

# Building Trust

An 11-year-old boy residing at our **Florence Crittenton Home**, in Little Rock, AR, recently made a profound impression on Debbie Stripling, Director of Operations, one that she will never forget. He had just come into care due to physical abuse from his mother.

After being in the home for several days, he finally began to tell how his mom would beat him with an extension cord. He had scars to show where the plug imprinted into his upper arm. All Debbie could think to do was ask him if he knew Jesus. He replied by saying, "I repented of my sins, and yes, God saved me two times." She then asked what he meant when he said that he had been saved two times. He said, "I prayed and asked God to keep my mom from beating me and He did, two times. It worked!"

We are so thankful that we can provide a safe haven for the hurting children God allows us to serve and where they can learn to trust and live without fear.

# Building Team Spirit

Through his involvement in working and volunteer time at **The Oaks Retreat Center**, Jackson Oster, teenage son of the camp director, encourages other youth to appreciate the beauty of the great outdoors, enjoy physical activity, learn to incorporate good stewardship of our environment into their everyday lives and develop team building and leadership skills that will last them a life time.

Our camp season will soon be in full swing, with available camps in which to participate – a great place to get closer to nature, friends and especially God. Call today for more information at 423-470-2226.



Ropes course teamwork

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 "Changing Families, One at a Time."

# HELP a child build their future

by giving them the building blocks needed to rebuild the broken pieces of their lives.

*Mother's Day*  
For most of us, Mother's Day is a special time of memories.

But for some of the youth in our care, the day evokes feelings of broken promises, anger, abuse, disappointment and fear because of a home broken apart.

This **Mother's Day, May 9, 2010**, will you help young people lay the solid foundation they need to build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, while giving them the hope and love to rebuild the broken pieces of their lives?

*Foundation*  
"Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." 1Timothy 6:19

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## From the Desk of the Director

What a difference a few months make! I complete my chemo treatments April 15, and will soon be on my way to a full recovery. God has been so good and faithful through this time in my life. He has allowed me to see the love and care of people from all across the United States through cards, e-mails, phone calls and gifts – all with the assurance they are praying for me, my family and Family Ministries. It is very humbling when we realize God impresses people's hearts to bring our names before the throne.

From the beginning, I have asked God to let Family Ministries build and grow, and He has honored that request. We have expanded our programs and services, and He has allowed us

to build, not only physical structures, but strong spiritual and emotional foundations on which to rebuild the shattered lives of the young people we serve.

I trust you will continue to partner with us in our building program. Our donations are down about **15%**, and we need your help to continue laying the building blocks of unconditional love, a relationship with Christ and a solid family relationship for those God has placed in our care. I pray you will participate in our annual **"Mother's Day Appeal"** in May, with a special offering above and beyond your regular giving, which is so crucial in helping us provide the highest quality of services to hurting children and families.

In His Service,

Dr. James H. Kilgore



*Will you help keep Family Ministries' foundation strong and level with your prayers and financial support?*

## Building A Future

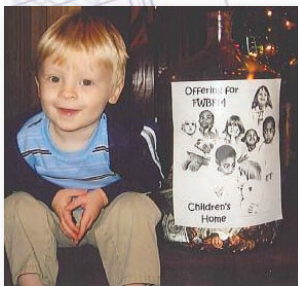
In 2009, God allowed us to serve 1,368 children and families through our various services. **112 young people accepted Jesus as their personal Savior, and 85 rededicated their lives to follow Christ.** For over 70 years, thousands of young people have come to live in our homes—and in our hearts. We also appreciate your giving hearts, specifically through your Christmas contributions last year, which brought bright smiles to the faces of each youth that benefited from your generosity. Each time you give, you not only invest in a child's future, you make an investment in eternity.

## Building Hope

**The Hope Center** strives to give young women and mothers the tools to build a better life for themselves and their families. We currently have a client base of 886. In 2009, 102 babies were born to our moms; we had 2,292 visits to the center, added 229 new clients, received 111 calls on the Hopeline and distributed 2,196 packs of diapers. Several of our young mothers are pursuing college degrees, and we look forward to continuing to bring help, hope and healing to our clients. We appreciate those who helped sponsor our Sanctity of Human Life newspaper ads.



Logan & Levi



Devin, God's little usher

## Building Interest

change. The church felt led to match the total amount collected, bringing the offering to \$2,060 in just 3 months.

During this time, a 2-year-old youngster named Devin Northam was being taught to place coins in the container. Devin, however, took it upon himself to ask others by simply holding out his hand for their change. The church began referring to him as the "little usher" and to kindly give him the coins if he asked. God truly used this little boy because of his willingness to do God's work. We challenge other children to take an interest in our **"Children Helping Children"** VBS project, by encouraging them to take a hands-on approach to contribute their Vacation Bible School offerings to provide for our young people. Contact us today at 423-278-1564 to accept this challenge.

Unicoi FWB Church, Unicoi, TN, was burdened to raise funds for Family Ministries. They had a simple idea of placing a "change container" in the church to collect loose change. The endeavor began to see real interest when individuals started to bring large sums of

## Building Relationships

On December 18, a huge snow storm hit southwest Virginia and east Tennessee. Thousands lost power and water, including **The Laurels Retirement and Assisted Living**, where the staff and residents had to rely on backup systems. The National Guard, Sheriff's Department and other community organizations came together to make sure everyone was safe, warm and well-taken care of.



The Guard to the Rescue!

## Building Character



Family Ministries is blessed to have a team of dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to give the young people in our care the tools they need to build a strong foundation for their future. Our house parents provide a Christian home, family specialists, therapists and counselors help them work through difficulties and problems. Teachers at **P.A.T.H. Academy** assist their students in setting and meeting their educational goals.

## Building Responsibility

Equine Rescue of Aiken, SC, recently donated two horses to **Heart Stone Farm.** Beth DeTroyer, farm manager, along with her husband, Dave, are excited about the positive benefits of the equine therapy program. It is wonderful to see how the young men connect with the horses as they learn, not only the basics of caring for them, but also responsibility and life skills. They enjoy trail rides on the property that borders the Cherokee National Forest, and the program is definitely having a positive impact on those involved. The boys must maintain their grades and good behavior, and they work hard to be able to participate.



Connecting with the horses.

## Building Memories

Our hearts were heavy this winter with the passing of Mrs. Trula Gunter Cronk, the first child to live at the Children's Home. In 1994, upon our naming the **Trula Cronk Homes for Children** in her honor, Ms. Trula stated, "this home exists to give you and me the opportunity to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God as we share what He has entrusted to us with His little children." A memorial service in her honor is to be held at Doughty Stevens Funeral Home, in Greeneville, TN, on April 17th. She will be greatly missed.



Davina Maltsburger  
June 13, 1972 - January 31, 2010

### In Memory

Eula Adams  
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