

Dear *{(Informal Name)}*,

Moody. Difficult. Challenging. These are often words used to describe teenagers. They are known as much for their fluctuating temperament as they are for their voracious appetites. We serve teenagers everyday. In fact, these days, most of the kids we have on campus are teens. They are opinionated. They are strong-willed and determined. And they do eat all the time. Sometimes, they seem so much like adults it is hard for us to remember that they are still children. But, they are. They are learning, growing, and experiencing so many things for the first time.

They are starting high school, learning how to drive, applying for first jobs, and going on first dates. They are discovering who they are and what makes them tick. They are thinking about what they want to be when they grow up, as they inch closer to the finish line.

Our kids look to us for guidance as they navigate these new experiences, even as they roll their eyes and pretend they are not listening. They rely on us to be their secure base, even when declaring their independence. They are learning from the example we set in how we treat others, and that starts with how we treat them.

Our kids - all kids - deserve love, compassion, respect, and attention. We pour that into the children and teens here at the Home. They need encouragement as they learn to step out on their own. They need support when things do not work out quite right. They need enthusiasm when they have new ideas. And they need appreciation when they give back just as much as is poured into them.

We are working on changing the narrative surrounding our young people, and teenagers in general. Our teenagers are not moody, difficult, or challenging. They are curious, determined, and eager. While the teen years can be trying at times, it is such a beautiful transition. Our teens are well-loved here at the Home, and we do not lose sight of what a privilege it is to walk alongside them on their journey to adulthood.



Emily Pamsh, Executive Director

The Good Stuff

Every day, our youth are working hard toward their goals. The community provides half of the Home's budget and resources - our mission would not be possible without you!

Here are some of the "wins" made possible last month:

- Many of our teens are participating in extracurricular sports, such as volleyball, football and cross country.
- Maya* got her driver's license.
- Nyla* and Tina* are participating in chorus.
- Lana* and Jamie* received raises at their job due to their ServSafe food training.
- Vicki* is participating the Good Cadet Program.
- Jackson* is starting theater.
- Liam* started a new job.

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.

One Week until Straight From the Heart!



One week until the Home's Straight from the Heart Benefit Bash! [Get your tickets now](#) to enjoy this immersive throwback experience raising both support and awareness for the Home's mission.

[Get Your Ticket Today](#)

During this epic evening, you can look forward to...



Sing along and dance the night away to your favorite 80s classics as Ultimate Rock Machine rocks the house! Check out the band...

[Listen to URM](#)



Capture your favorite flashback moments with your friends with the photo booth and outfit contest! Wear your best 80s or 90s outfit to win best dressed!

[Buy Tickets](#)



"With the Home's support, I know I'm capable of more and have my own goals. I want to be the first in my family to graduate." Hear their stories...

[Hear stories](#)

...and the Amazing Auction

From NASCAR and football to gift cards and jewelry, there's something for everyone in this year's auction. Check out the items now and sign up to start bidding on Oct 1!



[View all items](#)

P.S. - Can't come? You can still bid! Your presence is not required to win. [Learn more.](#)

Looking for a night filled with fun and nostalgia? Buy your tickets now and rock out with the Home!

[Buy Tickets Now](#)

Fun with Family & Friends



In August, the Home hosted the second annual F5 event! This day focused on family, friends, food, fun, and fellowship. The intimate event gave youth a chance to spend time with family and friends and enjoy an exciting and eventful day together. There was plenty of food and games to go around, including basketball and badminton. The campus even had Kona Ioe pay a visit for a cool treat!

The F5 event was created to promote healthy relationships between youth living at the Home and their family and friends. It was amazing to see our teens have quality time and conversations with those close to them, especially those who live farther away or who they have not seen in awhile. Building and keeping strong connections is a critical part of caring for our kids.

We are super thankful to all volunteers who helped out and those who donated items for F5 Day! We also want to thank all our teammates who came to support our residents and take shifts throughout the day. This year's F5 was a day to remember, and we can't wait till next year!

Back to School!



Our teens have successfully returned to school and are participating in a variety of extracurricular activities! Many of our youth are interested in trying new things and joining new clubs at school. The Home is super excited to see all that the youth will accomplish this academic year. From new jobs and fun sports to channeling their inner musician, they are exploring and pursuing their passions. Stay tuned to hear more about what our teens are up to this school year!

Want to support our teens in having a comfortable and fun school year? Check out our [Wishlist here!](#)



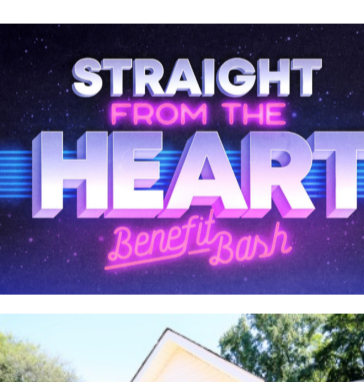
Spooky season is upon us! To make this Halloween a scream for our teens, you can help by donating candy, Halloween decorations, pumpkins, supplies to make caramel apples, and more. Your support in giving the kids a safe and happy Halloween is appreciated!

[View needs & sign up](#)

Please deliver all items to the Home Friday, Oct 6 and Friday, Oct 13 from 8am-2pm. [View sign-up for specifics.](#)

Upcoming Events

Looking for ways to get plugged in or introduce a friend? Check out our upcoming events below, and we hope to see you there. See all events at [attentionhome.org/events](#)



Straight From the Heart Benefit Bash
Saturday, Oct 7 | River Place Soundstage
Relive the 80's and 90's at the Home's brand new fall event! Invite a friend and help raise awareness and support for the Home's mission. [Click here to learn more!](#)



Schedule a Tour around the Home
Tuesdays, 11-6 PM | Children's Attention Home
Come for a visit! We would love to show you our Home, tell you more about our work and ways you can help. Please sign up below for a specific day and time!
[Schedule a tour here](#)

Over half of the money and resources needed to move the Home's mission forward is made possible through private support. If you are interested in hosting an event to support the Home, visit [attentionhome.org/fundraise](#)

[See all upcoming events](#)

Ways to Help

One of the biggest ways you can help is sharing the Home's needs with others and learning more. To do that:

- 1) **Forward this newsletter** to a friend with an invitation to subscribe right here: [attentionhome.org/email-sign-up](#).
- 2) **Hit reply** and say hello! Or send a question you'd love to know the answer to.

Here are a few other ways we could use your help this month...

Be a Birthday Buddy

Many teens living at the Home have not experienced birthdays with decorations, their favorite dessert, or presents. You can help make their birthday wishes come true by becoming a Birthday Buddy! Check out the sign-up for more details and to see upcoming birthdays.

[Sign Up](#)

Provide a Meal

A great way to help is by providing meals when our kitchen coordinator is out. You or your group can help by providing a warm, ready-to-serve homemade or takeout meal for the teens living at the Home. [You can also sponsor a meal, if you'd prefer.](#) To see dates where you can help:

[Sign Up](#)

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 \$10 a month, you can help provide opportunity and hope to youth and families in need. Give today at [attentionhome.org/give](#).

[Donate](#)

Invite a Representative

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

[Request a Representative](#)

You can also benefit the Home through Walmart's new **Spark Good** program! 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 Katy Motingier ([development@attentionhome.org](#), 803-328-8871 ext. 5981).

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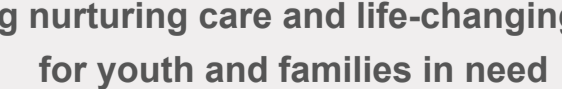
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Interested in becoming a community partner? Email [dwalsh@attentionhome.org](#) or call 803-328-8871 ext 5981 to reach our development team and learn about corporate support opportunities.



Providing nurturing care and life-changing services for youth and families in need

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