

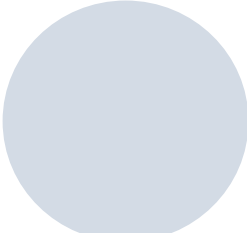


# Around the Ranch

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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

## Grateful For Alpha



We bid a fond farewell to Noah and TJ recently as they wrapped up their

time with us and returned to their father's care. Timothy E. Foreman wrote that the boys' time at Alpha greatly impacted them in the best way possible, and that the Alpha House family provided the stability that was needed for them at the time. He was tremendously grateful for all that Alpha has done for his family over

the past few years, and plans to stay in touch as much as possible.

Thank you for helping us to provide a safe place for children to go in their time of need!

**We are so grateful for YOUR role in making this wonderful safe haven possible for them.**

## Congratulations, Rebekah!

We offer heartfelt congratulations to Rebekah Plant on being accepted for admission this fall to her number one choice of the colleges she applied to, The College of the Ozarks at Point Lookout, Missouri. This college only admits about 350 stu-



dents each fall of the 4,000 applications it receives, so this is a huge accomplishment and blessing for her! She will complete the required coursework for her Honors High School Diploma this spring through our Snavely Education Center. **Congratulations, Rebekah!!**

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## Dillons Community Rewards

Dillons Grocery Stores are offering participation in their Community Rewards charitable program again in 2017, which contributes a portion of your purchases to your favorite charity. **Dillons recently announced that you will no longer need to re-enroll**

**each year to support Alpha's kids; they are now keeping you enrolled and linked to Alpha's charity number each year automatically.** Last year, 73 households signed up to support Alpha's kids, and these contributions totaled \$1,874.84 for the kids!

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

To link your Dillon's shopper card to Alpha's charity number, you can go to [www.dillons.com/communityrewards](http://www.dillons.com/communityrewards).



# Celebrating the Kids



Little Miss Maggie says, "Look at my pretty new dress!"

Maggie, Nathan, and Jonathan are excited to begin attending preschool this spring at the Snavelly Education Center on our campus! It's such fun to watch them all learn and grow!



The bigger kids are participating in the Presidential Fitness Challenge as part of their PE curriculum. Our teachers transported them to the local public school running track to record their one mile running times. Below, they are stretching prior to their run.



Monte Cutshall volunteered to come teach the children some shop skills by personally guiding them through handcrafting an Aggravation game set in Alpha's work shop and art room. The kids LOVED the process of learning how to do this!

Cosmetology is one of the career options that Jolicia is considering for her future. She certainly has plenty of opportunity to practice hair styling

on the many other children in her household! The children in the Alpha House also get an opportunity to be the house chef on Kids' Chef Night! Julian chose to serve an African menu when it was his night to shine!



These cuties were wishing their little brother a very happy 5th birthday! The children love a good birthday celebration. Pictured: Kiara, Jonathan, and Yasmin.



The kids are participating in 4-H activities and projects again this year. Their baby goats were produced on our campus this year for the first time! Lots of bottle feeding going on here. They are also raising 4-H rabbits. Sophia and Ksusha strike an adorable pose with their rabbits below.



## Faith House Rebuild



We are starting to make progress on the construction of the new Faith House replacement! The original structure was destroyed by a lightning strike and subsequent fire.

We were excited to see concrete basement walls poured in late November. Winter weather hit at that point, and we were forced to wait for the arrival of warmer weather to thaw the ground enough to be able to pour the concrete floor. This photo shows the floor being poured on the last day of January!

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

[Jeff@alphachristianchildrenshome.com](mailto:Jeff@alphachristianchildrenshome.com)



***He will need volunteer professionals to help with framing, electrical, plumbing, and etc. now that the concrete work is approaching completion. Please share this with any of your professional friends, actively working or retired, who may be willing to give us a hand!***

***Jeff plans to send out e-mails on a regular basis to those interested in volunteering to communicate needs, scheduling, and updates on this project.***

It has been a blessing to see God at work, providing the funding

needed for this replacement home as well! We have been wonderfully encouraged by the many gifts coming in from our dear friends toward construction costs! *At this time \$155,831 has been raised toward construction; we estimate a need of an additional \$70,000 to complete the funding for this project.*

***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 the need!***

## Gifts Honoring Loved Ones

### **Adam Harpster**

By: Patsy Harpster  
Nebraska City, NE  
Scott & Joyce Harpster  
Hamburg, IA

### **Vera Hartman**

By: Charles & Josephine Fisher  
Kansas City, KS  
Edna Gunther  
Kansas City, KS  
Meryle Hotujac  
Kansas City, KS  
Sandra Jarratt  
Kansas City, KS

Waunita Moskau  
Wathena, KS  
Teresa Oliver  
Savannah, MO  
The Regnier Family  
Topeka, KS  
John & Sharon Turk  
Deland, FL  
Majestic Place Homeowner's  
Association, Kansas City, KS

### **Mildred Jaynes**

By: Restoration Fellowship  
Humboldt, Kansas

### **Tim Kinser**

By: Jerry & Sandi Kinser  
Concordia, Kansas

### **Robert Shockley**

By: William & Elizabeth Heins  
Emporia, Kansas





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## Mission Pantry Needs

- Fresh Fruits & Veggies
- Shredded or Block Cheeses
- Sandwich Bread
- Canned Fruits
- Individual Snack Packs for Lunches
- Easy Mac Packets
- Pasta Sauces
- Condiments
- Medium Salsa
- Seasoned Black Beans
- Saltine Crackers
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissues w/ Lotion
- Clorox Wipes
- 13 Gallon & Larger Trash Bags
- Dishwasher Detergent Packs
- Gain Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Luvs Diapers Size 3
- AA & AAA Batteries



## Special Needs

- Education Center: Merit Store Items for the kids to purchase with their Merit Bucks (toys & games, crafts, art supplies, fun school supplies, knickknacks, gadgets, etc.)
- Funds for Building Materials for Faith House Rebuild
- Contractors & Volunteers for Faith House Rebuild
- 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:  
 26,000 x 3¢ each = \$780

Dillons Rewards = \$1,874.84

**2016 Total: \$6,089.04 !!!**