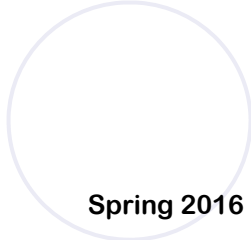


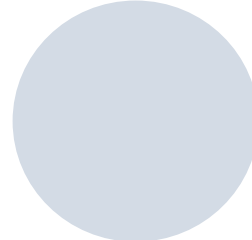


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## Easy Ways to Help Alpha's Kids:

- Save Campbell's UPC Symbols for Alpha to redeem for needed school supplies & equipment.
- 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.

## New Education Center Name Honors Founders

In late 2015, Alpha's board of directors voted to re-name the Multi-Purpose Building to honor Alpha's founders, Jack and Anne Snavelly. *This building will now be known as the "Snavelly Education Center," and will include "For the Glory of God" in the title.*



In 1972, the Snavellys followed God's lead to found the Alpha Christian Children's Home for children in need of a safe place to call home when others in

their lives were not able to be there for them. Later, in 1984, they established the

Alpha Christian School on the campus to serve the children's unique educational needs, utilizing an excellent curriculum that is designed to address and meet each child's individual needs and abilities right where they are. The kids all experience educational success with this school & curriculum, sometimes for the first time!

Jack Snavelly passed away in 2013, and Anne Snavelly continues to volunteer.

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## Dillons Community Rewards—Re-enroll for 2016!

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. Last year, 76 households signed up to support Alpha's kids, and this brought in donations totaling \$1,708.33 for the year in support of the kids!

If you participated last year and want to continue supporting Alpha's kids in this way, you will need to go online now and re-enroll to participate with your shopper card again in 2016.

Go to [www.dillons.com/communityrewards](http://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**.

**Campbell's** announced they are winding down their Labels for Education program. We will be able to redeem UPC points until July 31, 2016. Would you please send us any UPCs you may have saved for the kids so that we can redeem them before summer?

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**Celebrating the Kids**



There are so many precious moments with the children at Alpha. They have been blessed with home parents who truly love them and pour

genuine affection and encouragement into their lives every day.



The little ones really enjoy going outside to play on the swings. Jaden and Nathan are both two years old, and they have so much

fun when they have an opportunity to get together for a play date!

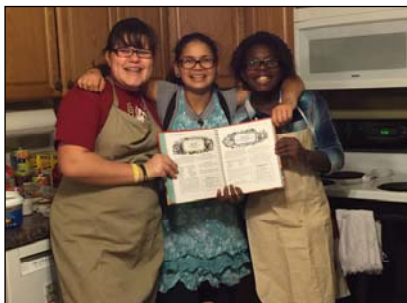


The kids love reading a good book. Noah, Elvis, Julian, and TJ gathered around Sophia as she read a fun story to them at home.

TJ worked on puzzles at home one day in the living room of the Alpha House residence.



Some of the older kids are participating in 4-H shooting sports again this year. This is a photo of their recent shooting match.



Rachel, Sophia, and Kennedi enjoy cooking together. They worked together at Christmas to make lots of holiday treats for their families to share.

When the kids go to the park in town, the big kids enjoy helping the little ones navigate the play sets . . . so precious!



The kids are taught quite a variety of helpful chores in the process of living as a family on our campus. They got to join in on the fun of washing their van one day! Even the littles got in on the action, washing the mats on the big rocks in the front yard.



Some of the other children are getting involved in archery through a club in Lawrence, Kansas. They are enjoying their learning experiences there.



Khalil, Kennedi, & Julian worked on their homework together at the dining table.



The kids were able to utilize our recreation room facilities while the waterline to their house was being replaced.

***Thank you for making this amazing place possible for them!***



## Thoughts From Mrs. Sims, School Supervisor



Patricia Sims,  
Student Supervisor

“A satisfied soul loathes the honey comb, but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.”  
Proverbs: 27:7

Our kids are hungry—hungry for a safe place of their

own, hungry for friendship, hungry for success, hungry for love. Just as youth can crave the wrong things to satisfy hunger in their natural lives, so they try to fill their spiritual hunger with bitter

things. They want friends, yet can be prickly as porcupines. They want academic awards, but refuse to accept responsibility for homework assignments or to put in the work that will bring that success. They want safe places, but make choices that put not only themselves but others in peril.

We can shake our heads and ask, “Why?” Or take the time to look at Proverbs 27:7 and see the hungry souls who’ve grown accustomed to accepting the bitter as sweet - an abusive caretaker, boyfriend, or acquaintance is sweeter than not having anyone, keeping everyone at arm’s length is preferable to being hurt, and

having low expectations calms the feelings of being unworthy of love and respect.

Our calling is to reveal to these hungry souls that God longs to satisfy that hunger with good things and then to provide opportunities to experience the sweetness of God’s blessings. We look forward with hope for the day when our kids no longer see the bitter as sweet, and have a simple hunger that can be satisfied with a snickerdoodle and a glass of milk!



Lisa Bond,  
Paraprofessional

## Faith House Rebuild Update

Our Faith House residence suffered a lightning strike and fire last fall. After several months of awaiting the completion of insurance processes, we hired a structural engineer to evaluate Faith House’s foundation in the decision-making process of what next steps will be. The engineer found serious faults in the basement structure, and recommended that we not reuse it as a foundation for a rebuilt house. As a result, the board of directors determined that we will need to build a new house from the ground up to replace what was ruined by the lightning and fire.



in close proximity to where the old one was so that staff can continue on there as caretakers of the children’s animal programs located there.

For now, we have hired an architect to design and create blueprints for a new structure. We will set the new house

We plan to have paid & volunteer contractors build the structure of the house, *but hope to have many skilled volunteers come help as well* to help save on costs of building this new house. The insurance settlement for the depreciated value of the loss will cover some of these costs, but *we will need additional funds to cover the rest as we build.*

**If you are interested in helping with this project this year, please give Jeff Mulpas a call to discuss details!**

**Alpha’s Office: 785-597-5235**

## Gifts Honoring Loved Ones

### ***In Memory of:***

#### ***Alan Carnes***

By: Riley & Jody Asher  
Ozark, Missouri

#### ***Mary Deutsch***

By: James Eisele  
Lawrence, Kansas

#### ***Jack Dumcum***

By: Beulah Mae Carter  
Hugoton, Kansas

#### ***Leonard & Martha Eisele***

By: James Eisele  
Lawrence, Kansas

#### ***Leon Martin***

By: First Christian Church  
Barnsdall, Oklahoma

#### ***Robert Shockley***

By: William & Elizabeth Heins  
Emporia, Kansas

### ***In Honor of:***

#### ***Manford & Helen Cade***

By: Larry & Susan Cade  
Brownville, Nebraska

#### ***Tim & Sara Congrove***

By: James & Dorothy Congrove  
Lawrence, Kansas





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## Mission Pantry Needs

- Fresh Fruits & Veggies
- Shredded or Block Cheeses
- Juice Boxes for Lunches
- Individual Snack Packs for Lunches
- Peanut Butter
- Prego Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Mixed Fruit
- Cream of Celery & Broccoli Soups
- Medium Salsa
- Seasoned Black Beans
- Saltine Crackers
- Gluten Free Crackers
- Toilet Paper
- Kaboom Bathroom and Toilet Cleaners
- Clorox Wipes
- Gain Liquid Laundry Detergent
- 13 Gallon & Larger Trash Bags
- Luvs Diapers Size 1 & 5
- Huggies Night Time Diapers Size 5



## Special Needs

- New Vacuum Cleaner for School Facility
- Fishing Dock for Excavated Pond
- 3 New Garage Doors for Maintenance Areas
- Building Materials for Faith House Rebuild
- Contractors & Volunteers for Faith House Rebuild

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



## 2015 Totals

Campbell's Points: 16,104

General Mills Box Tops:  
 34,124 x 10¢ each = \$3,412.40!

Best Choice UPC Symbols:  
 19,000 x 3¢ each = \$570

Dillons Rewards = \$1,708.33