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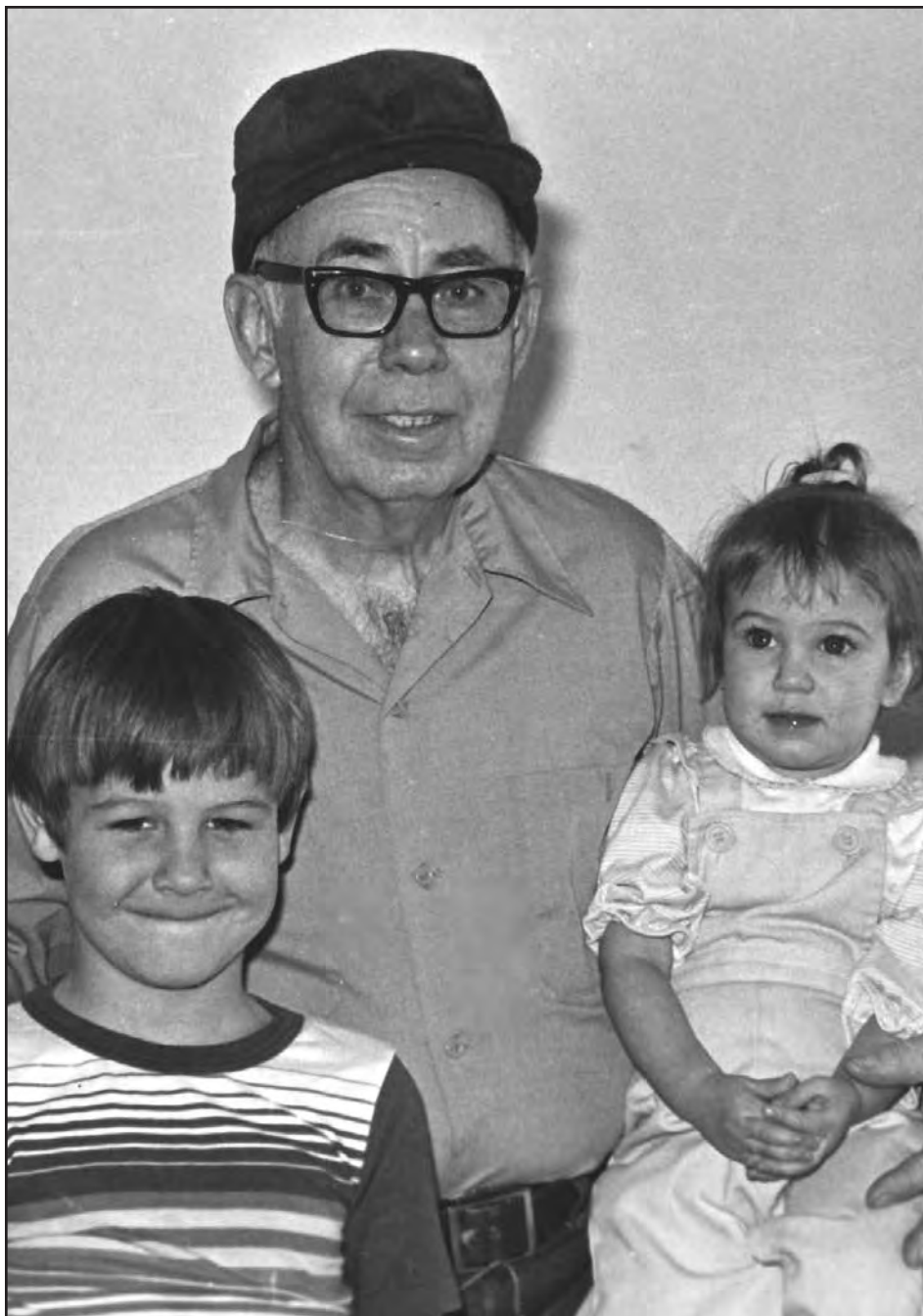
## Day to Day with Children

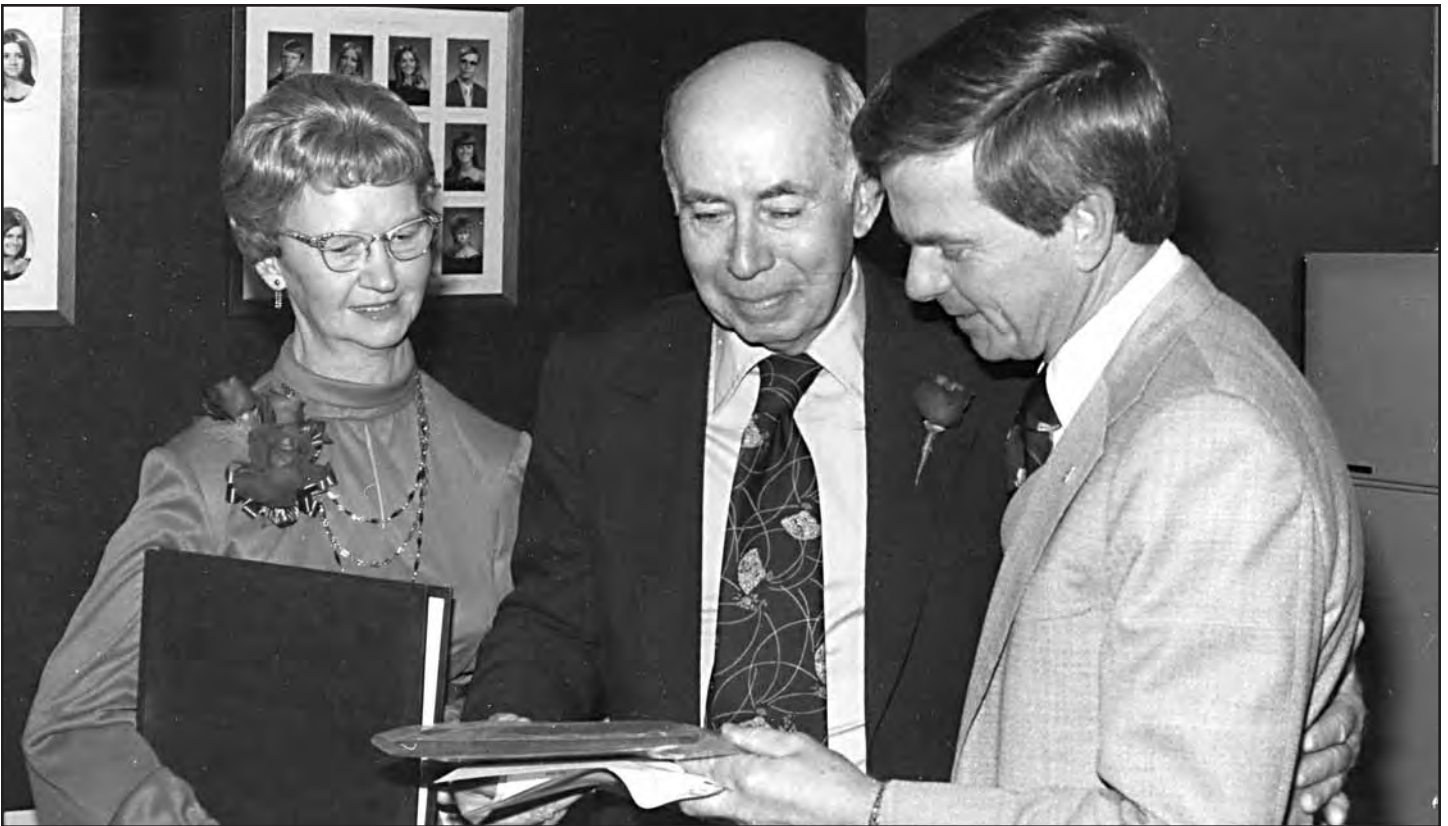
### *How will you answer?*

*One of the blessings for the leadership of The Children's Home of Lubbock is that we get to do our work standing on the shoulders of great people who demonstrated either great vision for this ministry or great passion in doing the work.*

*The foundation laid so many years ago was built solid, and the blue prints demonstrated wisdom and have been easy to follow. As the writer of Hebrews states, "we have been surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses;" men and women who were driven to care for fatherless children in the best ways possible. It is a legacy we work hard to live up to today.*

*On Thursday, August 12, one of those great forefathers passed away. Gaither Vanderveer was 97 when he bid this world good-bye. Gaither first came to work for The Children's Home as a houseparent in the White Cottage in April of 1963, and he and his wife Thelma were parents to 18 children at a time. Gaither also worked in the maintenance department, a service he led for many years after moving out of the cottage.*





Floyd Stumbo (right), President Emeritus of the Children's Home presents Gaither and Thelma Vanderveer with a service award in 1979.

*Even after he retired Gaither wanted to come back and work through the summers maintaining the campus grounds. One morning I saw Gaither very early, silhouetted by the rising sun with a roll of about 100 feet of water hose over his shoulder, heading down to set sprinklers on the east end of the campus. That is a picture I will always treasure.*

*Gaither had some characteristics and values I deeply admired. He was an humble man, godly, hard-working, and absolutely loyal. He believed deeply in the mission of The Children's Home and showed tremendous compassion for the children in care. He epitomized so many who worked hard and gave much to make this children's home a truly special place.*

*It is the great pioneers like Gaither who inspire me to do all I can do to keep the vision of The Children's Home alive and vibrant. While we appreciate and are inspired by the memory of the early great ones, there is a special joy in working with the visionaries and compassionate co-workers and donors of today. I look around and see marvelous young professionals coming up through the ranks, generous donors making great things happen, and wise and compassionate volunteers on our Board of Directors.*

*The needs of the children we care for are ever*

*increasing. The wounds seem to go deeper, the scars seem larger than ever, and the lack of hope and depth of despair greater than ever before. The demand for generous donors, wise leaders and compassionate care takers is greater than at any time in our 56 year history. I hope all of us can be inspired by a simple life lived out in serving God by giving service to others and follow the example of this gentle man. I pray we can leave the leaders and caretakers of tomorrow the same solid foundation and direction to follow as we have received. It will take all of us working together to insure the future of this wonderful place for the children who will need us so desperately in the years to come.*

*Come, walk the journey with us. Be a part of answering the call of the children who so desperately need safety, shelter, love and most of all, God. Gaither left a legacy of hard work and compassion. We are each called to serve in different ways — some of us to work here. Some of us to serve as volunteers or foster parents or adoptive parents. Some of us to give of our means today. Some of us to remember The Children's Home in our wills. But mark this: we are all called. How will you answer the call?*

*Lynn R. Harms*



# YOUR GIFTS

*There are so many good things that happen for the hundreds of children and families that are served over the course of a year through the work of The Children's Home. Read on for a quick recap of some of the wonderful things made possible by you and many other generous people. These highlights are "Your Gifts at Work."*

## Generous churches

The Meadowview Church of Christ hosted a kitchen shower for our Murray Cottage to replace some of the things that were lost in the fire. Their gifts totaled almost \$1000.00.

The Fort Davis Church of Christ is one of many who gathered school supplies for our boys and girls. Pictured are Gregory and Myra Meads, who have become good friends of the children.



Our brothers and sisters at Carpenter's Church of Lubbock sent \$266.00. Carpenter's Church is Broadway's outreach to the homeless. The money these people gave us came out of their poverty. Several people at Carpenter's, homeless and formerly homeless, grew up in children's homes and foster care, and they have a special heart for helping others in those situations.

The Cherryland Church of Christ collected the equivalent of 300 boxes (236 packages) of breakfast cereal for The Children's Home. The photo is of Daryl and Ruth Loud, our contacts with the church. Ruth purchased 42 boxes on one day; the store clerk asked why so much cereal.



## Special church gifts

**In response to the Big Heart appeal, 257 churches contributed \$77,012.15, in non-food items.**

**Kennedy Hallmark and Adree Stapp of Lockney packed and sent bags of candy to the boys of Hardwick Cottage.**

# ETS AT WORK

## Kids helping Kids



Campbell Collier and Mckenna Edwards had a lemonade stand last summer and donated the proceeds to the Home.

The teens who worship with Family Life Fellowship in Amarillo took the opportunity at their Vacation Bible School to collect money for the kids here at the Home. They came down and delivered a gift of \$878 to be used to help restore Murray Cottage.

Dear Mr. Harms,  
Please use this money to help the children that live at the children's home of Lubbock. We had a lemonade stand to raise money. We hope that it will help.  
Campbell Collier  
and  
Mckenna Edwards

The Johnston children were with us about a year and their mom has become a good friend of our Faye Sigle. The children asked Faye to take some clothes that did not fit them anymore and put them in our commissary for other children to use.



The 1st and 2nd grade classes at South Plains Church of Christ made blankets for the babies at the Home and delivered them to the campus.

## Community Friends:



A group from Vintage Township hosted a water fun day in their neighborhood and donated the proceeds to the children at the Home.

The Children's Home of Lubbock was recognized as the outstanding non-profit advocate for abused children in the South Plains area at a luncheon hosted by Children's Advocacy Center of the South Plains.



To qualify for a 2010 tax deduction, all gifts must be received by December 31, 2010.

## Did you know?

- There were 14,192 foster placements in the state of Texas last year.
- Almost 800 abused and neglected children were removed from their homes in the Lubbock area last year. That makes over 955 total foster children in Lubbock County. That is young children in our neighborhood, in our community, in our backyard – in need of a home.
- There are approximately only 200 foster homes in the entire area able and willing to house these children.
- There are 26 Biblical commands to take care of the orphans and widows. God called this the “purest” of all religions in James 1:27.

## Top 10 Things You Can Do For A Foster Child.

10. Pray for the children in foster care and their families.
9. Collect birthday gifts for the foster children in your community.
8. Have a baby shower to collect baby essentials.
7. Donate luggage for foster children in transition.
6. Collect school supplies.
5. Volunteer for a foster care organization.
4. Contact The Children’s Home of Lubbock about specific needs in the Lubbock community.
3. Provide occasional respite for foster children.
2. Mentor a foster child.
1. Become a foster parent. Call Janet Lemons at 806.762.0481, extension 205, or email her at [jlemons@childshome.org](mailto:jlemons@childshome.org).



## What will you do?

Some are called to foster.

Some are called to adopt.

Some are called to serve.

Some are called to care.

But we are all called.

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# Fall Festival 2010

The annual Fall Festival took place on September 18, 2010. It was a great day for 650 people to visit the Home's campus, enjoy great food, music, kids games, a parade and the silent auction.

Our generous sponsors made the day a great benefit for the home.

Betenbough Homes (\$1000), Auction Systems of Lubbock (\$500), SPEC (\$500), Texas District Agency (\$500), Edward Jones/Martin Miller (\$500), Minnix Company (\$500), Baker Office Products (\$500), West Texas Lee Co. (\$500), Sonic (\$500), M & M Tire Center (\$250), and Vista Bank (\$250).



# Golf Tournament 2010

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*You help our  
Christmas  
wishes  
come  
true.*



To help make Christmas merry for the children, a self-addressed envelope has been provided for your convenience.



# Fire Report Slowly but surely



Putting Murray Cottage back together after the fire of March 25th has been a long, involved process. And it's not over yet! As you can see from the pictures, we've come a long way from the burned out kitchen, but the new one is not yet habitable.

Teen girls are back in the cottage; the living room has been re-done; new carpet has been laid. But meals are still being prepared in the laundry room. Not an ideal situation, to say the least!

Our friends have been most generous in responding to this need. The needed goal of \$38,750 has been surpassed, and we are so very grateful. Thank you for every single dollar you have sent!

Our next project (well, after installing appliances and flooring and moving the kitchen from the laundry room to the actual kitchen!) is to secure funding for additional fire hydrants for the campus. This is an expensive undertaking but it must be done

to ensure the safety of our boys and girls.

As you work on your year-end financial plans, please keep this worthwhile project in mind. There's no better place to invest your hard-earned dollars than in children!



# YOUR LEGACY

*will bless the children*

## Twice the Return on Your Money

by Floyd I. Stumbo, President Emeritus

The return would be 3.5%, if the United States borrowed your money for 30 years.

I decided I should check with my local bank to see if I could do better. The bank's answer was even worse: 1.0% for two years. Even more discouraging!

I immediately thought of some of my good friends who happen to be living on fixed incomes and whose money may be similarly invested. I want to suggest that there can be a better return on one's hard-earned money. My suggestion is a Charitable Gift Annuity from The Children's Home Foundation.

First, let me explain that gift annuities have been around for a long time and have proven to be a good and safe option for many who want and need a stable income. Over the past years The Children's Home Foundation has contracted with many good friends to establish Charitable Gift Annuities. They have enjoyed the benefit of a stable investment and regular lifetime income.

In addition to a good return on the donor's investment, the Charitable Gift Annuity provides some helpful tax deductions for the year of the gift. Additionally, a part of the annual income is tax free for the first few years after the gift is made. When one calculates the benefit of the tax advantages, the effective rate of return becomes even more attractive for the donor.

Here are three examples of the return rates for two lives:

Younger Age	Older Age	Rate
70	70-73	5.4%
75	76-78	5.8%
80	80-82	7.0%

If we can help you with any planned giving concepts, please contact The Children's Home Foundation, PO Box 2449, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Or you may call us at 806.744.1500, or email [paula@chfinc.org](mailto:paula@chfinc.org). We will be happy to help.



Please call or complete and mail to P.O. Box 2449, Lubbock, TX 79408

*Dear Friends at The Children's Home of Lubbock Foundation:  
I am interested in creating a legacy. Please contact me.*

The best time to call me is: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## Let's laugh!

**H**ave you been a little too serious lately? Do you need a jolt of joy in your family? We have the perfect prescription for you!

This family group of two sisters and one brother are searching for the perfect family to laugh with. Alyric is eleven years old and just loves to smile. Her nine year old sister, Zoey, likes to laugh. There's a good start for you! Then mix in seven year old Hy'Keim with his super-charged smile, and you've got the makings of a regular laugh fest.

Of course no one can laugh all the time. The girls enjoy coloring and drawing, cleaning and cooking, computers, music, and dressing up.

Hy'Keim has a lot of energy and loves to play and be active. All three children need parents who can provide secure boundaries and the therapeutic love that they need to deal with the scars of their past.

Interested? Give us a call! Dial 806.762.0481, extension 205 and talk to Janet Lemons about making these three charmers part of your family.

Or you can email Janet at [jlemons@childshome.org](mailto:jlemons@childshome.org). And while you are waiting, you can go ahead and start warming up your giggle box.

