children in need.

She has worked with two students over the past year. Many children that come to live at the Home have never had the opportunity to explore hobbies and passions, so for Raegan’s students this was the first time they had the opportunity to learn to play. The girls were eager to learn, and she enjoyed watching them improve in addition to talking and bonding with them.

In her spare time, Raegan enjoys running, singing, playing piano, shopping, and spending time with her friends. We are so blessed to have her as a part of our team.

A special note from Raegan:

“I believe I make a difference at the Home by giving my students the chance to have some alone time where they can talk, laugh, and learn in a fun and comfortable environment. I enjoy the opportunity I have to influence my students’ lives in a small way. I also love watching the girls improve and learn to play new music. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to make a difference at the Children’s Attention Home!”



SHOW YOUR HEART FOR THE HOME

Show your heart for the Home through a financial donation. We rely heavily on the generosity of our community to help us provide the best care for our children. With lengths of stay increasing, we are consistently evaluating the resources each individual child needs to be successful in life beyond their time with us. We have many ways you can participate in supporting our mission, and we would love to have you join us in serving our children!



ONLINE, CHECK OR CASH

Give a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift through our PayPal account online or through a monthly ACH payment.



EMPLOYEE MATCH

You could double your donation through a company match! Check to see if your company has a matching gift program.



MEMORIAL & HONOR GIFT

Honor the life of a loved one by giving a gift that keeps on giving. Celebrate their life and legacy by investing in our children.



LEGACY GIVING

Establish long-term support for the mission of the Home through estate planning. If interested, contact Debra Eident at deident@attentionhome.org

Want more info? Email kmotsinger@attentionhome.org or call 803-372-6841

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the many individuals, groups, schools, businesses, and faith based organizations who share their time, talents, and resources to brighten spirits here at the Home. From handmade goods to sponsored parties and outings, the children in our care are so blessed by the outpouring of support from our generous community.

Fellowship Circle of Aldersgate UMC
 Southpointe High School, Ms Rainey's
 class
 Forest Hill Church
 FBC Charlotte Carowinds Area Life
 Group
 Eta Sigma Alpha Honor Society
 Catawba Baptist Women of Faith SS
 Sew Much Fun
 SVDP, St. Anne's Catholic Church
 Daughters of Heaven, Trinity Bible
 Church
 Volunteers & Helping Hands Club
 Tega Cay Women's Club
 Food Recovery Group

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 South Carolina Connections
 Academy, Kids Care Club
 Nations Ford High School Beta Club
 Fort Mill Middle School Beta Club
 Brownie Troop 1978, Ft. Mill
 Girl Scout Service Unit York 1
 Girl Scout Troop 2245, Tega Cay
 Girl Scout Troop 1022, Lake Wylie
 Friends Feeding Friends
 F3 Fort Mill
 First Baptist Fort Mill
 Trips for Kids
 RideAbility Therapeutic Riding Center
 Good Shepherd UMC

Nation Ford High School FCCLA
 Tega Cay Titans
 RMC Ministries
 Bright Blessings
 Catawba Power Squadron
 Comporium Pioneer Club
 Clover High School Basketball
 Sunshine Puppet Ministry
 Tribute Connect
 Bright Blessings
 FCA Power Camp
 Showtime Theater Camp
 Rose's Kitchen
 YMCA
 ROAR Sports

GET CONNECTED WITH THE HOME

CURRENT NEEDS LIST

- Duffel Bags
- Plastic Forks
- Juice Boxes
- Paper Plates & Cups

If you have other items you would like to donate, please call us at (803) 328-8871 to discuss.

Please note: Due to limited storage, the Children's Attention Home cannot accept unsolicited donations of used clothing, toys, stuffed animals, car seats, cribs or crib mattresses, beds or bed mattresses. Also, due to regulatory and other considerations, we can only accept new "in the box" items. Thank you for understanding.

FEATURED WAYS TO SUPPORT

We are excited that you would like to be part of serving our children. At this time, we are postponing any applications and processing of new on-site volunteers until October 2016.

Current Opportunities!

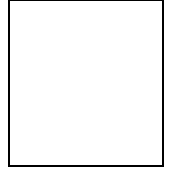
- Participate in our very first Christmas in July Campaign.
- Assemble care kits for the children in our care.
- Provide items from our current needs list.

Fundraising Team

Looking for a meaningful and flexible volunteer opportunity that makes use of your management, leadership and team-building skills? If so, we can use your help on our fundraising team! We have teams for Sponsorship, Marketing and Promotions, Logistics, Raffle & Auction, Food Service, Bar Attendant and Event Parking!

For more information and to get involved, contact our Community Resource Director Katy Motsinger, kmotsinger@attentionhome.org, 803-372-6841

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WAYS TO HELP...

- **Give financially.** See all of the ways you can invest in the Home at attentionhome.org/give
- **Volunteer your time.** Invest your time in our children. See all of our volunteer opportunities at attentionhome.org/volunteer
- **Be a voice.** Schedule a visit or invite a speaker to educate your group and raise support. Learn more at attentionhome.org/tour



SAVE THE DATE!

Deep in the Heart
Saturday, Sept 24
5:30-9:00 p.m.

Adventure Center at Anne Springs Close Greenway
104 Adventure Road
Fort Mill, SC 29715

Bring your partner and join us for our second annual Deep in the Heart this September. Slide on your boots n' best western dress for a night of good food & good times for a great cause!

Check out all the fun from last year's inaugural event on our website, and check our website for more information about Deep in the Heart 2016 at attentionhome.org/deepintheheart!



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