



#### Dear \*{{Informal Name}}\*,

We don't know about you, but things have been busy here at the Home! This month we had spring break, prom, and many of our youth getting new jobs, driving, and more. We put out our pinwheels, helped educate the community about being a champion for children, and brought back our signature community fundraiser for the first time in three years!

We are so thankful for you and that you choose to receive our emails and stay in touch. One way you can make sure you are getting the communication you want to receive from us is managing your email preferences (link at the bottom of email). If you have feedback, questions, or suggestions for information you'd like to receive, reply to this email and let us know!

(This month's update is bit longer, so we hope you stick with us to the end!)



To keep up with more happenings at the Home, follow us on social media!



### Meals Needed!

Good news! Our kitchen is being fully renovated thanks to a generous grant from The Lutz Foundation! However, this means our kitchen is out of commission for a couple of weeks. To replace a meal for our whole campus is about \$300. You can sign up below to help or share with others in your circle who may also want to help!



For questions about these opportunities, email Volunteer Coordinator, Sharada Abraham (sabraham@attentionhome.org).

## **The Good Stuff**

Every day, our youth are working hard towards their goals. The community provides nearly half of the Home's resources - our mission would not be possible without you! Here are some of the "wins" you made possible last month:

- With our new partnership with Planet Fitness, everyone has enjoyed going to work out, get healthier, and stay active!
- Seven residents made the honor roll last quarter!
- Five residents attended prom this month and one attended her military ball for ROTC. Thank you to those of you who made that night special for them!
- "Laila" was able to open a checking and savings account to manage her money after getting a new job this month!
- "Jazz" has struggled with controlling her anger since she came to the Home. She has worked hard on her coping skills and reduced the number of times she gets into verbal altercations with others.
- "Valerie" has finished driving school and will be getting her drivers license soon!

Your support changes what's possible for these youth. Thank you!

\*Details are changed to protect the confidentiality of the youth, but the stories are real accomplishments you make possible! To make the good stuff possible, consider giving today.



#### Friday, May 6 from 9am-1pm

We welcome you to our campus for a visit! Whether you've been before and want to see what's new, or it's your very first time, your presence is a gift to us.

You will have a chance to tour our campus, talk with our team, see your support in action, and learn more about ways to get involved. Light refreshments will be provided, and tours generally last about 30 minutes.

(Also, don't be shy! Invite a friend to come with you!) We hope you'll join us!



Unable to come to the open house? Never fear! We offer tours every Tuesday, 11am-1pm, 5-6pm. Select a date from the sign-up genius, or if you have a group of 5 or more, please email <u>development@attentionhome.org</u>.

# **April is Volunteer Appreciation Month!**



April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month, but we all know that volunteers are vital to our mission EVERY SINGLE DAY! These past few years have been tough for all of us, but you all have continued to step up and help us meet our needs in a variety of ways and your impact has been substantial, even from a distance. Thank you for going above and beyond to help us adapt and rise above the challenges we faced. The entire team at Children's Attention Home, with deep respect and gratitude, **THANKS** all of our volunteers and supporters who give our youth help, hope, and opportunity!

Check out some of our volunteers in action!



## **Volunteer Opportunities**



# Mother's Day Giving Opportunity

Still looking for the right gift for the moms in your life? Give a gift that changes lives by making a donation in her honor or memory this Mother's Day! Your gift for her will be changing young lives, giving our youth the same love and care she has given to you.

You can give online today using the link below! If you choose to give by check, include the person's name and address where we can send her acknowledgement. The amount of the gift is not disclosed.

#### Make Your Gift Today!

Once your gift is received, the Children's Attention Home will promptly send a card to the honoree or family acknowledging your gift. If giving online, you may opt to send an email to the recipient with a note from you! To have a card in the mail by Wednesday and arrive before Mother's Day, make your donation by Tuesday!

## Successful 15th Annual Heart of the Home

After three years, we were excited to bring back the Home's signature event for the 15th year. With over 200 guests in attendance at First Baptist Church of Rock Hill enjoying a delicious meal from Outback, this year's event was a welcome reunion of incredible community support from so many donors and community partners.

Guests had the opportunity to hear from key leaders, staff, and supporters of the Home and see the premier of three new videos, including the #RealLife at the Home documentary, which you can see here!

**#RealLife at the Home** 



The Heart of the Home

Mya, Anton, Aliyah & Cameron



A big thank you to our event sponsors and partners, including Creative Motion Media Design, who produced all of the videos.

Our Sponsors



# **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

This month, we put out our pinwheels and worked to educate the community on how they can be champions for children, support families, and prevent child abuse and neglect. Thanks to Macaroni Kids and CN2 News for helping us spread the word!



## **Crossroads Program**

Youth who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless stay in the shadows. Unlike the stereotype many hold for "homeless", these youth work to blend in, hiding their true needs from those around them for fear of judgment or to simply protect themselves.

Not only can you help by sharing that youth homelessness is a problem in our own community, you can help youth find help, home, and hope!

#### How You Can Help

Learn More

copies) • Sharing the video on your social media • Inviting a speaker for your group from the Children's Attention Home to learn

 Posting flyers around town (Download or reply to this email to request printed

# **Manage Your Email Preferences**

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We want to make sure you are receiving communications that you want to receive. At the bottom of this email is a link to "Manage Preferences". Here, you can select the areas that most interest you, including:

- Events
- Volunteer
- Wishlist
- General Updates • Or all of the above!

To make sure our emails stay in your inbox and out of your spam folder, please make sure to add us to your contact list. If you have specific questions, reply to any email and a member of our team will get back to you.

# **Other Ways to Help**

#### Become a L.Y.G.H.T. Facilitator

The L.Y.G.H.T. program supports, honors, and listens to youth in foster care who are grieving. This grief-informed and trauma-informed intervention is facilitated by supportive adults who acknowledge the challenges and transitions youth experience while navigating the foster care system. We're looking for volunteers interested in help create a safe space of community, connection, and relatedness for these youth.

### Learn More

#### **Appreciate Our Teammates**

Help appreciate our teammates! We have new opportunities posted, such as meals and snacks for upcoming trainings. We also have opportunities to treat them to a few surprises, such as doughnuts and coffee, goodie bags, or come up with an idea of your own! Click below to sign up, and for questions, contact Denise McNeill at development@attentionhome.org or (803) 328-8871 ext 6843.

Appreciate our teammates

#### **Campus Needs List**

Just like your home, we have a shopping list, too! Our **<u>Amazon wishlist</u>** is full of ways you can help make the Home a great place for our youth, including some lawn care supplies we need for the spring projects! Be sure to select the Home for Amazon Smile! You can also see some of our capital project needs, in case you're interested in helping in a bigger way.



#### **Become a Monthly Donor**

Monthly donors help make sure that the Home has the financial resources every month to provide for the many needs of our youth. For as little as \$10 a month, you are helping us provide opportunity and hope to youth and families in need. Give today at

attentionhome.org/give.



### **Request a Speaker**

Invite a representative from the Home to speak with your group about the Home and opportunities to get involved! Whether its 2 minutes or an hour, we will customize our presentation to your interests.



### **Become a Mentor**

The single most common factor for children who develop resilience is at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive parent, caregiver, or other adult. Volunteers who serve as a mentor help our youth build community relationships and find their own pathway to success. This could be you!

Learn more about being a mentor

If you have any questions, or would like to learn about more ways you can propel our mission forward, we'd love to talk with you more! Contact Denise McNeill (info@attentionhome.org, 803-328-8871 ext. 6843).



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