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*THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK*



*You made it possible for me to receive the greatest gift of all.*



## Day to Day with Children

### “I feel safe.”

*We are far too quickly approaching the end of 2008, a year of some great blessings and some big challenges. It seems God grants us the combination of blessings and challenges to keep us balanced and focused. Without the challenges we might miss the true impact of the many blessings He grants us.*

*Finding enough quality child care staff has been a real challenge this year. This is a demanding job and perhaps the most important one in the organization; the role of the child care worker, sometimes called houseparent, is so important to the shaping and healing of young lives.*

*Another of our challenges has come in a form that many of you have experienced this year. Gas prices have affected so much in our lives, from the price at the pump to the increased cost of food and virtually every other commodity we must purchase.*

*These challenges have been countered by some really great blessings. Our support from individuals has been greater this year than we anticipated. Congregations have worked hard to make our Big Heart campaign (in which churches collect non-food items for the children) more successful than ever. We have been blessed with really talented staff to work with our children and their families. We completed the installation of a campus-wide irrigation system so our grounds looked beautiful all year. After losing our pecan crop last year to a late freeze, we look forward to an abundant pecan crop this year.*

*But the most important of our blessings comes, as always, in the form of our children.*

*Not long ago we invited the staff and some of the girls from one of our therapeutic cottages to share dinner with the Board of Directors. As Unit Director Barbara Mounce explained the program and introduced the four young ladies to the Board, she asked each girl to answer one question, “What do you like most about living at The Children’s Home of Lubbock?”*

*The first two young ladies quickly responded that they liked the opportunity to be with their siblings on campus, for when you have lost every other part of your family, having brothers and sisters close by is very special. One girl was bashful and really did not answer the question.*

*However, the fourth child, nine-year-old Amelia had the deepest, most basic answer of all. “I feel safe.”*

*That answer spoke volumes to everyone sitting there. A child who is not safe cannot rest. A child who is not safe cannot relax and enjoy the natural freedom of childhood. A child who is not safe does not have the energy or the resources to reach their potential.*

*You, through your generous gifts, provide safety for boys and girls. Just think of the possibilities each child can achieve while living — in safety — at The Children’s Home of Lubbock! Truly your sharing is a blessing that helps us meet our challenges. Thank you!*

*Lynn R. Harms*

# Tom Spoonts, Vice President for Development

One of the great blessings in this work is the opportunity to be co-workers with some truly wonderful people. One such person is Tom Spoonts, our new Vice President for Development. Tom joined our staff in mid-July, filling the vacancy created when long-time employee and friend David Ruebush left to follow other career pursuits.

Tom comes from a long career in the insurance business, especially working in the third party administrator area of health insurance. A graduate of Lubbock Christian University, Tom spent his early career in public education and youth ministry. He served five years as the Youth Minister of the Jefferson Street Church of Christ in Hobbs, New Mexico. Hobbs is the hometown of Tom's wife, Judy.

Tom and Judy have three children and one son-in-law. His oldest daughter, Carrye, married this summer just prior to Tom's joining our staff. Second daughter, Kenzie, is a student in Physical Therapy School at Texas Tech and, Tyler, an 18 year old son, is a student at Frenship High School.

Tom has a passion for music. Even though he and Judy are members of the Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock, every Sunday morning he drives to Hobbs, New

Mexico where he leads singing for the Taylor Street Church of Christ. Tom sings with the Lubbock Chorale and in May performed a lead role in the musical, "A Tale of the Kingdom."

As Vice President for Development, Tom will be responsible for leading our fund raising and public relations activities. The strength of The Children's Home of Lubbock is based on the many good friends who support the ministry financially. Tom will be active in meeting many of you personally. He will supervise the good staff who visit with you in your churches and those who send the stories of the children to you via this publication or in direct mail requests. Of course, many of you support The Children's Home through the Golf Tournament and the Fall Festival, so look for Tom at those events.

If you would like to visit with one of us about your will, about



Tom Spoonts

supporting the work through a charitable gift annuity, or in possibly using highly appreciated assets such as property or securities, please give us a call. With Tom's background in insurance and finance, he will be happy to assist you or provide counsel in how such a gift can benefit The Children's Home while averting some of the tax liabilities.

## Living Honors 5/2/2008 to 8/27/2008

*These gifts are made to honor the living—for birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions—or to express appreciation when a special gesture is appropriate. LIVING HONOR gifts enrich the lives of the recipients and the lives of our children as well.*

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## Three moms. Three babies.

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but they aren't.

They could be any group of young mothers — a play group, old friends, neighbors, members of a Bible class.

### But they aren't.

They are the three teen moms who live in our Young Mother cottage. They are 16 and 17 years old. They are in ninth grade, tenth grade, and twelfth grade. And their respective babies are 2 years, 13 months, and 2 years of age.

They are young women who should still be little girls. But they are shouldering the heavy responsibilities of motherhood.

You may see these girls or others like them around town ... at the mall, at the grocery store, even at church. Many times we see them and look the other way. Too often our first response is judgmental rather than compassionate. We often judge their parenting skills as inadequate and might think to ourselves,

"Somebody ought to do something about this problem."

But the problem may be more complicated than is apparent at first glance ... **These very young mothers most often have been abused themselves.**

- **Sometimes** that abuse produces a baby.
- **Sometimes** the babies are conceived because the mother is desperate for escape, or love, or acceptance.
- **In every case**, the babies have been born to young girls who are unprepared to care for themselves, much less a young child.



The goal of the Young Mother program is to help these youngest of mothers get a strong foothold that will allow them to achieve a solid, independent life for themselves and their children.

Under the careful and loving supervision of professional live-in staff these young moms have found a place of guidance, support, direction, and most of all, acceptance and love. They are carefully supervised and taught the skills that will allow them to pursue their education, work in the community, to parent their babies, and prepare for independence.

Counseling is provided to help the girls learn how to deal with the scars of their past. Tutoring and close cooperation with school officials and teachers is an important component of the program.

Assistance is provided in securing jobs so that the mothers may learn how to be financially

responsible for their children. They are taught the importance of a strong work ethic and helped to acquire the job skills they need to maintain employment.

But in the meantime, these girls — for that is what they are, even though they are also mothers — need your love and support.

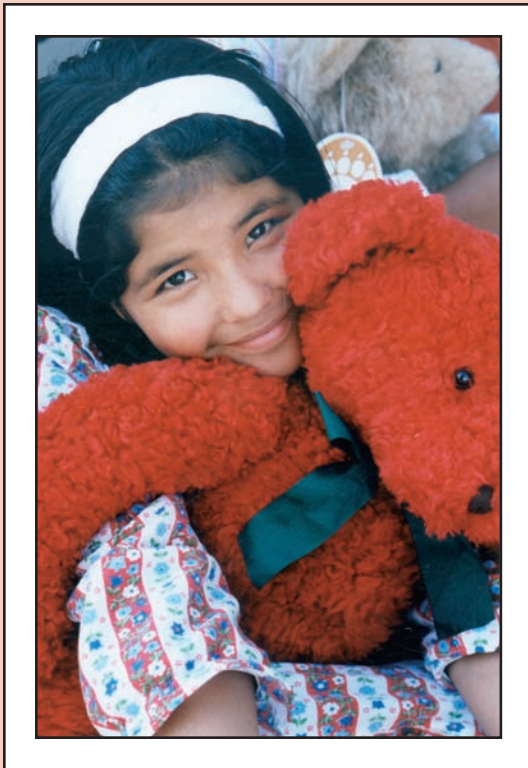
Three moms. Three babies. What can you invest in them to help them reach their God-given potential?

To help, please send your contributions to The Children's Home, P. O. Box 2824, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Mark your check, "For the Young Mothers."

# Memorials from May 02, 2008 to August 27, 2008

Memorial gifts are made to honor the cherished memories of loved ones and friends. At the same time, they provide care for children who desperately need help. We are deeply grateful to the many people who show their affection and respect for dear memories in this very special way.

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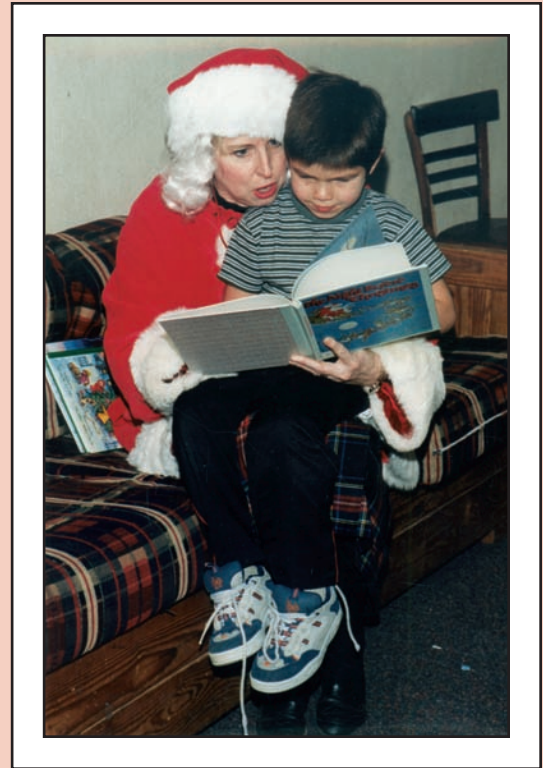
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Hugh and Mary Jane Archer  
Jerry and Linda Hall  
Laura Purcell

**McDonald, Virginia**  
Joe and Carol Horne

**McGhee, Gary Don**  
Bill G. Brown

**McGill, Lowell Mick**  
David and Judy Bridges  
Friends from Sunset Church of  
Christ

**McInroe, Mozelle**  
Mac Farrar and Family  
Kay and Jim Schreier

**McLaren, Dan**  
Madge and Mason Davidson

**McMinn, Minne**  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond  
Glendinning

**McMullen, Pat**  
Tommy and Linda Stell

**Meaks, Monica**  
Brian and Karen Bayer

**Merritt, Jim**  
Mac Farrar and Family

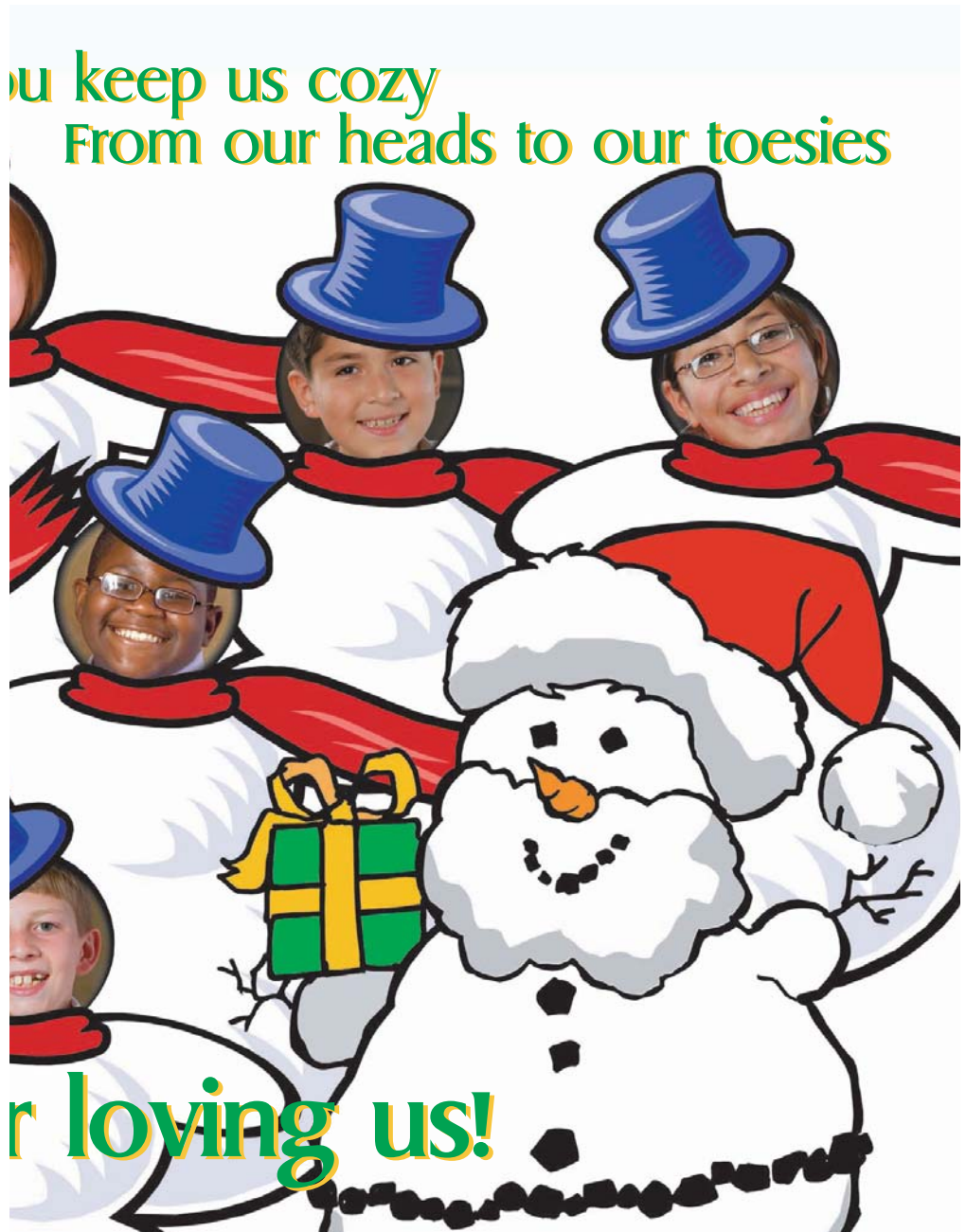
**Mills, Mae**  
Sherwood Church of Christ

**Minnick, Alvah**  
Scott and Caren Mims

**Minshell, Susan**  
Ms. Elsie Swenson



You keep us cozy  
From our heads to our toesies



Thank You for loving us!



# YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

*You can't imagine all of the 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 Lawrence and Marder Church of Christ** in Dallas collected hair and skin care products for African-American children, saying "Thank you for trusting us to give these items for the children!"

**Another church in the MetroPlex** who collected for the Big Heart campaign said, "You have blessed us, by letting us participate."

"Thank you again for giving **West Mansfield Church of Christ** the opportunity to help in some way in the most needed work of helping orphan children."

**The youth group of the Lamesa Church of Christ** came this summer and did two days of yard work and helping get ready for the adoption celebration.

**The Blitz ministry at South Plains** came this summer also and did a great job of swarming through campus, trimming all of our bushes and really making our campus look great.

**The youth group of the Broadway Church of Christ** took their summer mission trip to The Children's Home of Lubbock. They held a VBS for the children in the mornings and spent the afternoons interacting with them. According to Josh Haynes, youth minister, the Broadway group was spiritually enriched and encouraged by the Home's students.

Every 3rd Friday, baked goods arrive on campus from the **Austin Street church in Levelland**. This has been happening for literally decades. Well done, good and faithful servants!

The **Children's Ministry of the Green Lawn Church of Christ** prepared over 100 "back to school" bags and comfort blankets for the children in foster care.

**Irene Arebalo, a member of the 20th & Birch Church of Christ**, has started doing hair for the teen moms and their children free of charge on her day off. She is a professional beautician who works for the Apollo Hair Center here in town. Irene treats the girls like royalty whenever they are with her.

The **South Plains Church of Christ** sent a check for \$8,600.81 as their contribution to the Dollar Day campaign! Thank you, brothers and sisters!

## Big Heart Campaign

**The 2008 Big Heart Campaign was a rousing success** with 258 churches collecting more than \$80,000 of non-food items for the children. Our Commissary supervisor, Mary McGathy, estimates that each dollar of items is worth \$1.50 to her because it saves so much shopping time.

*There are 315 churches partnering with us throughout the year, providing financial support or other gifts.*

## Super Family



Special heroes to The Children's Home are the **Jeff and Mahriah Dickson family**. Their project, Hands Held High, finds donors for holiday gifts, clothing and special requests from foster children, and they send a quality gift for each kid on campus at all the holidays. Valentine's, Easter, even summer vacation – all have seen fun goodies arrive from the Dicksons and Hands Held High. What makes their offerings so very special is that the Dickson family is made up of Jeff and Mahriah – and their eleven children, ages 4 to 13. Two of the boys are their biological children; the other kids were adopted from the Home as two sibling groups and a single.



**The Student Council of New Home High School** sponsored an all-school drive to collect toys for our boys and girls.

## Business Friends:

The employees of **United Supermarket on Parkway Drive** have proven themselves to be good friends to our boys and girls! Chris, the manager of the store, makes sure that Mary McGathy, our grocery shopper, has plenty of everything she needs, and her own aisle to check out in. And, if things aren't too busy at the store, he has been known to bring a sack-boy and accompany Mary to the Home's campus to help her unload her groceries-for-150-people. In addition, Chris spearheaded a donation from United Supermarkets of an entire scanning system for the commissary, including the computer program and tech support. Need a report of what each cottage has spent on groceries? Or a list of what each cottage has served at its meals? With the new scanning system, we can have that information for you in a jiffy! Thanks, United, for your respect and support for Mary's time and for our boys and girls.

**Bakery Creations** on 82nd Street in Lubbock donated the cake for our adoption celebration in August.

**Aunt Norie's Confections** donates birthday cakes for our children all year long.

**Lubbock Family Chiropractic** and their patients collected school supplies for the children in August.

**Johnny Fietz of Bee-Jay Petro, Inc.** paid for the entire campus, children and staff, to spend an afternoon at Joyland Amusement Park. (Attach picture and a few of the thank you notes)

**Ameripride Linen and Apparel Services, managed by Jonathan Wright**, donated the use of tablecloths for the adoption celebration, as well as our Board meetings and other special events.

**Starbucks Coffee, managed by Brandon Mullins**, donates coffee for meetings and trainings throughout the year.

**Gary Danhof of Texas Roadhouse** donates food for meetings and staff appreciation events all year long.

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# Your Gifts at Work (continued)

A special delivery was made to the Home on Monday, August 17th. Seventy \$100 Wal-Mart gift cards – one for each of our children – were sent by the hand of an anonymous delivery person who did not divulge the name of the person who had given them. Whoever you are – you have blessed and encouraged us!

The boys of Hardwick Cottage and their houseparents worked hard to raise the money for a summer vacation. Their efforts were supported by a very generous anonymous donor, allowing the boys to visit both Sea World and Six Flags.

"The family of Elizabeth Thompson would like to donate some of her things to The Children's Home. She loved children. She taught school before she had children of her own, then she devoted her time to raising us. She taught Sunday School, Sunbeams and Vacation Bible School for 40 years in her church, leading many little children to Christ. Among the items we are donating are some of her beanie babies. Mama was 92 when she died, and collecting beanie babies was one of her last fun activities. She would be so pleased to know that a child could receive some comfort or pleasure from her beanie babies. May God bless the staff of The Children's Home of Lubbock as you provide for the needs of these precious children."

## Foster Program Heroes

**Booze Fighters Motorcycle Club** provided Christmas gifts for foster children and their families for the third year in a row.

**Medical Associates, organized by Sisto Canalez,** also sent gifts for all children in the foster care program. They too have done this for three years.

**HomeCare Solutions of Lubbock and the Williams and Hyatt Show** set up Angel Trees to find donors for our foster children's Christmas gifts.

**Covenant School of Nursing** donated the decorations from their 90th anniversary celebration to the children in foster care – all kinds of fun-in-the-sun toys!



**Ralls Car Club** for the 3rd straight year donated a portion of their annual car show proceeds to our agency to fund the Christmas Party for our foster families.

Several young moms in Lubbock bring their children's good used clothes. It's a great way to recycle (it used to be called "hand-me-downs") and it blesses our children.

There are 3,336 generous individuals who have contributed to the children this year. One hundred twenty-five of those are members of our Key Club, making regular monthly gifts.

# Adoption celebration honors Inez Baucum

More than 150 guests gathered on Saturday afternoon, August 9th, to celebrate the completion of the Home's 750th adoption and the woman who made more than 600 of those adoptions possible, Inez Baucum.

Inez joined the staff of the Home in 1955, shortly after the first child came to The Children's Home for care in April of 1954. It had not taken many months for that visionary, John B. White, to discover that the services of a social worker would be essential for carrying out his vision for a heavy concentration on adoption and foster care for the children who needed the services of the Home. He recruited Inez to join him in the brand-new child care facility as a social worker, and Inez became the first trained social worker employed by any child care agency associated with Churches of Christ.

After Inez's departure, the Home's emphasis swung away from adoption and foster care, but the Board of Directors called the Home back to its roots in its Strategic Plan of 2000. From a minimal program in the 80's and 90's, the Foster Care and Adoption Unit has grown steadily and now has almost 60 children in foster care on any given day, and last year completed 22 adoptions.

Volunteers Nicky Standlee, Charly Johnson, Mary Fran Johnson, Karen Reynolds, and Janie Harms served the guests from a beautiful table of refreshments at the August reception.

Speaker for the event was Bob Powell, part of the first sibling group to be adopted from the Home. Bob, who has a counseling practice in Portland, Oregon, spoke from his heart about the parallel journeys taken by his birth mother and his adoptive mother and emphasized the far-reaching consequences of adoption with pictures of his extended family, including his one biological child and two adopted children.

Other honored guests included the three children who were adoption numbers 749, 750, and 751. They are a sibling group who now belong to a new family. Adoptees of all ages, along with many adoptive parents who worked with Inez to build their families, were present to celebrate this wonderful milestone and to honor Inez for her role in their lives.



*Bob Powell, Wanda Watts and Inez Baucum (L to R) visit together about the adoption history at the Home.*



*Bob Powell, from one of the first sibling group to be adopted from the Home.*



*Just some of the 750 adoptees from The Children's Home.*

**Mighanbari, Dean**  
Larry and Lucy Doty

**Moherman, Earl**  
Mrs. Jo Jennings

**Molena, Woody Ray Johnson**  
Ruth and Pat Davis  
Mrs. Margaret Adams  
Mrs. Mary O'Neil

**Mongrain, Erin**  
Rocky and Pam Mongrain

**Montieth, Robert**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cox

**Moore, Hazel**  
Bubba and Ann Brier  
Matt and Sherri Brier  
Mrs. Vivian Curtis  
Les Eubank  
Charline Eubank Family  
Shirley Groce and Family  
Norman and Marge Hopper  
Charlie McMordie  
Kerry and Pat Moore  
Wanda Parker  
Payne, Watson, Miller, Malechek & Scherr, P.C.  
Plains Capital Bank  
Miriam Turner

**Moore, Jodi Ann**  
James and Nancy Merrell

**Mosier, Martha**  
Mary C. Blocker

**Mosman, Charlie**  
Steve and Rene' Bailey

**Moss, Janie**  
Mary Beck

**Mulholland, Sonny**  
Ronnie and Judy Vaughn

**Musgrave, George Ray**  
Betty Evatt

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**Nall, Eva**  
Betty Ray Coffee

**Nash, J. Duane Pete**  
David Jones and Kay Anderson

**Neeley, Ben**  
Wanda Morris

**Neff, Ernie**  
Bob and Connie Burgoon  
Columbus Regional Hospital,  
Purchasing Dept  
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dabbs  
Terry and Larry Dennis  
Wayne and Lexa Ford and  
Family  
Mary Lou Gross  
James and Beverly Morris  
Carolann Pavich  
James and Kathy Tarter  
Mark and Celeste Thompson  
Andrew and Cindi Evans and  
Charlene Trekel

**Neinast, Wesley**  
Dan and Pam Sewell

**Nelson, Maegene**  
Verdie Baker  
Vic and Paula Hines

**Nevins, Ralph**  
LaVonne, Michelle and Bryce  
Baxter and Family

**Newton, Mary**  
Bill G. Brown  
Classic 9 Bible Class  
Dorman and Mary Igo  
Ruth C. Smith

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**Oldfield, Barney**  
Glenna B. Esmond

**Owen, Tony**  
Walter, Jodean and Laurie  
Thomason

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**Palmer, Paul Linley**  
Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Swinney

**Palmore, John**  
Jerry and Lavonda Cave

**Parkinson, Mickey D.**  
Cactus Drive Church of Christ  
Mary Nell Denny  
Henry and Charlotte Low

**Parks, Jesse Mae Baker**  
Mrs. Jo Jennings

**Parks, Mary A.**  
Directors, Officers and  
Employees at American State  
Bank  
Wendell and Diane Aycock  
Verdie Baker  
Anna Borg, CPA  
David and Gale Braun  
Louise and David Cummins  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Edwards  
Joyce Faulkenberry  
Roy and Sandy Goodloe  
Richard and Gilley Griffith  
Grimes Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Clarence and Bertie Hagedorn  
Fred and Cindy Hall  
Sue Hudgins  
Ernest and Juanita Kiesling  
Ray and Gail Kubala  
Ruth and Dick Lauer  
Michael and Patricia Maines  
Jean M. Smith  
Lynette and Fred Smith and  
Family  
Maurice and Mandy Stanley  
Ray and Ava Stanley  
Marvin and Brenda Vahlenkamp  
Eric and Dixie Williams  
Mike and Linda Woolley

**Part, Lorene**  
Sherwood Church of Christ

**Payne, Essie**  
Tommie Rogers

**Payne, Sceanie Brunette**  
Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Swinney

**Peterson, Luther**  
Wayne and Marilyn Gillit  
Clifford and Nancy Jones  
Rick and Sunnye Landers

**Petrek, Henry**  
A.B. and Bobbie Martin

**Phillips, Jodie**  
Gene H. Lynn

**Pickett, Lloyd Tate**  
Floyd, Janice and Ashley  
McElroy

**Pierson, Thelma**  
Parkway Drive Church of Christ

**Pilcher, Ann**  
Max and Annell Kester

**Plummer, Eva Faye**  
Mr. and Mrs. Guy McArthur

**Porter, Claudia**  
Bob and Carol Fenley  
W.H. and Myrtle Finley  
Don and Mazie Hegi  
Bernard and Novelle Lee  
Clay and Reta Mimms  
Alvin and Jill Moudy  
Boyd and Gayle Reay  
Mrs. Lola Ritchey  
Margaret, Becky, Linda, Dean  
and Children  
(nieces and nephews)  
Shallowater Church of Christ

**Poulter, Edwin**  
Fay Phillips  
Mark and Celeste Thompson

**Pratt, Kenny**  
Lloyd and Wynell Champion  
Boyd and Gayle Reay

**Price, Bob**  
Donna Tolleson Smith

**Puckett, Richard Roland**  
Joe and Gayle Burks  
Stu and Judy Childre  
Craig and Ann McDonald  
Robert and Peggy Rogers

**R**

**Rackler, Gladys Marie**  
Citizens Shallowater Coop Gin

**Rainwater, Donald L.**  
Guy and Marsha McArthur

**Ramsower, Vernon**  
Philip and Lois Short

**Ray, Leroy Francis**  
Louie and Marolyn Woodall

**Rhoades, James Lee**  
Wayne and Sue Nell Truxal

**Rhodes, Iva**  
Clark and Rhetta Riley

**Riggs, Sharon**  
Terry and Druscilla Hutton

**Robbins, Ruby Mozell**  
Louie and Marolyn Woodall

**Roberts, Hershell**  
The Mac Farrar family

**Robertson, Byron**  
Bill and Joyce Atkinson  
Billy and Traci Cheek  
Brandon and Dana Joy and  
Brazier  
Bill G. Brown  
Elmer Lee, Betty, David and Don  
Criswell  
Joan Deisher  
Charlotte Doyle  
Virginia Dunning and family  
J.D. and Mattie Lou Ellis  
Silas and Frances Flournoy  
Charles and Barbara Godfrey  
Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Greenhaw  
Don and Mazie Hegi  
Karen Lewis  
Covenant Lakeside South 4 Staff  
Bridgett Robinson  
Philip and Lois Short  
Dorothy M. Smith  
Ruth C. Smith  
Graddy and Sherry Tunnell

**Robertson, Dewitt**  
Jessie Glaze

**Robinson, Luke**  
Mark and Celeste Thompson

**Rodriguez, Frank**  
Jerry and Robbie Chancellor

**Rogers, Kenneth**  
Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Bryant  
Willie and Willene Dunn  
Joe and Jerry Oswalt

**Roper, Claud and Virgie**  
Tommy and Linda Stell

**Roper, Dave H.**  
Coy and Charlotte Roper

**Rowan, Ralph**  
Sunday School Class (Jerry  
Lewis and Randy Rowan)

**S**

**Savage, Dorothy**  
Monterey Church of Christ/  
Senior Adults  
Pete and Margaret Ragus  
Danny and Judy Williams

**Scott, Kaylee**  
Claire Thompson and family

**Scott, Peggy**  
Aunt Sis's children, Virginia  
Dunning and family

**Self, Dewayne**  
Louie and Marolyn Woodall

**Self, George**  
Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Bass  
Dr. John B. Bridwell  
The Crofoot Family  
Vivian L. Curtis  
Don and Mazie Hegi  
Mr. and Mrs. David Hughes Jr.  
and Family  
Don and Chris Jones  
Mike and Kathleen Long  
Craig and Ann McDonald  
Walton and Gerry Mosley  
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Nelson  
Kevin and Ginger Nelson  
Plains Cotton Growers  
Walter and Brenda Riggs  
Bill and Patricia Russell  
James and Iwana Sell  
Dr. and Mrs. Bob Stafford  
Nathan and Julie Swindle

**Sherman, Mark Eldred**  
Dorothy M. Smith

**Sherwood, Stella M.**  
Leroy and Rose Marie Carver

**Sheveland, Bill**  
The Russ Smith Family

**Shively, Jeannette**  
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Clem  
Wayne Christopher and Family  
Nancy Shively and Family

**Shoemaker, Harold**  
Shirley Welch

**Simpson, Sebring Bassett**  
Jerry and Randy's Sunday School  
Class, Aline Craig

**Sissel, Ray**  
Louie and Marolyn Woodall

**Sissom, Virginia**  
Dennie and Sharon Braswell

**Skow, Lou Rivoere**  
J. G. and Lorna Whisnand

**Smith, Oscar Lawton**  
Malcolm and Darlene Magar

**Smothermon, Ema Leta**  
Nell and Leon Loveless

**Sosebee, Doras**  
Charles and Karen Reynolds

**Springer, Floyd**  
Charles and Nancy Holder

**Stacy, Edward L.**  
Mrs. Ina Mitchell

**Stags, Martin**  
Jean Parker

**Stallings, John Mark**  
Louie and Marolyn Woodall

**Stamps, Robert Charles**  
Frank and Tomi Covington

**Steen, Debbie**  
Dan and Pam Sewell

**Stevens, Don**  
Max and Annell Kester

**Stewart, Gene**  
R.L. McMillan

**Stewart, Sherry**  
Anita Slape

**Stocco, Marcus and Catherine**  
Scott and Melissa Collier

**Stone, Dr. Kenneth**  
Philip and Lois Short

**Strickland, Travis**  
Scott and Caren Mims

**Stringer, Joe**  
Danny Beck and Family

**Stubblefield, Charles**  
Mr. and Mrs. Guy McArthur

**Summers, Robert**  
Wes, Margaret, Brett, Lance and  
Reid Bishop

**Swofford, Joe D.**  
Charles and Nancy Holder

**Swindle, Lloyd**  
Tim and Cathey Colglazier

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**Talley, Alton**  
Stu and Judy Childre  
Ted Dockery  
Alvin and Jill Moudy

**Taylor, Rosalee**  
Alex, Donna and Ali Taylor

**Thomas, Dylan**  
Malcolm and Tanya Thomas

**Thomason, Whitey**  
Kelly Springer

**Thompson, Elizabeth**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sechrist

**Thompson, Everett**  
James and Nancy Merrell

**Thompson, Fred**  
Brent and Cathy Noble

**Thornton, Carlos**  
Ruth C. Smith

**Title, Dene Starkey**  
A.B. and Bobbie Martin

**Tucker, Troy**  
Bobby and Tina Ashley

**Turner, James Carroll**  
Wanda Morris

**Turner, Morris**  
Ms. Rena K. Dill  
Don and Charlene Eddleman  
Wanda Potts and Family  
Deaton Rigbsby

**Tyree, Jean**  
Mrs. Billie Bailey

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**Unfred, L.C.**  
C.L. and Ann Boggs  
Bill and DeLane Smith

**Utsinger, Mr**  
The Bridge Class at Broadway

**V**

**Vasauskas, Joe**  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Davis  
Philip Paul and Family

**Vaughn, Bobby**  
Dennie and Sharon Braswell

**Verett, C.A.**  
Sandra Shirey

**Verett, Mabel**  
Dennis and Carolyn McKenzie  
Don and Joy Mimms  
Tim and Jan Ward

**Victory, Sue**  
Verdie Baker

**Vogler, Dwain**  
Herman and Nancy Johnson

**Vogler, Roxie**  
Danny Beck and Family  
Jerry and Lavonda Cave  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Davis

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**Wages, Dewayne**  
Roy Wayne and Joan Roberts

**Watkins, Wilma**  
Kim and Shelley Craig

**Watson, Foy**  
Lloyd and Wynell Champion

**Waygood, Michael G.**  
Mac Farrar and Family

**Weaver, Wanda**  
Wayne Christopher and Family

**Weems, Bobby**  
Ted Dockery

**Wellborn, Juanita**  
Jack and Daphene Minter

**Wester, Larry**  
Brandon and Dana Joy

**Whitley, Ethal Willingham**  
Doug and Judy Pomroy

**Wied, Bobby**  
Tommy and Linda Stell

**Wigington, Perry**  
Wes, Margaret, Brett, Lance and  
Reid Bishop  
Jerry and Lavonda Cave

**Williams, Winona**  
Barton and Dorothy Spencer

**Wines, Vasta**  
Barbara and Ron Bassinger

**Wing, Sue**  
Herman and Nancy Johnson

**Womack, Gladyce**  
Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Swinney

**Woodruff, Grace Lee**  
Citizens Shallowater Coop Gin

**Woodward, Clara**  
Silas and Frances Flournoy  
Irene Pruitt

**Worcester, Gilbert**  
Wanda Morris

**Wright, Betty C.**  
Jean Arnett

**Wright, R.B.**  
Dan and Pam Sewell

**Wright, Sheila Swinford**  
Carolyn Bayer  
Brian and Karen Bayer  
Meadow Church of Christ  
Randy Roberts  
Slaton Bakery  
Jimmy and Judy Woodard

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**Yarbrough, Ashley**  
Eric and Laney Dickey

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**Zapletal, Leda**  
Arlis and Nona Brock

**Zimbal, Anne Donahoo**  
Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Swinney

**Other Listings**

**Father of Maurice Jadon**  
Broadway Church of Christ,  
Class # 9

**Sister of Zulema Alaniz**  
Danny Beck and Family

# YOUR LEGACY

*will bless the children*

## *How Gift Annuities Benefitted the Pratts* by Floyd I. Stumbo, President Emeritus

It's been over 20 years since I first met Bob and Martha Faye Pratt, and I have many fond memories of visits with this gracious couple. Our first meeting was shared over a good meal in a restaurant known for its Mexican food in Ruidoso, New Mexico. It was the first of many occasions I would share food and fellowship with the Pratts. Because of Martha's declining health during future years, I would often be Bob's guest as we met to talk about The Children's Home and share good times together.

Shortly after I met the Pratts, they decided to move to Lubbock to get out of Ruidoso's cold climate and be closer to good medical resources. As we got better acquainted, they thought about ways they could help The Children's Home, improve their income, and enjoy tax savings. At that time, I suggested they should look at using Charitable Gift Annuities as a possible vehicle to achieve their goals.

In 2000, the couple donated a city lot which had appreciated in value to create their first annuity. The lot was producing no income for them and additionally created the expense of annual property taxes.

A certified appraisal evaluated the property as having a market

value of \$40,000. The Pratts prepared a deed and transferred the property to The Children's Home Foundation for an annuity payment of \$3,600 annually for the remainder of their lives. The annual payment of 9% was based on the couple's ages at the time of the gift and followed, as do all of the Foundation's annuities, the American Counsel of Charitable Gift Annuities' recommended rates for annuity payments.

The Pratts' Charitable Gift Annuity included at least the following benefits:

- A very favorable rate of return on their money. (Before the annuity the property provided no income and was actually an expense to them.)
- A tax deduction for part of the value of the property at the time of the gift. (The Pratts were able to enjoy an even greater rate of return than the 9% because of their tax savings.)
- Ease of management, with regular checks sent from our Foundation office to their home or checking account. (This is often a big plus, particularly for older friends needing to simplify some of their business affairs.)
- Peace of mind that their money was safe and working for the benefit of boys and girls. (They also enjoyed the fact that their

annuity was backed by the full assets of the Foundation.)

Over the next few years, the Pratts made gifts to create a total of eight Charitable Gift Annuities for three of their favorite charitable organizations. The couple created a marvelous legacy that will live on in the ministries of the agencies they blessed.

The Children's Home Foundation is available and will be happy to provide information on how to establish a Gift Annuity to bless the lives of children as you improve your income and possibly save on taxes. For additional information, please contact us at The Children's Home Foundation, PO Box 2449, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Or call us at 806.744.1500, or you can visit our website at [www.chf.org](http://www.chf.org).

### **Charitable Gift Annuity Rates Effective July 1, 2008 Single Life**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
70	6.1%	81	7.8%
71	6.2%	82	8.0%
72	6.3%	83	8.3%
73	6.5%	84	8.6%
74	6.6%	85	8.9%
75	6.7%	86	9.2%
76	6.9%	87	9.5%
77	7.0%	88	9.8%
78	7.2%	89	10.1%
79	7.4%	90+	10.5%
80	7.6%		

# Need Boys?

They are curious, alert, bright-eyed little boys. They are devoted to each other. Angel, who is nine, helps Ezekiel, age six, with a small task. “Thanks, Angel!” beams Ezekiel. “That’s what brothers are for,” says Angel, “to help each other.”

But Angel and Ezekiel’s family is not yet complete. It needs a couple of parents!

They would like a peaceful family, one that lives out in the country, perhaps on a farm. That would be a good home for the horses they would like to have, and the cat, and the guard dog that would keep them safe. And there would be plenty of room for Ezekiel to ride his bike, for Angel to dig in the dirt, and for them to grow a garden. They would, they plan, grow all kinds of vegetables, including broccoli, though they don’t plan to eat a bite of that, nor do they want to eat any onions.

Instead, when it comes supertime, they want to have ramen noodles, or spaghetti and meatballs (don’t forget — NO ONIONS) or hot dogs. Or, if you need assistance, Angel knows how to make pizza without buying it. That’s a real plus. And after supper, for dessert? The boys are unanimous in their vote: ice cream!! Chocolate!

In their quiet time, the boys like to watch cartoons; Ezekiel is a big fan of Scooby-Doo. And Angel



likes to draw—and read too.

Angel and Ezekiel need a family that will provide plenty of supervision and boundaries for them and help them grow into strong, good men. They need lots of activity and fun!

If your family is peaceful and safe and has a heart for two delightful little boys, call us. Ezekiel and Angel are looking for you. You can call us at 806.762.0481, or e-mail us at [jlemons@childshome.org](mailto:jlemons@childshome.org).

