

CHS has the Best Permanency Outcomes in North Carolina

But What Does Permanency Mean?

We believe that family is the foundation for permanency, but just what does permanency mean?

Permanency is an unconditional lifetime commitment that is made between a child and their family that:

- Provides the child with safety, stability and a sense of belongingness.
- Offers the child all of the benefits of full family membership.
- Assures lifelong connections to an extended network of caring adults committed to the child's success.
- Provides a base from which a child can develop into a healthy, loved and productive adult.

CHS is the largest adoption and foster care provider in North Carolina and completes 25 percent of all of the foster care adoptions in the state. No agency is better equipped to meet the needs of our children and families. From foster care placement through adoption, and then beyond with an array of post adoption and education services that help families stay healthy for a lifetime.

Thanks to each of you who support the mission of Children's Home Society, more than 100 children last year now have the gift of permanency. CHS has placed more than 15,000 children with loving adoptive families over the course of our history.

Yet despite our many successful placements, there are still nearly 10,000 children living in foster care and over 2,000 children waiting to be adopted in North Carolina. CHS recruits, trains and supports the highest quality families to become foster care and adoptive families. If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming foster care or adoptive parents please contact CHS.



"Permanency means a child feels safe and loved in a healthy, stable family environment. Permanency means a child has a family to laugh with, to cry with and to celebrate with. Permanency means a child has a family to nurture, encourage and guide them along life's journey."

Sandra Yarborough

CHS Vice President of Permanency Services

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The holiday season is going to be a bit busier in our home this year, as my wife and I prepare to welcome our fourth child to our family. I can promise you that a year ago I would never have imagined the blessing of this child, nor the sudden passing of our dear friend and long-time CEO, Ken Tutterow. Life often seems to come this way – with a painful loss paired with a new beginning. Ken was always on the lookout for those beginnings and regarded each challenge as an opportunity. I am constantly reminded of the opportunities that await us and can hear Ken urging us all on to do more for the children and families that depend on CHS.



Brian Maness

The gift of our new daughter also reminds me of those families in communities across our state who are in times of transition, whether it is creating a new family or parenting through tough times. What a privilege it is for all of us at CHS to be able to walk with those families through both the joyful and the difficult times. We thank each of you for allowing us to be a small part in your family's journey.

We are entering our 86th year of the Little Red Stocking Campaign, and now, more than ever before, your support is critical. The needs of the children and families we serve continue to increase, and we must continue in our commitment to smart planning, innovative thinking, and providing exemplary services in order to meet those needs. We cannot do it without your help.

By supporting CHS through your volunteerism, your advocacy and your financial support, you are helping children, supporting families and transforming communities across our state. Thank you for being part of the CHS family and for all you do in support of our important work.

My very best,

Brian Maness, President & CEO

A Place to Call Home

After successful luncheons in Greensboro, Charlotte, and Raleigh, we are proud to announce that through the generosity of more than 1,200 luncheon attendees, we were able to raise over \$500,000 that will be used to help North Carolina children and families. Attendees of all three luncheons learned about the changing needs of the children in our care and the needs of our organization. They also heard success stories of those who have been personally touched by our programs. CHS adoptee and award winning

author of "Proof of Heaven," Dr. Eben Alexander shared his heartwarming story of adoption with crowds in Greensboro and Charlotte, while CHS adoptive mother and grandmother Sarah Shaber reminded Raleigh attendees of the changing landscape of adoption and foster care.

While these numbers are impressive, there is still much to do to ensure the right of every child to a permanent, safe, and loving family. If you were unable to attend one of these luncheons, but would like to make a gift to CHS, you may do so online.

Right Start-Parent for Life

Helping young parents from foster care provide nurturing, stable homes for their own children.

Last year in North Carolina, nearly 10,000 children were in foster care. Of those children, over 500 “aged out” of foster care without having found a family. Multiple studies show that a high percentage of youth who age out of foster care will face difficulties in early adulthood.

The majority of young women aging out of the foster care system are mothers by the age of 24. Last year alone, 12,535 teen girls from 15-19 years old became pregnant in North Carolina.

Right Start-Parent for Life teaches young mothers from 17-23 years old who are or were in foster care how to nurture themselves and their children while exploring healthy discipline techniques. The program also provides the same guidance for fathers who are primary caregivers for children age 0-5.

“We realize that many youth from foster care have not had consistent models of great parenting. Now as young mothers and fathers they want to be great parents and often just need access to information and support to break the cycles of poverty, abuse, and neglect,” said Rebecca Starnes, Vice President of Family Education.

Right Start provides parenting education, weekly home visits, a monthly support group, self-care items, and learning toys and books. The program also helps parents gain access to affordable housing, educational opportunities, and childcare choices.

Right Start-Parent for Life is made possible by the generosity of its primary funder, Smart Start of Mecklenburg County.



“I have had a great experience being a part of Right Start-Parent for Life. I enjoy the parenting activities, the connection with the other mothers and that the children are included in the group. It is nice to be in a group that you can openly share your thoughts, struggles and ideas with other mothers.”

Kionna
Mother of Z'khya

95%

reported an increased **competence and confidence** in their parenting skills.

96%

reported an increase in knowledge **about child development** as measured by pretest and post test scores.

91%

reported an increase in the number of times the family engages in **literacy activities.**

CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION



Lawrence, 10



Nick, 12



Trinity, 13



Savannah, 16

Please visit www.chsnc.org for more information about these and many other children who are available for adoption.

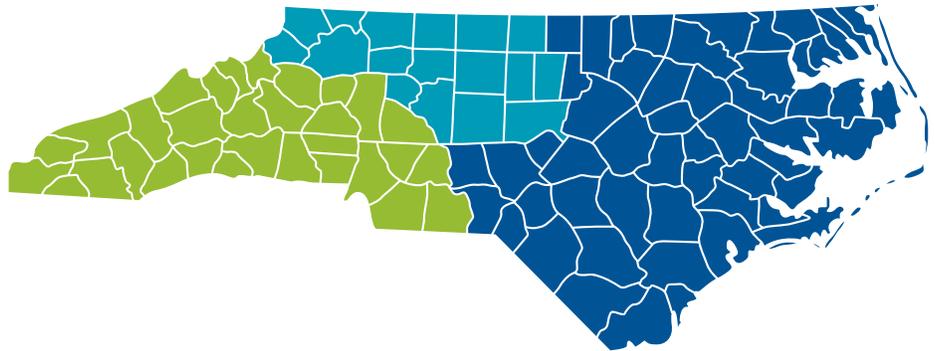
Hope for the Holidays Toy Drive



Each year, Children's Home Society collects and distributes gifts to more than 300 children who live with CHS-licensed foster families to fill their holidays with hope. You, your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues and employees are all invited to help us in making the holidays special for these children in our communities.

We ask that sponsors fulfill each child's wish list for holiday presents by spending a set amount for each child based on age. We provide a specific wish list to participants who will fulfill the list and return the gifts to their local CHS office. We also accept gift card donations, such as WalMart or Target.

Please join us in making holiday wishes come true for these deserving children!



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Ken Tutterow Garden Dedication Ceremony Held



CHS staff, Board members, invited guests and members of the Tutterow family will gather on Wednesday, October 15 in Greensboro to dedicate the Ken Tutterow Memorial Garden. Attendees will enjoy pumpkin ice cream, one of Ken's favorites, on the day that would have been his 74th birthday.

The garden was planted in early May by CHS families and volunteers, including Table Captains from the Greensboro A Place to Call Home Luncheon.

Siblings are Forever.

Dana and Raphael first became foster parents to Dairius who they adopted at age 8. Next came biological brothers Ny'Eim and Curtis who they adopted at ages 6 and 8. And then biological brother and sister Jeremiah and Karen, adopted at 4 and 5.

Each of the children came from larger sibling groups that could not be placed together for varying reasons. It is important to Dana and Raphael to create a family for their children, but also to help them stay in touch with their other biological siblings. "Because we didn't adopt our children as infants, they knew who their biological families were," said Dana Brown. "We want them to be connected so they don't grow up with questions about their biological families and have to search for them later in life."

Dana and Raphael are very present and involved in their children's lives through travel, game nights and movie nights. There's also golf, basketball, track, karate, wrestling, biking, cooking, reading, school work, and yes, video games.

Despite the bustling, busy lifestyle of parenting five children who are now ages 4-13, the Browns still find the time to volunteer and stay involved in their community. They are also instilling the spirit of giving back in their children through activities at their church, the YMCA, First Tee, and CHS.



Dana and Raphael are not only dedicated advocates for their kids, but they advocate for all kids through volunteer work for Children's Home Society and their other community activities. They have been actively involved in recruiting foster and adoptive families and are committed to supporting the CHS mission through advocacy, volunteerism, and financial backing.

Please visit our website at www.chsnc.org to view a video of the Brown family.

A Letter from Jayden

While in foster care, he completed the Project Alert Class, a substance abuse prevention education program for adolescents, at the CHS Youth Empowerment Center.

Dear Mr. Rodney I just want to say thanks for everthing I really learned alot from your classes because people are not realizing what their putting into their bodies and how harmful it can be to them and have learn alot about drugs and adictions and how they can effect you but thats the stuff that people can carrie through life Mr. Rodney thanks for all the pizza you brought for us on weddays with your hart earned money Thanks I really do appreciate it and keep working for the hart and trying to make a positive impact on society reachout to these kids that wanna listen and learn.

Thanks for everthing

Carolina Beach Music Continues to Make Waves at CHS!



Thousands of CHS supporters and beach music fans made Thursdays come alive by joining us for our 2014 Beach Music concert series. This year's schedule included the fabulous sounds of The Embers, Band of Oz, Special Occasion Band, Part Time Party Time Band, the Magnificents, J Bird and Soul Central and Sleeping Booty.

CHS was honored and excited to partner with the 17 Days Arts and Cultural Festival in Greensboro this year with our 4th annual **Bill Black Beach Music on the Lot** concert. This successful event was held on Sunday, September 21 and was enjoyed by all who came to hear the Embers featuring Craig Woolard.

Throughout the festival season we enjoyed great weather with over 15,000 attendees showing their support of CHS. In addition to great community engagement, we also had wonderful volunteers and corporate partners. As a result of this team effort, the **BB&T Beach Music in the Park in Greensboro**, **Ilderton's Beach Music Blast in High Point**, and **Bill Black Beach Music on the Lot** raised over \$250,000 for CHS. This will help us continue our great work in creating temporary foster homes for children, providing adoption services, and offering family educational programs to teens, parents and professionals across our state.



CHS ADOPTIONS

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

Jacori	3	Izeria	12
Jamari	5	Robert	14
Jakerrion	2	Pete	9
Ella	Infant	Lance	2
Hannah	14	Johnathon	9
Starlett	13	Horace	7
Isaiah	12	Cassie	14
Patrick	4	Shawn	4
Aleigha	7	Autumn	2
Ryan	6	Dalton	13
Brandon	16	Jamall	17
Tiffany	13	Caleb	9
Marquitta	17	Nathan	9
Thomas	11	Ellisia	11
Noah	13	Shyann	7
Makayla	16	Nicholas	4
William	14	Trevor	5
Christian	14	Rebecca	14
Makayla	7	Rachelle	17
Lakeal	3	Vangie	12
Dyjia	5	Aniya	10
Chyanne	9	Damorion	7
Larry	7	Jayden	9
London	4	Jada	7
Traci	12	Brayden	2
Caitlin	13	Amiah	11
Lela	12	Faith	4
Troy	14	Kendrick	2
Haylee	5	Jewel	16
Annastasia	12	Jacqueline	12
Poteat	Infant	Patricia	12
Justin	Infant	Roman	7
Brianna	8	Caylee	8
Timothy	12	Tyler	11
Prince	3	Keegan	12
Yu' Kryn	5	Zayden	3
Jordan	Infant	Jamie	16
Maxwell	7	Gabriella	2
Savanna	7	Scott	8
Katelynn	16	Joshua	9
Malaki	3	Samual	8
Charlotte	12	Jai'Asia	7
Adrian	2	Angel	2
Mya	4	Haylie	5
Tremell	3	Jamiya	17
Alleyah	5	Latashia	12
Joy	Infant	Omar	2
James	10	Matthew	Infant
Jayden	7	Elijah	11
Dalton	6	Layla	13
Naasir	12	Alayna	Infant
Brayden	2		

FROM HATS TO STOCKINGS

The Little Red Stocking is now a familiar icon to supporters of the Children's Home Society of North Carolina. Since 1923, the mailer from CHS has shown up in mailboxes across the state in the midst of the holiday season, reminding us of the children and families who depend on those gifts throughout the year.



LITTLE RED STOCKING FUND

While fundraising has always been essential to CHS and its mission, it has not always been done through a stocking. In fact, one of the early fundraisers for CHS was the first family worker hired, Miss Sadie Bilyen, or "Miss Sadie" as she was known throughout the state. Miss Sadie had a bit of an unorthodox way of raising money. Apparently, she would throw herself in the midst of any group gathered, grab a hat off the head of a member of that party, and pass it around to collect donations. While this method sounds unconventional, CHS history notes that at least one witness reported that Sadie "made you so happy you gave – how could you refuse."

Now, more than 70 years after Miss Sadie passed the hat, the Children's Home Society continues the tradition of asking North Carolina citizens to support those most vulnerable in our state. That red stocking is so much more than a holiday campaign. It is rooted in more than a hundred years of care for children and families, and it represents the continued commitment of CHS and our supporters to provide adoption, foster care, family education and support to more than 17,000 clients each year. When you receive your Little Red Stocking mailer this season, take a minute to imagine Miss Sadie and how one person's passionate, compelling care for others can make a difference.

If you would like to make your Little Red Stocking donation now or at any time during the campaign, you may do so online at www.chsnc.org, by calling 1-800-632-1400 or by answering the Little Red Stocking holiday appeal you will receive in the mail.



"While the Little Red Stocking campaign comes once a year during the holiday season, it helps children and families year-round. Your support creates new and stronger families across our state."

Brook Wingate
Vice President of Philanthropy

Get Social with CHS

**Did you know that CHS is on social Media?
Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter
to receive the latest news and updates from CHS!**





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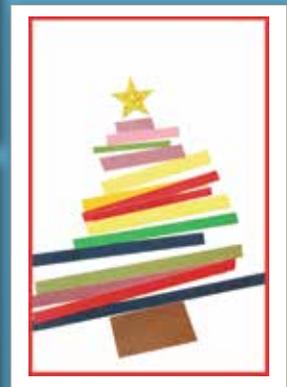
CHS Holiday Greeting Cards

CHS holiday greeting cards are on sale now.

This year our cards are created from precious artwork by children in our care. CHS sends our warmest thanks to our child artists who created these one-of-a-kind cards!

Inside message: "May the magic and wonder of the holiday season stay with you throughout the coming year."

There are four different cards in each set of 20 cards/envelopes for \$25 (includes shipping and handling). **To order, please call 1-800-632-1400, or order online at www.chsnc.org.**



MISSION

To promote the right of every child to a permanent, safe, and loving family.

VISION

To be a leader in transforming families and communities so children can thrive.

CORE VALUES

Compassion. Integrity. Excellence. Innovation.