

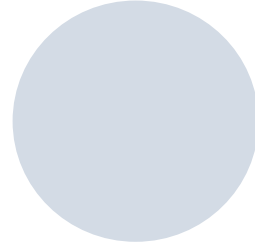


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Easy Ways to Help Alpha's Kids:

- Save General Mills Box Top Symbols for Alpha to redeem for cash—10¢ each! This helps purchase school curriculum for the kids and other needs.
- Save Best Choice UPC Symbols for Alpha to redeem for cash—3¢ each.
- Link your Dillons Plus Shopper Card to Alpha's Charity number—19764.
- Office Depot Give Back To Schools #: 70235483

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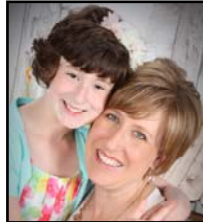
Thank You For This Home

Alpha has been sheltering children in need since its establishment in 1972, serving children who come here from difficult circumstances. In 44 years of ministry, we have seen children with many stories, but each shares a need for a place like Alpha where they can find a safe, loving environment, providing them an opportunity for a future.

This year our director, Michelle Kincaid, is celebrating 25 years of service to children at Alpha, in addition to years served while in college. She was honored to carry on the compassionate work that her parents (Jack & Anne

Snavelly) began when she agreed to take on the role of Executive Director in 2005. Michelle finds great joy in being a part of making a significant difference for each of the young lives we serve!

One of our students recently wrote this:
"You travel to my home, and you see trees, lots and lots of trees. The good thing about all the trees is you walk far enough into them, and you find a little clearing ... and there is your safe haven. You travel a long, dusty, gravel road. Over



Michelle & Ava Kincaid

hills and flat ground, 'till you see a rock sign. That sign says:

Alpha Christian Children's Home

In His Hands

This sign not only signifies my home, but it signifies my life, and my family."

~Kaitlyn R.
 (Kaitlyn is pictured on Page 2)



Thank you for YOUR role in making this wonderful safe haven possible for children.



Dillons Community Rewards

Dillons Grocery Stores are offering participation in their Community Rewards charitable program again this year which contributes a portion of your purchases to your favorite charity. **In the first half of this year, 57 households have signed up to support**

Alpha's kids, and this brought in donations totaling \$857.08 for the kids!

Go to www.dillons.com/communityrewards to sign up or re-enroll & link your shopper card to Alpha's charity number!

The charity number that Dillons has assigned to **Alpha is 19764.**

Our final Campbell's points submission earned \$625 in VISA gift cards that we will use toward a student computer!

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Celebrating the Kids



This is Kaitlyn who shared her heart-felt thoughts on the front page. Here she is pictured at our county 4-H fair this summer. The kids really

enjoy participating in 4-H activities and projects.

Julian posed with his 4-H market goat.



Ksusha and Elvis enjoyed raising our first litter of baby rabbits.

They proudly displayed the awards



they won at the county fair. More of the children are now looking forward raising rabbits for next year's 4-H fair!



Alpha's animal programs for the kids require lots of feed for the animals.



We grew and baled our own hay for the horses, goats, and rabbits this



year. Pictured in these photos are Jeff Mulpas raking the hay, volunteer Dennis Petree baling it, and the kids



loading it onto the hay wagon! Very hot summer work.

Summer brings plenty of opportunity for play and cooling off as well!

Kiara, Yasmin & Jonathan splashed around in the water of a pool they visited.



Kiara, Noah, and Jonathan enjoyed some follow-the-leader fun on the



wood pole as TJ escorted them home from the school playground.



One of the really great things about Alpha is its rural setting. The kids have plenty of opportunity to play outside to their hearts' content. We love hearing their laughter ring out across the ranch as they run and play together.

There are wonderful opportunities for the kids to develop their sense of creativity when needing some down time.



It's also fun to watch them share a good book together!



Alpha House Residence Children

Thank you for making this amazing place possible for them, as well as for those still to come!

Faith House Rebuild

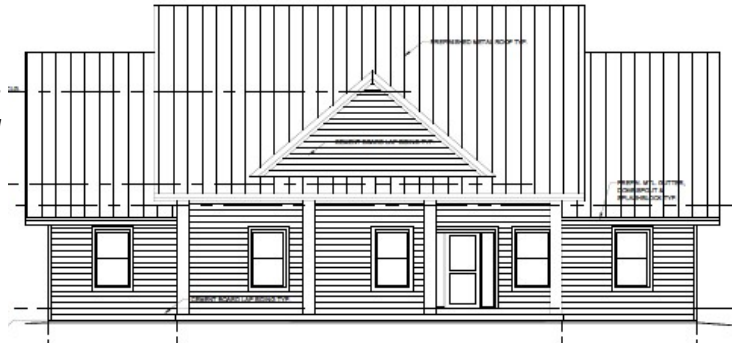


We now have final blueprint drawings on hand for the new Faith House residence which we need to construct to replace the original structure that was totaled by lightning & fire last year. We are currently in the process of authorizing the initial foundation and basement concrete work needed to get this construction under way! The concrete contractor is thinking that they might be able to fit us in around the first part of October.

We have been truly blessed with many gifts that have been designated toward the construction costs of this new replacement house! At this

time we have \$115,331 toward construction to get started with. We are estimating a need of at least \$110,000 in additional funding. We are going to do the very best we can on keeping our costs down by utilizing any donated materials and/or volunteer labor that might become available.

Would you or your group prayerfully consider sending a special contribution to help toward the cost of replacing this needed residence? Any gift, large or small, will combine with others' to help meet this need!



If you or your group are interested in helping with a particular aspect of this construction project as volunteers, please contact our Development Director, Jeff Mulpas, with a phone call or e-mail to discuss details!

785-597-5235

New Playground Equipment for the Kids!

Alpha's children were thrilled to receive a new playground unit this summer, sponsored by memorial gifts and designated gifts, as well as VBS and Summer Camp offerings. It includes two slides, a climbing rope & disk swing, monkey bars, climbing ladders, a climbing wall, a tire swing, a trapeze bar, and a teacher's wood swing chair. The kids all LOVE it!!



A special thank you to each of you who contributed toward this wonderful addition to the children's playground at the Snavely Education Center on Alpha's campus. This was made possible because of your kind help and sponsorship!!

Gifts Honoring Loved Ones

In Memory of:

**Charles Brison, Sr.
Charles Brison, Jr.
Roger Keith Brison
My Parents, Jim & Roxie**

By: Juanita Brison
Grandview, Missouri

Nina Gooch

By: Beulah Mae Carter
Hugoton, Kansas



Gary Harpster

By: Patsy Harpster
Nebraska City, Nebraska

Wayne & Elinor Hays

By: Marilyn Aikins
Kansas City, Missouri

Bessie Smith

By: Linda Browne
Wichita, Kansas

Jack Snavely

By: Michelle Kincaid
Perry, Kansas

Our Fathers

By: First Christian Church
Barnsdall, Oklahoma



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Mission Pantry Needs



- Fresh Fruits & Veggies
- Shredded or Block Cheeses
- Canned Fruits
- Individual Snack Packs for Lunches
- Peanut Butter
- Peanuts
- Cream of Celery & Broccoli Soups
- Dried Split Peas
- Medium Salsa
- Seasoned Black Beans
- Saltine Crackers
- Gluten Free Snacks & Foods
- Toilet Paper
- Clorox Wipes
- 13 Gallon & Larger Trash Bags
- Dishwasher Detergent Packs
- Gain Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Luvs Diapers Size 2
- Pull-Ups Size 4T/5T for Boys & Girls

Special Needs

- Education Center: *LEGO Bricks and More DUPLO Pink Brick Box Glitter Pens*
- *Funds for Building Materials for Faith House Rebuild*
- *Contractors & Volunteers for Faith House Rebuild*
- Fishing Dock for Excavated Pond
- 3 New Garage Doors and Openers for Maintenance Areas

NOTE: If we should have any amount of funding left over from your support for a particular project, we will absolutely use it toward the many other needs of the children.

**Give us a call to set up a date for a tour or to request a speaker for your gathering!
 (785) 597-5235**



2016 Totals

General Mills Box Tops:
 34,342 x 10¢ each = \$3,434.20!
Best Choice UPC Symbols:
 24,000 x 3¢ each = \$720
Dillons Rewards = \$857.08