

2023 Report

The purpose of Alabama Baptist Children's Homes (ABCH) is to protect, nurture and restore children and families through Christ-centered services. ABCH is the state's largest faith-based provider of foster care services. Of the 2,500 foster homes in Alabama, 280 of those are licensed by *your* Alabama Baptist Children's Homes! There is much for Alabama Baptists to celebrate!

In 2022, *your* Children's Homes:

- Served 491 children in foster care, family care, and college care
- Saw 70 children reunited with their biological families leading to family restoration
- Saw 40 children adopted into loving Christian homes
- Served 31 moms transitioning out of homelessness through our Family Care Homes
- Helped 11 children make spiritual decisions to become Christ-followers
- Provided an amazing 75,323 days of care for children in need
- Served 3,578 individuals through Pathways Professional Counseling
- Served 701 children in need through Pathways Professional Counseling

In addition to these accomplishments, our 2023 Camp of Champions was one of the best we have ever had! At 2023 Camp of Champions, held at Shocco Springs, we saw:

- 1,020 total attendees
- 428 kids
- 260 foster parents
- 244 loving volunteers
- 88 of our staff members
- Gospel seeds were planted in the heart of each camper and 4 children made public decisions to become Christ-followers!

Thank you for your support, prayers, and partnerships as we seek to serve families in need in our state.

However, it's not all good news. For several years, our state has had about 6,000 children in foster care. There are about 3,200 Alabama Baptist churches that represent approximately 1,000,000 Alabama Baptists. However, we only have 2,500 foster homes in Alabama. Not every Alabama Baptist is called to become a foster parent, but if less than 2% of Alabama Baptist households became foster parents, we could care for every child in the state's foster care system. If every church sponsored one foster family, our foster families would always experience prayer support and have their practical needs met by caring fellow believers. As we work toward caring for 1,000 children per year, how will you join us?