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**THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK**



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## Day to Day with Children

### *Manifesting Christ through excellence in child care*

*Obtaining national accreditation through the Council on Accreditation is no small feat. This year we completed re-accreditation, a task we experience every four years, with the highest of marks.*

*The final step in the nearly year-long process is a peer review conducted by two veteran child care leaders. Dr. Francisco Brizuela of Miami, Florida was the lead reviewer this year. In his closing remarks and evaluations, Dr. Brizuela made some very compelling remarks regarding his observations of The Children's Home of Lubbock.*

*To begin with, Dr. Brizuela was moved by the vision statement of The Children's Home, "Manifesting Christ through excellence in child care." Having the experience of visiting many faith-based facilities, Dr. Brizuela noted this was the first where it is obvious that the vision statement is implemented in every aspect of the work and operations of the organization.*

*"This place is truly a village," cited Dr. Brizuela. The care for the children and for fellow staff is evident at all levels of the organization. It is a place where people truly care about the mission and the children.*

*"This is a place where children feel safe and protected." This may be one of the most significant statements/observations made by Dr. Brizuela because of the dangerous and damaging settings from which the children come to us. Before a child can progress in recovering*

*from the emotional, psychological or educational deficits caused by the abuse and neglect, they have to feel safe. This is especially true if a child is to grow spiritually.*

*I am very proud of every employee we have and the fact they are dedicated, hard-working and well- equipped to provide the care and services for the children who call this good place "home". This only happens because caring people like you give generously to make these services possible. Thank you!*

*As a donor, you should know that the fact we go the extra mile to maintain accreditation assures you that we are being the best possible stewards of the gifts you give. Accreditation affects every aspect of The Children's Home, including the integrity and accountability we apply to financial management. You can be assured that the money you give is used in accordance to the highest of ethical standards and practices. You can also be assured that our accreditation is a statement of quality care for children and families who come to us for services. Our staff are very well trained and prepared, and our facilities are well maintained. Bottom line, you can be proud of your support and connection with The Children's Home of Lubbock. Come visit us and help us celebrate!*

*Lynn R. Harms*

Golf with a pro, spend a day with your friends and make a difference in the life of a child.



# The Children's Home of Lubbock

## **BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT**



**LAKERIDGE COUNTRY CLUB  
MONDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2011**

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Registration	-----	11:00 – 12:30
Lunch	-----	11:00 – 12:30
Bobby Wilson Clinic	-----	12:15 – 12:45
Shotgun Start	-----	1:00

For more information, email [tcheek@childshome.org](mailto:tcheek@childshome.org), call (806) 762 - 0481, or visit our website at [www.childshome.org](http://www.childshome.org).



"Good food, great fun, true fellowship and awesome golf; all for the future of some children. What better reasons do you need to come out and join us? I hope to see you there! Bring your long drive with ya!" - Bobby Wilson



The call came  
Friday afternoon...

## It was the same plea for help we had received many times before.

*On the other end of the phone was a Children's Protective Service case worker, looking for a temporary home for the young children sitting in her office. The children, ages 3 and 4, were removed that very day from their bug-infested, dirty home — a home with no heat or running water. A chaotic home, where these little children were left alone to take care of one another while their parents were out.*



*We tried to answer the call. We searched through all of our foster homes to find a place for these little folks. But all our current homes were full, and there were no openings for these young siblings. They were separated — separated from the only family members they know, and from each other — and placed at any home available in the State of Texas.*

*Week after week the calls are the same. In our area there is an ever-growing need for foster homes that will offer a temporary home for young children, usually between the age of 0 to 6. These are young brothers and sisters, hoping to stay together in a safe and loving home.*

*Can you help? Is there a place in your heart and home to welcome a child who needs you? Will you help make a difference?*

## Making the decision to help— that is the hard part.

*For the rest, The Children's Home of Lubbock is here to help and support you. Foster parents must be 21 years of age or older. Single parents, married couples, full-time or part-time working parents, or stay-at-home parents — all are welcome to apply.*

## What is the next step?

*Contact us for more information, or fill out an application online at [www.childshome.org](http://www.childshome.org). Janet Lemons serves as our Home Developer and she will be happy to assist your family through the simple steps to becoming a licensed foster family. You may contact Janet by calling 806-762-0481, ext. 205, or you can email her at [jlemons@childshome.org](mailto:jlemons@childshome.org).*





# YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

*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."*



**Cardinal's and Regimen** collected money to purchase quality athletic shoes for every child on campus. The kids chose from a selection of different styles and colors, then celebrated with a Christmas party with pizza, cupcakes and drinks. Tuey Rankin from Cardinal's initiated the drive, and Natalie Craig was instrumental in helping raise the funds to purchase the shoes.

The **Aspermont chapter of FCCLA** conducted their annual teddy bear drive and delivered a Suburban load of bears before Christmas. Every child at the Home has their own personal bear!

The **Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock** has for many years taken up a special collection in December for The Children's Home. Their total gift in 2010

was \$106,467.12. This included 72 flashlights collected by Broadway's children for our children, to help them feel safe in a new place. Thank you, Broadway!

**Eva W. Doyle** sent a package containing homemade pot holders, along with this note: "I am 90 years old and made these pot holders from the best part of old overalls. I did not sew very good. They are heavy pot holders, hope you can use them."



Mrs. Doyle, please know that we are honored to use your potholders. They are beautifully sewn and will remind us each time we use them of your love and care for us! Thank you!

**2010's Dollar Day Campaign** finished up with a grand total of \$67,177.30, with 127 churches participating.

Over the Valentine's Day weekend the **Women's Caucus of Texas Tech** came out and did a campus

wide party for the kids. There was a bounce house and cookie decoration stations and valentine card making stations. The kids had a wonderful time and most of the campus showed up to play.

**Mark Kitzman**, employee at Mason Cottage, and his family bought gifts for Mason Cottage at Christmas --- 13 gifts, in fact, enough that each child was able to open one gift for the cottage.



**Amy Cary**, who serves on our Board of Directors, came to our campus on Valentine's Day and presented an inspirational talk to our ladies. The breakfast event was hosted by Cindy Stephens, Human Resources Coordinator and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



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February 18, 2011

# CONGRATULATIONS!

**THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK AND FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY, INC. HAS BEEN REACCREDITED BY THE COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION**

The Council on Accreditation (COA) is delighted to inform you that The Children's Home of Lubbock and Family Service Agency, Inc. has been reaccredited. COA's commitment to maintaining the highest level of standards and quality improvement is designed to identify providers that have set high performance standards for themselves and have made a commitment to their constituents for quality services. COA is proud to recognize the dedication of the Family Service Agency staff.

## Great News!

COA is confident that staff and clients will be pleased with the detailed information regarding its service practice. COA will continue to confirm that all information that all in-

Tom Spoonts, Vice President for Development, was on-hand to share the good news of the successful reaccreditation in a special e-mail to all staff members:

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"After much work and over a year of preparation, we knew you would want to know that COA has announced our REACCREDITATION! Special thanks to Debra Rogers for her hard work in spear-heading this project and for bringing it all together for the entire organization.

And...CONGRATULATIONS to the entire staff for a job well done! I am so grateful for our wonderful, talented, and gifted staff! This announcement serves to verify that you are making a positive difference in the lives of families and children."

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# You can help a child go to summer camp!



## What difference does it make to go to camp?

- More spiritual growth happens during camps, retreats, trips, and other outings with teens than can happen in 52 Sunday morning Bible classes. There is something special about taking teens out of their environment and putting them in an atmosphere of receptivity to the good news and calling of being a Christian.



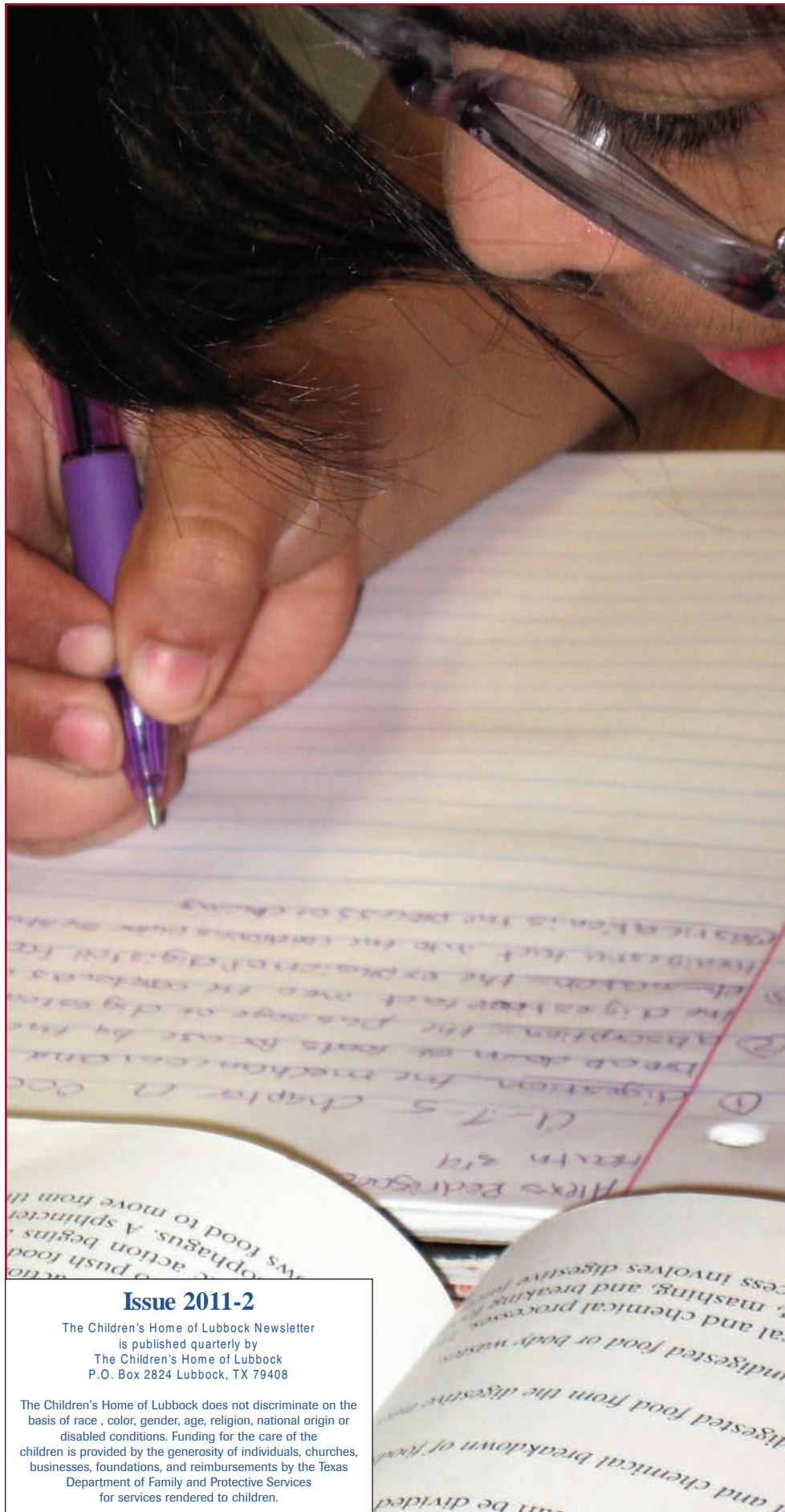
- Camp enables youngsters to step out of the comfort zone they know at home, and when they don't feel as comfortable, it helps them lean on God more.
- Time in the outdoors gives kids a place to succeed. It can be a huge self-confidence builder. It

can teach them how to manage their emotions and stay in control. But most of all, it can be a time for kids to learn what it really means to trust – to trust adults. To trust their fellow campers. And to trust God.

***Your gift to help  
send a youngster to camp  
can make an eternal  
difference!***

### **Ryan's only chance**

Last summer, Robyn (a teen mom in our Young Mother Program) made a decision while at camp to be baptized and commit her life to the Lord. One of the things she said was, "This is the only chance for Ryan (her son) to have a good life." It is inspiring when we see the good people devote themselves to give their lives to God and invite Him into their families.



## Honor Roll Third Six Weeks 2010 - 2011

Congratulations –  
You’ve Worked Hard  
and It Shows!

### A’s and B’s

- Alexandre
- Kyleigh
- Elijah
- Desiree
- Odalis
- Chris
- Mariah
- Exekial
- Alexis
- Robyn

### A’s and B’s with 1 C

- Brandon
- Gabrielle
- Sabrina
- Stephanie
- Xavier

Hy’Keim was named  
as one of the  
kindergarten/  
First Graders who  
had excelled.

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# YOUR LEGACY

*will bless the children*

## Something of Worth

Floyd I. Stumbo, President Emeritus, The Children's Home Foundation

My first impression was, he didn't fit the mold.

He wasn't the usual business traveler I see on airplanes. He had on sandals, no socks, and he was dressed to work in the garden. At best, I had him pegged as an architect on his way to a construction site, because of the document tube he was carrying.

We didn't introduce ourselves, and the conversation was casual and brief, but, being a bit curious, I wanted to know about the plans in the long yellow tube he was carrying. "Are you an architect?" I queried.

"No, I'm an artist," was his reply.

That tweaked the interest of this guy who can't draw a straight line. He volunteered that he was originally from South Africa and had settled in northern California, and that he was a realist painter. I took that to mean he was my kind of artist, the kind who paints things I can understand, like landscapes or sailing ships. He has enjoyed some success, because his artwork has supported him for over forty years.

Being a proud grandfather, I shared the fact that my granddaughter is studying art at a university, adding that she is an honor student, and I wished that she could meet him.

The boarding call came and airplanes wait for neither children's home workers nor artists, so we parted. As he made his way to his gate, he paused for one last comment.

"I tell young people they must do something of worth, and never give up."

Do something of worth and never give up.

Pretty sage advice for a person of any age. I thought of The Children's Home of Lubbock and its illustrious 57 year history. Doing something of worth has been the story of the Home since Day One, for surely taking care of children in need is about as worthy as one can get.

Day One was April 18, 1954, when that first little boy, Dwain Jones, came into care. He was the

first of almost 5700 to date — a real multitude of precious children. You bet, it's a worthy goal!

Never give up! You can be certain that there have been many times when the work of the Home has been difficult and may have seemed impossible, but give up? Never! Too much is at stake to turn our backs on children. They are priceless. Giving up is not an option.

One day when Jesus wanted to teach some people a good lesson about worth, He said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14,15) I believe Christ was saying that children are endowed with inherent worth. How could we ever give up on those who own the Kingdom of God?

*Please complete and mail to The Children's Home Foundation, P.O. Box 2449, Lubbock, TX 79408*

*Dear Friends at The Children's Home of Lubbock Foundation:*

*I would like more information on how I might create a legacy to bless the children. Please contact me.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is adoption in your heart?

# You could be a Forever Family for these children



**Hy'keim** and **Zoe** need a therapeutic home that provides structure, consistency, and patience. Hy'keim does very, very well at school and is a bright and cheerful morning person. Zoe loves arts and crafts.



**Rikki** is 13 years old and loves horse-back riding and pizza and the color red. A two-parent family who can give Rikki plenty of structure and

love will be a great place for her to thrive!

**Travis's** greatest wish is for a family that wants him. When he feels safe and affirmed, he is an absolute delight to be around. He is clever, insightful, and funny, and he loves nerf guns!



**Bryan** has an analytical mind. He sees how things work together. He loves sports and being active. He needs a family that can engage his whole self, keeping his mind occupied and challenged.

Also, he needs a family that will hold high expectations for him, encouraging him to excel in all he does. Ideally, Bryan would be an only child or the youngest child.

If adoption is in your heart, please call Janet Lemons at 806.762.0481, extension 205, or email her at [jlemons@childshome.org](mailto:jlemons@childshome.org).