



CAROLINA children

Last-Minute Flight Changes Lead to Adoption

"I had a great experience with CHS and have shared that with many potential adoptive parents."



When Temple Phipps made an earlier-than-expected flight back to Raleigh from a business trip in Las Vegas, she never expected that the eight-months-pregnant stand-by passenger seated next to her would be the mother of her adopted son.



Temple struck up a conversation with pregnant mom Samantha Snipes, who shared that she planned to put her baby boy up for adoption. Temple, who is divorced, had always wanted children. The two bonded and exchanged phone numbers. Their flight path began.

Six days later, Vaughn was born. Alone and panicked, Samantha called Temple, who rushed to the hospital. Samantha asked Temple to adopt Vaughn that very day. She took him home six days later, and in August 2017 the adoption was finalized.

"I had always believed that God had a plan for me and likely I would not be a parent in the traditional sense," says Temple. "Vaughn was meant to be my son, and I was waiting for him to arrive all of these years. The love that I have for my son exceeds my wildest dreams, and there is not a day that goes by that I take for granted how blessed we both are."

Temple and Samantha talk daily. "My gratitude for Samantha's courage and selflessness is abundant and having her as part of our family has been a blessing as well. It is important to me that Vaughn knows and understands his journey to me and that Samantha's choice to let me adopt him came from her love for him," adds Temple.

Samantha, Temple, and Vaughn's story has appeared in *People* magazine and on the national news.

Children's Home Society provided Temple's Contract Home Study Services, just one in our spectrum of services that support the many paths to adoption.



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LEARN MORE about how our CHS families, supporters, and staff come together to transform the lives and futures of children.



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A friend of Children's Home Society recently asked about all the growth CHS is undertaking – growth in our programs, growth in the number of children and families served, growth in staff to support these programs, growth in geography to serve more in crisis. This question coincides with our own internal discussion of the importance of “why.” While we are proud of our community as they gather to support families and want to recognize and describe the impact we can make through innovative and effective programs, we can never lose sight of why we all do this. What is driving the growth of CHS? The answer is ever-growing need.



Brian Maness

Today there are more than 11,000 North Carolina children in foster care, a number that has risen 25 percent in the past five years due to poverty, mental health, substance abuse, and domestic violence issues. To put that into perspective, that is enough kids to fill the largest high schools in Greensboro, Charlotte, Raleigh, and Asheville combined. Of the number of foster care cases referred to us last year, we were only able to place 12 percent. This year's goal is 20 percent. Those kids we cannot place are why we are driven to grow and do more.

We are entering the third year of our four-year strategic plan, and the feeling of the growth and its impact on children and families is palpable. Since implementing the plan two years ago:

- **The number of children we serve in our Foster Care to Permanency program has increased from 300 to more than 460 - a 50 percent increase.**
- **We have added nine new Intensive Family Preservation staff allowing us to strengthen and support 357 families last year, 169 more than our original goal.**
- **Six new HealthySteps specialists have joined our team, providing support to young families in Guilford County in their pediatrician's office.**
- **SaySo has joined our family to give voice to youth to advocate for improvements to the Foster Care system.**

All are programs you will read more about in this issue of *Carolina Children*.

But this is not enough. We will continue to be inspired by the need, and we hope you will be inspired by the need. Thank you for being a champion of children in need of a permanent, safe, and loving family.

My best,

Brian Maness



The Campaign for Children's Home Society

As we enter into the final year of our Promise of Family campaign, we reflect on the generosity of many who have given in order to serve children and families today and provide a vision of hope for tomorrow. We are also aware of the evolving needs in our communities and take our collective responsibility to respond to those needs very seriously.

With that in mind, we are asking you to consider what a gift to the CHS Foundation could do to fulfill our community's commitment

to children and families, now and in the future. A reliable stream of support from gifts made to the CHS Foundation will provide the ability to innovate and respond to future North Carolina families' needs with new resources.

To give an example of the impact you could make, a gift of \$150,000 could mean that every year there would be a new child who becomes part of a permanent, safe, and loving family through adoption because of that gift. Gifts may be made outright and put to use right away or can be given through your estate or retirement plan, creating healthy families far beyond our lives. For more information about how you can create families in the future, please contact Kristen Brown Smalley, Vice President of Philanthropy at 336.369.3863 or ksmalley@chsnc.org.

CHS Vault Permanently Preserves and Secures Our Adoptees' Histories



Individual files for each of our more than 16,000 adoptees reside in the Children's Home Society vault located at the heart of the Michel Family Building in Greensboro. Since 1902, and our very first adoption, CHS has been committed to keeping these records safe and secure.

When Children's Home Society built the headquarters on Meadow Street, the building was constructed around the new walk-in vault. The vault is closed and secured at the end of each business day, and opened each morning, with only a handful of people having the combination. The vault automatically closes with an electrical outage or fire alarm, and it is protected by a gas suppression system in the event of fire.

"These are the personal histories of our adoptees, and we feel a huge sense of responsibility in maintaining and preserving these records," said Leslie Hall, Director of Post Adoption Services.

The vault maintains and preserves permanent adoption records, which contain family information gathered while working with birth parents. CHS's Post Adoption team routinely consults these records and, within the limits of what the law allows, can share information from the record with adoptees, adoptive parents, and birth parents. This information is also reviewed during Post Adoption Confidential Intermediary Services, which facilitates contact between birth parents and adoptees after the age of 18.

"When we have our first Confidential Intermediary counseling call with an adoptee, we are able to create a sense of what was

going on in the birth parents' lives at the time of the adoption," Leslie added.

Additionally, beginning in the late 1980's, Children's Home Society has assisted placement of children into adoptive homes working with all 100 North Carolina county Departments of Social Services. Legislation through the state of North Carolina dictates the information that will be retained in the permanent adoption record. This information is a combination of the child's personal history as shared by the Department of Social Services at placement and the adoptive family's information gathered during the assessment process. CHS staff maintains and preserves these records in the vault as well.

Unfortunately, our vault, which seemed voluminous when constructed, is running out of filing space. The hope for the next phase in our century-long history of preserving records is to transition into the digital age. Perhaps you or a loved one holds space in the vault. Please consider learning more about how you can help us bring the vault into the 21st century. For more information, contact Emily Rector, Regional Director of Philanthropy, erector@chsnc.org, 336.369.3840.

"If the record had not been preserved, finding each other may not have been possible."

- 88-YEAR-OLD BIRTH MOTHER
regarding her reunion with her 66-year-old son

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CHS is Pleased to Welcome SaySo to the Family!



SaySo (Strong Able Youth Speaking Out) joined the Children’s Home Society family of programs in July.

SaySo is a youth-led organization serving as the voice of youth in foster care and foster care alumni. Through a series of yearly events, conferences, and other opportunities, SaySo helps youth with their lives within the foster care system, as well as transitioning out of foster care. SaySo informs youth about services and resources available to them, teaches them essential life skills, and empowers them to use their voice to impact the system in a positive manner.

SaySo’s 500-plus members across the state are speaking out to make the system work better. Members are active on a variety of boards statewide and nationally, they advocate at conferences throughout the state, and they partner with state legislators and administrators to improve the foster care system.

SAYSO MISSION:

To work to improve the substitute care system by educating the community, speaking out about needed changes, and providing support to youth who are or have been in substitute care.

The partnership with Children’s Home Society will amplify their voice across North Carolina and within CHS’s programs that establish and sustain permanent, safe, and loving families.



CELEBRATING RECENT ADOPTIONS

Christopher 9	Arrionna 4	Miracle 2	Landon 1	Amber 16	Ginger 3	Patricia 9
Colby 8	Landyn 3	Patience 1	Emma 2	Chase 10	Tyquan 11	Donald 12
Kaleb 10	Jaylen 8	Angel 5	Makayla 7	Cadence 9	Marley 6	John 11
Dayshon 2	Hailey 11	Selena 6	Joshua 7	Caylin 8	Colton 15	Samantha 17
Jazmine 5	Jeremy 5	Tremel 4	Mathius 2	Karon 10	Breanna 10	Zakariah 9
Katelyn 9	Marcus 13	Kerik 3	Semaj 7	Johnny 18	Emily 12	Christopher 8
Ronin 2	Sierra 14	Kyler 3	Atan 5	Connor 4	Jamir 15	Kendra 18
Violet 1	William “Billy” 13	Scarlett 2	Christian 4	Hunter 1	Landon 4	Adonice 12
Dominik 3	Jazmine 2	Rhianon 15	Andre 15	John 8	Rayme 2	Johnny 18
Kendra 5	Jamison 4	Joshua 9	Bud 11	Elizabeth 11	Kevin 1	Royshaun 8
Alex 2	Ava 4	Zyniah 5	Dakota 13	Ceasar 4	Brittanie 14	Daren 13
Leland 11	Haylie 6	Destiney 9	Ashley 1	Kristian 3	Nathan 5	Me’kel 11
Bentley 8	Colt 7	Laquana 8	Davyrian 6	Curtis 11	Janae 3	Roslyn 10
Jah’mari 3	Fayth 11	Taylor 6	Lo-niya 4	Christina 12	Janille 4	Nevae 8
Kason 2	Xzayvier 6	Teagan 5	Alexis 4	James 5	Nayasia 8	Dustin 15
Breanna 7	Xyander 8	De’qourian 2	Samantha 5	Justice 2	Treyvion 4	Michael 10
Khailen 1	Tiquan 13	Madisyn 3	Alexander 9	Chase 1	Zavon 14	April 15
Jaden 6	Timothy 10	Kaylea 7	Gabriel 7	Michael 9	Amariah 7	Richard 6
Mason 8	Jacob 7	Nicolas 10	Luke 1	Ivan 11	Cynthia 6	Nacier 5
Selena 17	William 13	Payden 8	Olivia 11	Kyle 9	Grace 8	Jeremiah 10
Aiden 10	Shaniya 12	Neveah 3	John 4	Denver 18	Zeonte 13	Luke 9
Josiah 11	Damian 14	Cayden 8	Mercedes 3	Landrie 9	Emily 0	Jason 9
Liam 6	Nazarian 8	Kayla 9	Jayden 6	Bryson 15	Matthew 17	Jayda 10
Neveah 8	Aaliyah 16	Dakota 13	Jeremiah 7	Dayvis 13	Elisha 11	Jazlynn 9
Amanda 10	Eulier 8	Hayden 7	May 1	Justice 11	Kenaszeia 18	Tori 12
Nick 9	Eumir 6	Jessie 8	Christian 2	Joseph 7	Tanaszeia 18	Timothy 14
Xavier 3	Jayden 7	Freddy 1	Krystina 3	Caroline 3	Madison 13	Noah 15
Joshua 14	Chance 2	Jhynasia 8	Dallas 10	Ezekiel 17	Alarik 14	
Tyler 12	Destiny 11	Jhynia 10	Curtis 11	Elijah 16	Alexis 11	

EMPOWERED BY SAYSO:

How SaySo Helped Me Find My Voice

BY MEGAN HOLMES, FOSTER CARE ALUMNI



When I first entered substitute care, I was shy, timorous, and soft-spoken. The same characteristics remained until I was connected with SaySo just a few months after entering care. I attended a SaySo Saturday celebration and was withdrawn from many people there due to my lack of confidence in myself and in what I had to offer simply because at that time, I was not sure if I had anything to offer.

After attending other SaySo events and my second SaySo Saturday the following year, I decided to run for a position on the Board of Directors. Looking back, I was unsure of the specific reason I wanted to run, but I knew that I liked the confidence each young person showed whenever he or she spoke. I was elected to serve as a representative for other youth in substitute care in my region. Though I was excited about the new adventure and for the opportunity to speak on behalf of those within my region, the same shy, soft-spoken, and unsure girl remained and withheld my voice. I was disappointed in myself for not speaking out more than I did during meetings and events, but I was able to reflect to see how much SaySo had challenged me as a Board member and an individual as well. SaySo had begun shaping me as an advocate.

Since serving my term as a Board of Directors member, I was afforded many opportunities to share my foster care experience and advocate for current youth in substitute care, in local and governmental sectors. In sharing my story, I have been seated on panels with various peers who are foster care alumni as well, which granted us the chance to share with youth, care providers, government officials, and other stakeholders what improvements could be made to enhance the experience of other youth in care. In speaking alongside my colleagues and peers, it taught me how to share what I felt was important about my story and my life, and it empowered me to do so with authority. Though I would still feel nervous at times, I shared my story – voice quivering, eyes watering, and all. If I felt something was too intimidating for me or too intimate, my SaySo colleagues always offered support by reminding me that I'm allowed to share whatever I feel comfortable with and offered emotional support as I pressed through. Facilitating workshops, sitting on panels, and attending other events with my SaySo colleagues created a bond between us that made them extended family for me. That bond has roots that run deeper than our professionalism – they deeply

connect us as family. I am grateful and thankful that we are able to reconnect with one another as adults, and are able to support one another through various life achievements.

Now that I am an adult, I reflect back to the shy and timid girl who ran for the Board in 2012. I would have never imagined being who I am now, and I am thankful that God allowed me to connect with SaySo. I believe that God used SaySo to help me see what it is that He instilled in me. Though I was not as talkative and willing to speak up then, I am thankful to say that is no longer the case. That reserved and shy girl now is able to advocate for youth in my local community who are unable to speak up for themselves. SaySo has equipped me with many opportunities that have challenged my growth as a young person in care, a young adult, and a young professional. I still have times when I am nervous to speak to larger crowds or unfamiliar faces, but SaySo has taught me how to be unapologetically me and has given me the platform to find and own my voice. SaySo has awakened an advocate in me, and I am excited about it! I look forward to the continual impact that SaySo will make in my life and in the lives of all other young people in North Carolina and all over the world.

If you know of a young person who seems unsure about themselves, passionate about the experiences they have, or is simply trying to navigate this life, I strongly encourage and recommend connecting them to SaySo. SaySo is not just an organization; it is a family and a strong support network that brings out the best in each young person that connects with them. No matter where life takes me and no matter the new experiences I face, I know that I can always come home to SaySo, the family that helped me find my voice.

"SaySo has a proven track record of engaged, passionate, and loyal youth and alumni who are drivers of systemic improvement. We believe that becoming a program of CHS will help us make an even bigger impact."

- CARMELITA COLEMAN, DIRECTOR OF SAYSO

ON THE FRONTLINES:

Expanding Prevention to Keep Families Together

When NC legislators were in short session in 2016, the question of strengthening families came up. The General Assembly was aware the number of kids in foster care had been increasing and wanted to support prevention. To that end, they expanded the prevention budget for one year by \$1.4 million.

Jamaica Pfister, MSW, Director of Business Development and Advocacy at CHS, got to work advocating in Raleigh so that when the long session came in 2017, we could fight for the increased investment in prevention to be a recurring line item in North Carolina's budget. Our legislators agreed.

Children's Home Society began growing the number of Family Preservation specialists in the areas where the service is currently provided: Raleigh, Charlotte, Morganton, and surrounding areas. The specialists have 28 days in which workers are required to spend 40 hours with each family in their home. Today, there are a total of 24 specialists who can each serve two families at one time, keeping nearly one thousand children out of the foster care system each year.

Common reasons families are referred for Intensive Family Preservation Services (IFPS) are poverty, mental health, substance



abuse, and domestic violence. Specialists work intensively to help families connect to resources to meet their basic needs and any other services they may need to make their home safe for children. Ninety-five percent of families referred to our Intensive Family Preservation Services remain intact 12 months after service.

"Kids should grow up in their families if possible, and this program makes that possible with a phenomenal success rate. Even with the expansion, I wish we could serve more families," Jamaica said.

Each of our five IFPS teams selected a specialist to share their thoughts on what it looks like to win with families in crisis.

Rachelle K. Glover

*Number of years
in social work:*

4

*Something not many
people know about you:*

I can twirl a baton.

SUCCESS WITH A FAMILY YOU ARE MOST PROUD OF: IFPS was requested to teach a newly-single father parenting and child safety skills, and he was eager to learn additional skills before going to court to request full custody of his two small children. I taught child safety skills, the importance of keeping a clean and sanitized home, nurturing skills, organizational skills, budgeting skills, and proper time management. CHS provided the family with clothes, dishes, window blinds, towels, cleaning supplies, and a vacuum cleaner. After successfully demonstrating the ability to exercise the new skills daily, I advocated for him in court. The judge praised the father for his progress and granted him custody the same day. The father shared that he felt empowered, hopeful, and motivated to provide the best life for himself and his children.



Tiara Fairwell

*Number of years
in social work:*

3

*Something not many
people know about you:*

**My favorite flowers
are sunflowers.**

SUCCESS WITH A FAMILY YOU ARE MOST PROUD OF: My proudest moment with a family was a single mom of three who was living in a hotel room with no money and no car. At the end of the program the family was in an apartment and had purchased a car through Wheels for Hope. The mother also went back to school to get her GED and began working part time. It's always a great feeling to know that you helped a family better themselves and become a stronger unit. This program really does allow us to keep families together and guide them in the right direction.



Fredrica Paige, MSW

Number of years
in social work:

17

Something not many
people know about you:

I was a teacher for 17
years before pursuing
social work.



SUCCESS WITH A FAMILY YOU ARE MOST PROUD OF: I helped a family of five – mom, dad and three children ages 4, 3, and 4 months. They were living with the father’s 83-year-old grandmother in a one-bedroom apartment. The goals for the family were to help the father obtain employment and for the family to move into their own housing. In meeting with the family, including the grandmother, they were able to share the goals they were eager to complete. In 28 days, the father found a job as an electrical apprentice, and CHS aided them in finding housing. Both parents shared they will benefit for many years from all the skills they were taught.

Tawana Hicks

Number of years
in social work:

22

Something not many
people know about you:

I am a nature
enthusiast. I love to
bicycle and kayak.



SUCCESS WITH A FAMILY YOU ARE MOST PROUD OF: I am really proud of the progress made by a single mom who grew up in an unhealthy family and experienced several out-of-home placements during her own childhood. By the time she was sixteen, she received a felony conviction that limited her employment and housing opportunities. She and her four small children were living in a homeless shelter. Mom was a victim of domestic violence and did not have a reliable support system. I assisted her with applying for employment, and when she got her first job interview, CHS purchased clothing for her. I drove her to the job interview and reminded her of all the positive qualities that I had observed while working with her. She got the job! We stabilized their housing situation and the family is on the road to self-sufficiency. She has the potential to provide her children with a lifestyle that she never dreamed possible. I am so proud of the families I serve. They inspire me and challenge me to grow daily.

Cody Wright

Number of years
in social work:

7

Something not many
people know about you:

I have written a book;
it is still in rough draft.



SUCCESS WITH A FAMILY YOU ARE MOST PROUD OF: A single father, age 22, entered services during a crisis point in his life. His child is two years old. The father had no stable home, no occupation, and felt unprepared as a single parent. I was able to encourage and help him get a home of his own, an occupation with many prospects of improving his financial situation, as well as help him gain parenting skills. This client began our program in a place of despair but ended with hope. It was a pleasure to join alongside him as he succeeded in achieving each of the goals we had made together through our program.

CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION



Colby, 9



Selena, 9



Martyse, 15



Duncan, 16

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



CHILD-FOCUSED RECRUITMENT

EMBRACING THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

What do mill life, *The Hunger Games*, and children in foster care all have in common?

The answer is: finding yourself part of a community that wasn't your choice.

Larissa Berger leads one of five Child-Focused Recruitment teams at Children's Home Society. Recently, she and her team brought several of their kids to Henry River Mill Village in Hildebran, NC, an old mill community where the *The Hunger Games* was filmed. They went on a history tour, had a picnic lunch, and then got to work. The reason for the outing is at the heart of Child-Focused Recruitment – to work on readiness and preparation for their next steps in life. It was the perfect setting to have a discussion about how to accept the past and embrace the future.

"Our stories bind us. It is crucial to cultivate opportunities for youth to explore their own personal strengths through unique experiences. Touring Henry River Mill allowed these kids to connect with similarities of people that once lived in the mill community. It also provided an opportunity to stand in the house of Katniss Everdeen from *The Hunger Games*, who many see as a hero. I wanted each to experience self-inquiry, providing a chance to ask who they are, connect to the past, and find the hero within," Larissa said.

In working with Larissa, the group discussed personal strengths and converged on six words: bravery, sacrifice, determination, courage, selflessness, and perseverance. She had the group discuss how the six words might be used to describe the people who once lived in the mill community, how they connected to the warrior heroine, Katniss, and how the six words impacted each of them.

During the activity, one youth shared that her word was "selflessness" because it reminded her of "when my mom didn't have enough food for my brother and me, I would give him my food so that he wouldn't go hungry." Hearing a small piece of her story let Larissa know she was able to identify the hero within herself.

At the end of the tour, the kids met Anita Brittain, a native who was born in one of the mill houses in 1944. After sharing her famous brownies, Anita shared what growing up in the mill community was like. When asked what was the hardest part, she sat thoughtfully and said, "The hardest thing about living here was that people looked down on us without getting to know us. The stigma really hurt a lot." She ended her time with the children by saying, "It was a good life – because we had more than just our family, we had the community."

The opportunities that our CFR youth have to connect to those they can learn from in our communities are critical as they begin to make the choices that will shape their future. We want to ensure that all children, all people – no matter what situation they are in – can feel the support of their communities.

Child-Focused Recruitment social workers focus individually on children's needs and work towards permanency through recruitment of adoptive families. Funded largely, but not entirely, by the Dave Thomas Foundation, CFR utilizes the Wendy's Wonderful Kids model: unadoptable is unacceptable.

CHS Expands Parenting Skills Development Programs Offered in Pediatricians' Offices

CHS is offering parenting support in collaboration with pediatricians to provide one-on-one education on parenting topics in pediatric settings, providing greater access to the service. An individual approach, as opposed to a class, means that parents can get their questions answered about their specific child at a convenient place and time. Two such programs are available in Guilford County.

HealthySteps recognizes parents as experts on their children and supports them in setting a foundation for success in the first few years of their child's life.

Through funding for a Guilford County pilot program from The Duke Endowment, CHS has added six specialists, trained in issues that impact young children, who partner with pediatric providers to teach and support parents as their children grow from birth to age 3. Their time with the medical provider is supplemented by this additional resource focused on behaviors and effective parenting strategies. Parents can get support within their regular routines without needing to plan for parenting classes.

"This evidence-based model is an excellent opportunity for us to provide more upfront support for families as we grow our prevention work," said Rebecca Starnes, Vice President of Programs for CHS. "This exciting work is a part of a larger community-wide initiative, Ready for School, Ready for Life, focused on improving early childhood supports for all families in Guilford County."

Another such program is **Partnering for Healthy Parenting** where parenting educators meet with parents of children of any age during well-child visits, discussing topics such as safety, dealing with difficult behaviors, promoting healthy relationships, and supporting learning.

The Parent Educators use a variety of evidence-based materials, such as Triple P, Purple Crying, and Nurturing, selected based on the family's specific needs. Partnering for Healthy Parents provides support in a setting parents trust and at a time that is convenient.

Research shows that the pediatrician's office is one of a parent's most trusted sources of information, and parents often come to well-child check-ups with lots of questions. The pediatrician is well prepared to answer questions related to physical development, but parents usually have questions related to children's behavior as well and are looking for parenting advice.

As we collect more data on the impact of these programs, we are excited at the opportunity to expand them to be available to many more North Carolina families.



"You are a first-time mom's dream come true. I am so glad to see someone filling such a needed role with new parents. Thank you for your reassurance and easy-to-follow advice."

- HealthySteps Participant

How do pediatric partnerships work?

Pediatric Care

We meet with families during well-child visits, providing useful information to parents where they already are.

Supporting

We connect families to valuable community resources that help with mental, physical, and emotional needs.

Parenting

We offer information about what to expect as a child grows. We offer guidance on common challenges like feeding, behavior, sleep, and adjusting to life with an infant and as their child develops.

When parents are involved with HealthySteps or Partnering for Healthy Parenting:

- Parents are more confident in their parenting skills
- Children are healthier and safer
- Parent-child relationships are stronger and more positive

"The parent educators are a great resource for our office where our parents benefit from the education. At times we've seen a decrease in the number of unneeded visits by parents, and an improvement in parenting style making for a better relationship between parent and child."

- Pediatrician Partner



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Bill Black Chevrolet's Beach Music REMIX

CELEBRATES ITS 15TH SEASON!



This June, Children's Home Society brought the beach to Greensboro for the 15th annual Bill Black Chevrolet's Beach Music Remix!

Fans enjoyed the sounds of crowd-favorites: Sleeping Booty, The Tams, The Embers, Band of Oz, and Chairmen of the Board over the five-week series. With more than 2,000 weekly attendees, CHS raised more than \$187,000 to help children and families in need across North Carolina.

With this money, CHS could:

- Complete 31 adoptions (it takes \$6,000 private philanthropic dollars to complete just one adoption).
- Host nearly 75 matching events, where children who have been in the foster care system the longest are able to meet with prospective parents in a relaxed, fun environment.
- Provide training for 1,550 parents to become loving foster parents.

Events like Beach Music help CHS serve more than 18,000 children and families each year. This event would not be possible without the support of our amazing sponsors.



Want to be on this list next year – and have your logo in front of more than 10,000 aggregate attendees?

CONTACT BETSY SEATON AT: bseaton@chsnc.org or (800) 632-1400 to learn how to get involved.



At CHS, the holidays remind us of so much: traditions, love, and most of all, family.

This year, help make a child's holiday merry and bright by participating in our Hope for the Holidays toy drive.

Each year, Children's Home Society collects and distributes gifts to children in CHS care, and we need your help! Check out some of the ways you can help make a difference in your community below.

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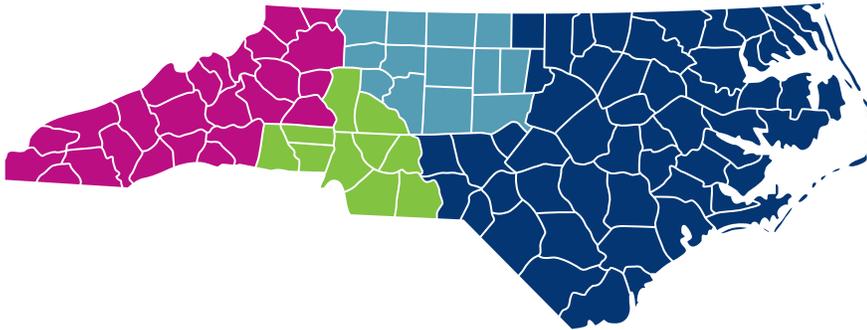
Each sponsor fulfills a child's wish list for holiday gifts by spending a pre-determined amount for each child based on age. Your local CHS office will provide you with a specific wish list for a child in your community. Once fulfilled, return the new, unwrapped gifts to your local CHS office. We also accept gift card donations to stores such as Walmart and Target.

Don't have time to shop? Simply make a monetary donation to make an impact in a child's life by visiting chsnc.org/donate.

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Looking for a way to engage your employees and build team morale? Request a group of wish lists from your local CHS office. Many of our supporters enjoy shopping together as a team building exercise. As an organization, you can make a larger impact to many families throughout your region. Additionally, companies can make MATCHING financial contributions and double their impact and support of children throughout the year.

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



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Asheville-area adoptive parents, adoptees, licensed families and kids, and community members joined us for the celebration of the opening of our new Asheville office on August 22. Guests enjoyed refreshments, touring the building, and learning more about the work of Children's Home Society.



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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.

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Compassion. Integrity. Excellence. Innovation.