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## Easy Ways to Help Alpha's Kids:

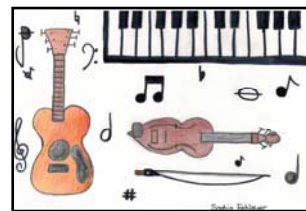
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## Children's Art Contest Projects

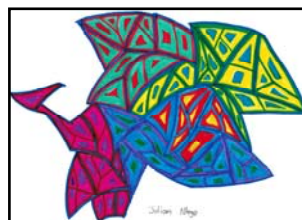
Our children attend art class each week in the Snavelly Education Center with Jim Fehlauer, a former public school art teacher now serving alongside his wife, Yvonne, as parents in the Alpha House residence. The children participated in an art contest recently to make cover art for thank you cards that our office sends out. Here are the winning entries and their descriptions!



2. "Music Mayhem" by Sophia. She said that these are her three favorite instruments. She added musical notes to make it seem like a musical group.



4. "The Farmer" by Elvis. "I like the country better than the city because the air is cleaner and there is less noise. I really like working with farm animals."



1. "Diamonds" by Julian. He said was thinking of "Triangles" but it came out more like diamonds.



3. "Shopville" by Ava. She was thinking about her favorite toys called Shopkins and the fun places which have been created for them to "shop" and play in.



5. "Girl Scouts" by Kiara. Kiara said, "They are selling little play houses to make money to go to camp."



## Follow Us On Facebook

There has been a lot of interest expressed in having an Alpha Facebook page for our friends to follow, so we very recently created an official "Alpha Christian

### Children's Home and School" Facebook page!

Our official page displays our logo as the identifying profile photo. It has already garnered more than 70



followers! "Like" our Facebook page to be able to see regular posts in your news feed with photos & videos of the children's activities, ways you can get involved, and other updates from around the ranch!



Having a little fun with Mr. Jim out on the playground at Alpha House!



The children were thrilled to be invited for fun activities and lunch at the C & H Railroad in Tecumseh, Kansas! They loved riding the train around the tracks.



These kids LOVE to play with Legos! They get very creative with them. Above, they worked together to create a collaborative design. Mega blocks count, too, right??



Along with spring comes the birth of our animal babies! The kids love

playing with and raising the baby goats and rabbits even though they can be a lot of work!

Happy 5th Birthday, little man! Look at the adorable little grin that appeared as he eyed that cupcake during his happy birthday song ...



There are five preschool students (four shown in photo) at the Snavely Education Center. They are learning so much as they prepare to start Kindergarten in the fall! Rachel is helping them with their paper cutting activity which aids in developing their fine motor skills.



The children enjoy reading books on their own, as well as reading picture books to the younger kids. What a sweet bunch of readers!



Preschool dress up time is so cool! Here is a dashing Mr. Firefighter.



The kids sometimes have assignments in their school books to complete at home. Kiara was creating a cat mosaic with beans.



These lovely young ladies are the best of friends! Kaitlyn and Rachel will graduate from high school this spring, and Sophia (middle) will graduate next year.



**Thank you so much for making this amazing place possible for these precious little ones, as well as for those still to come!**

## Faith House Nearing Completion!

By Jeff Mulpas

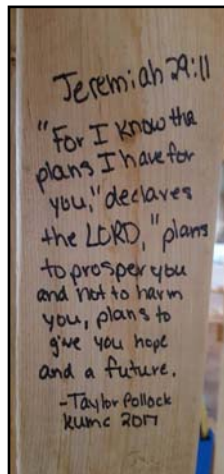
We had quite a hectic year in 2017 as we worked to replace the Faith House residence. We were incredibly blessed to have had so many volunteers help in so many ways. *From the bottom of our hearts, we say thank you to each and every one that helped our ministry in any way last year, whether it was our prayer warriors praying for our kids, staff, finances, and volunteers; the generous gifts given so we could move the ministry and construction project forward; or the gracious volunteers who faithfully and generously served in so many ways.* The Lord used each of you to make a difference here!

Regarding the house construction, we had wonderful friends of the ministry help each step of the way, starting in May with framing, all the way until we were ready to hang sheetrock in February of 2018.



Once we had the structure of the house up, we began encouraging our volunteers to help us dedicate the house to the Lord by writing prayers, Bible verses, names of volunteers,

and words of encouragement onto the framing studs of the house. All of those words have now been covered with sheetrock, but those



precious words, names, verses, and prayers still remain present as silent prayers and voices, dedicating the new Faith House residence to the ministry that lies ahead, beginning later this year.

### We need your help again!

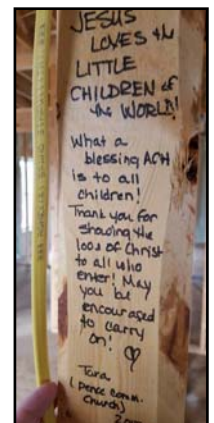
In March we will begin tackling the remaining finishing projects inside the house, including painting, installing trim, doors, and cabinets, and finally, installing floor coverings.



Would you be able to come give us a hand as we work to bring this project to completion? You can also help us further dedicate this house for ministry by adding your own verses, words of encouragement, and prayers to the subfloor surfaces.

**Our next special work day at Faith House will be on Saturday, March 10th, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**

You can join us then in helping with needed finishing projects, or you can call the office to set up another time that might work better for you or your group to come give a hand toward bringing this project to completion!



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## Gifts Honoring Loved Ones

### Terry Carlile

By: Connie J Carlile  
Topeka, Kansas

### Robert & Doralee Cross

By: Gaila Cross Beach  
Stockton, Missouri

### Leonard & Martha Eisele

#### Mary Deutsch

By: James Eisele  
Lawrence Kansas

### Wayne & Elinore Hays

By: Marilyn Aikins  
Kansas City, Missouri

### Joan Moore

By: Milford Church of Christ  
Centerburg, Ohio

### Phillip Morrell

By: Walnut View Christian Church  
Topeka, Kansas

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Pat Gifford  
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## Mission Pantry Needs

- Breakfast Cereals
- Fresh Fruits & Veggies
- Shredded or Block Cheeses
- Sandwich Bread
- Canned Fruits
- Individual Snack Packs for Lunches
- Graham Crackers
- Pasta Sauces
- Long Grain Rice
- Seasoned Black Beans
- Condiments
- Clorox Wipes
- Glade Air Freshener Sprays
- Gallon & Quart Size Ziplock Bags
- 13 Gallon & Larger Trash Bags
- Gain Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Luvs Diapers Size 4
- 4T & 5T Pullups
- LED Lightbulbs
- AA & AAA Batteries

## Special Needs

- *Commercial quality 50-60" Zero-turn Mower for our mowing volunteer to use in keeping the grounds in good shape. Current one is almost worn out!*
- *Replace Old Furnaces & A/C Units for Two Zones in the Snively Education Center.*
- *Funds for 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**



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