

2022 Report

Every day we strive more and more to become a place, ***“Where Christ creates healing for kids and families from hard places.”*** Our ministry goal is to reflect the model of Jesus, consistently demonstrating compassion, focus on the whole person, and deliberate action to alleviate suffering. It is our hope that God will be pleased with our efforts in His name. Our ministry made a big change this year with our new “campus foster care” model. We successfully converted all our campus group homes for children to Campus Foster Care. This model allows us to keep sibling groups of up to 6 children together in the same home while reunification with the biological family is in process. Foster families can live in one of our existing campus homes that are uniquely set up to foster larger groups of children. They also have access to the support of the campus community in several areas around the state.

Did you know there are 6,000 children in foster care in Alabama? Did you also know that there are 3,000 SBC churches in Alabama? Church leaders, we believe this is a solvable problem, but it can only be solved together. We know that not everyone is called to become a foster parent, but ***everyone can do something.***

Below are a few examples of the kingdom work we are all in together, as we ***foster hope*** throughout the state of Alabama.

- FBC Athens knew they had to **do something** after the Roe v. Wade decision. They set a goal to raise \$5,000 for hurting kids in their state. Their church members stepped up in a big way and exceeded that goal by raising a total of \$30,000!
- Most foster kids that enter our care experience lots of “firsts” – for little Cameron* those firsts were very magical. He experienced Disney World for the first time. His foster family was delighted to give Cameron a chance to just be a kid.
- One of our foster dads received a very special, handwritten note from his foster daughter that said, “Thank you for being my new family. Thank you for always coming home. Thank you for asking God for me...Thank you for the being the bestest daddy ever!”
- First Baptist Church Dothan hosted a date night out for our foster parents. They provided a \$50 gift card for each family. They also provided pizza and activities for the foster children.
- Our annual Camp of Champions was a huge success after a 2-year hiatus due to COVID. We had a total of 813 attendees, 150 volunteers, 255 foster parents, 389 kids, and 6 professions of faith.

ABCH will celebrate its 140th birthday in 2031. Our vision for the year 2031 is to serve 1,000 foster kids, see 250 families reunified, see 50 adoptions, and see 50 professions of faith. Join the mission and **foster hope**.

A message from our CEO, Rod Marshall:

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