

# SUNSHINE

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EXPERIENCING GROWTH THROUGH  
**SUMMER**  
PROGRAMS



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OUR NEW  
LOGO



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Methodist Children's Home (MCH) is proud to celebrate the creation of a new ministry logo. This process was part of a strategic initiative to discover improved ways to share with our benefactors the great work God is doing through our ministry and introduce others to how they can partner with MCH.

The development of the new logo captured feedback from MCH staff, volunteers and Board members. We are grateful to those who helped in this process and especially to Jon Carrillo who helped take the ideas shared and produce this new logo.

The colors of red and black reflect the colors commonly seen on United Methodist logos. We are proud of our United Methodist roots and celebrate our place in the Wesleyan tradition of social justice and care for those in need.

The heart has been a consistent symbol used throughout the history of MCH. In our research, documents back into the 1920s incorporated this symbol into logos representing MCH. We will celebrate 125 years of ministry in 2015 and believe even greater days are still to come.

The cross of Christ is at the center of logo because it is at the center of our mission to offer hope to children, youth and families through a nurturing, Christian community. We believe there is no greater example of hope than we find in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

MCH is excited about the many ways this new logo will help celebrate and highlight the great work being done thanks to God's guidance, the generosity of our benefactors, expertise of our staff and volunteers, and the resiliency of those we serve. •

## MCH STAFF HONORED

BY NATIONAL CHILDCARE COALITION



Three child care staff members from Methodist Children's Home were recently honored for their outstanding service by the Coalition for Residential Education (CORE).

CORE announced the winners of the 2014 awards for excellence in residential education during the 14th Annual National Residential Education Conference. The recipients were honored for their contributions and dedication to residential education, which empowers children from disadvantaged backgrounds and helps them navigate a solid course in career, relationships and life.

Clinton and Mary Ann Stone, MCH home parents for the last 26 years, received the Residential Educators of the Year award from CORE. The couple has been responsible for the daily and individual needs of the home unit and youth and have strived to learn and implement MCH's Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) model of care. During their tenure at MCH they have provided nurturing and encouragement to the youth in their care.

Yolanda Rodriguez, a 15-year veteran of MCH, received the Residential Supervisor of the Year award. Rodriguez serves as the direct care supervisor, providing supervision and support to the direct care staff in the 12 home units on the Waco cam-



pus. She completed TBRI training at Texas Christian University's Institute of Child Development in 2013 and has implemented new staff assessments at MCH to

gauge the progress of staff.

"It is certainly a pleasure to see members of our excellent child care team honored by an organization like CORE," said Moe Dozier, vice president for programs at MCH. "We are grateful to the Stones and Ms. Rodriguez for sharing their talents with us and giving so much of themselves to the children and youth in our care."

"We are proud to honor the outstanding accomplishments of this year's award winners," said CORE Executive Director Stephanie Magness. "Through their commitment and service, they stand as shining examples of CORE's values of empowerment and excellence through residential education."

The Catherine Hershey Residential Education Awards, established in 2005, are the only national awards specifically for the residential education field. Administered by CORE, the awards were sponsored again this year by the Milton Hershey School® (MHS) and honor outstanding staff, students and supporters of residential education. •

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Tim Brown

We, as do many of you, find ourselves in fierce competition with many people, distractions, entities and events for needed "quality time" and influence with our children. Finding quality time with our children from hard places can be especially challenging, because many have failed or had difficult times with things as simple as "transitions" – from one conversation to another, one activity to another, one expectation to another, one relationship to another. Therefore, it is essential we allow extra time with such things, above and beyond the activity itself, knowing it is necessary to better prepare children for the ending of one activity before beginning another.

Fears (real or imagined) are present with each child, each experience and every change. The better we are at anticipating the insecurity or volatility associated with change, the more likely we will be successful as we equip our young people to deal with it before they are on their own.

The Basic Life Skills we teach at Methodist Children's Home better equip children and youth to not only survive in life, but to actually thrive. We all learn better and retain what we learn longer if the process of learning is "fun" and reduces or eliminates criticisms and fears. Our 10 Basic Life Skills are the foundation for our work with children and youth. Our time is limited and our "transitions" are many; thus we are deliberate and intentional with our efforts and content.

This edition of Sunshine magazine is an opportunity for us to share some of these insights and techniques we employ to help students. Each experience has several developmental goals and expected outcomes, such as attachment, trust, self-worth, behavioral self-regulation, and improved mental health. Some address physical developmental needs such as fine and gross motor skills, eye-hand coordination, balance, and verbal/nonverbal communication skills. Others include safety rules, fair-play, reasonable expectations, behavioral feedback, relationship building, giving/receiving, and rewards/recognitions related to competition, win or lose.

Thank you for your interest and support of Methodist Children's Home, where we are committed to be a place of healing and hope to children from the hard places of life. I hope you find this informative and helpful. •

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# SUMMER OF GROWTH

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By: Lindsay Blagg

During a hot day in July in a small town in Mississippi, Boys Ranch resident Marvin experienced a life-changing moment.

The 14-year-old was attending a mission trip through the Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission where he was helping others in need. After working a long day doing house repairs for a man with physical disabilities, Marvin and his peers gathered together for a worship service that evening. During one particular song, Marvin felt a spiritual change in himself as he listened to the lyrics and felt connected to those around him.

"I guess it just hit me," Marvin said. "A feeling came over us. I along with some other kids there gave our lives to Christ that night."

He came home that week with a stronger faith and new relationships with those who shared in his journey.

"It was an amazing experience," he said. "Even though you have to work hard, it's worth it. You get to meet other people and the kids were super funny and cool to hang out with."

Marvin continued his summer of growth two weeks later at Glen Lake Camp and Retreat Center, a Christian retreat owned and operated by the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. He spent a week with youth and counselors from all over Central Texas for adventures, group activities and worship, and continued to build relationships with people who share his passions. He said his favorite part of the camp were the break-out groups and worship services.

Marvin, being an athlete, also formed a solid bond with his cabin counselor who played football with him during the week. Living in a nearby city, his counselor pledged to attend some of Marvin's football games this fall and offered him good advice for his future.

"He told me to never give up and that just because I'm smaller, it doesn't matter," Marvin said. "We had a good connection."

Like Marvin, many youth at Methodist Children's Home experience growth spiritually, mentally and emotionally during the summer months. As one of our six Core Values, MCH strives to provide growth through activities encouraging youth to learn something new about themselves, discover their strengths and build confidence and healthy relationships.

Throughout the summer, youth on the Waco campus and Boys Ranch participate in a daily schedule of organized recreational activities, clubs, volunteer service, internships, Christian camps and mission trips. This summer was divided into two three-week summer sessions with summer breaks where youth participated in special recreational activities or traveled home for visits.

For our families served through Family Outreach, each office organized its own summer events and trainings and supported families in their communities with summer challenges. Trainings include summer issues such as heat and water-related safety as well as special childcare trainings to assist families in caring for their children.

MCH has partnered with the Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University to implement Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) into our programs. TBRI is an emerging intervention model for a wide range of childhood behavioral problems designed for children who have experienced relationship-based trauma. Staff in our outreach and residential programs utilize TBRI methods in everyday care.

"TBRI is an integral part of the summer program," said Charlsie Whitney, Waco campus administrator. "We are making it a forefront. We hope it's going to be helpful and reinforce what we're already doing throughout our programs. We want TBRI to be entrenched in our culture so that it's a way of life for our youth and staff."



MCH's summer programs include climbing the Alpine Tower at the Boys Ranch, equestrian lessons and a youth retreat at Glen Lake Camp.

## Developing Skills

During the residential program summer sessions, youth spent two mornings a week in "Camp Rise-Up," a new concept incorporated this year. Camp Rise-Up was modeled after a TBRI camp training attended by Beth Harris, Waco campus director of recreation. During her training, Harris learned that the effects of stress and trauma on a child can take away their playfulness and affect their development. MCH works to reintroduce the joys of childhood to youth in order to help them heal.

"We want our youth to learn and build healthy connections through play," Harris explained. "Play disarms fear and helps them to take in more healthy connections."

During Camp Rise-Up, youth participated in movement groups, nurture groups and "crash and bump" exercises which are high energy, deep muscle and sensory rich activities. In the afternoon, youth split up into clubs of their choice including athletics, weight training, arts and crafts, cooking, dodgeball, and reading. Throughout the day, staff from the MCH school and home units worked with recreation staff and participated in activities right alongside youth.

"We wanted staff to have fun and interact with students instead of just coming to supervise," Harris said. "The staff's high energy really helped us out."

Michael, a Waco campus resident for two years, said he enjoyed the summer experience.

"I like the team-building we get from the games," he said. "You have to rely on people. I've also had the opportunity to make new friends and meet new people. It has opened up a whole new world for me."

At the Boys Ranch this summer, youth followed a similar schedule of "crash and bump" activities, nurture groups and clubs such as fishing, photography, horse riding and

athletics. The youth also participated in community-building activities on Mondays such as a scavenger hunt, staff-versus-student games, and water games. Friday "fun days" brought on activities such as paintball, off-campus trips and the flotilla raft building competition. Youth at the Boys Ranch were also in charge of ranch chores and taking care of animals and facilities throughout the summer.

"The purpose of the program was to keep them physically active and healthy and help them discover new interests, hobbies and life skills they can take with them in the future," said Laura Bonner, Boys Ranch administrator. "The program promotes a family-like environment. It brings us all together as a family and we are able to have fun, relax and build relationships. It revolves around TBRI and we are able to find new ways to implement TBRI into all of our programs."

Through the summer program at both campuses, MCH strived to build connections between staff and students, have fun and allow youth to practice life skills. **MCH's 10 life skills** are:

1. Use good words to communicate
2. Be gentle and kind
3. Show respect
4. Listen and learn
5. Understand who is in charge
6. Accept decisions of authority
7. Make good choices
8. Focus and finish your work
9. Negotiate and compromise
10. Build trusting relationships



"They know what the life skills are but we show them how to apply them," Harris said. "We do check-ins to monitor their energy level and attitude and help them recognize if they need to do anything to self-regulate. They learn to identify their needs and find a solution."

Youth from the Waco and Boys Ranch campuses also participated in the student intern program. This summer, 15 students had on-campus internships working with departments such as the plant, student events, development, recreation and equine. Through summer jobs, youth are able to gain real work experience and learn about responsibility and money management that will be valuable when they leave MCH.

"Our goal for the Student Intern Program is to involve as many residents as possible to help build their self-esteem, to work on social skills, to gain work experience and to give them an avenue to express and use their talents and skills," said Denise Ondrey, who oversees the student intern program through her role as student events coordinator. "And possibly the most important goal is to give them the opportunity to build memorable relationships with adults and other peers."

### Summer Excitement

Summer is also a time for children to take advantage of their time away from school to have fun, take trips and enjoy new experiences. Many MCH outreach offices plan parties or outings for children and families they serve. For example, El Paso hosted a summer cookout and took foster families to a Triple-A baseball game; Lubbock hosted a back-to-school bash as well as a swim party where they provided a meal and water safety training; and foster children from the Jayton home took a trip to Carlsbad Caverns. Foster families may take vacations and

expose their foster children to locations and events they have never seen before. Outreach offices also assist families in the summer as they find camps for their children to attend.

For youth served through the residential program, summer meant evenings at the pool, water games, and group outings. Throughout the summer, staff planned off-campus trips to Hawaiian Falls water park in Waco, movies and bowling. Youth were exposed to new experiences and places such as Natural Bridge Caverns, nearby museums and exhibits and the Day to Remember water ski trip.

Residential youth could also spend a week at Glen Lake Camp. Throughout the week youth attended worship services, learned crafts, swam in the pool and lake, and ziplined while meeting new friends from all over Central Texas. MCH's spiritual development ministers organize the trip each summer and accompany youth during the week. Kim Clark, director of spiritual development, said she hopes giving youth the opportunity to meet new peers in a Christian atmosphere outside MCH opens them to spiritual growth.

"Seeing peers who are trying to make right choices, respect others and seeking Christ makes more of an impact than anything we, as adults, can say or do for them," Clark said. "These trips provide opportunities for students to see that God has so much more in store for them and something better than what they believe they deserve or are capable of."

Hawa, a Waco resident, attended Glen Lake for the first time this summer. She said she had a great week and especially enjoyed the worship services and band.

"I was able to connect with God and my peers," Hawa said. "You can still have fun and learn about God. It helped me look at myself and my relationship with Him. That was memorable for me."

### Giving Back

Through spiritual development, residential youth can also apply to attend mission trips during the summer including the Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission trip, or the UM Army Mission trip sponsored by Kingwood UMC. Youth must fill out an application and receive a recommendation from a staff member to demonstrate their commitment to the mission trip.

Clark said they have a good level of interest from MCH youth each year with many eager to return the following year. Many youth experience their own growth and gain perspective on their lives as they serve and give back to others, she explained.

"Amazing things happen on these trips because God is faithful and blesses the effort our students put forth," Clark said. "Our students are stepping out of their comfort zone, having to learn how to interact with people that are quite different from themselves. They are working long hours for someone they have never met. They learn what it means to be selfless. They learn how God can show up and move in the most amazing ways through the most unlikely of people."

Youth also give back to their communities through volunteer service organized by home units. Each unit determines their own charity to serve each summer. This summer, youth served their communities through nonprofits including Meals on Wheels, Ridgecrest Nursing Home, Operation Gratitude, Mosaics, and Friends for Life.

Waco administrator Whitney explained that volunteer service is an important part of the summer program for youth.

"We find that when kids are able to give back to others, they are able to grow themselves," she said.

### Foster Family Retreat

Along with summer experiences and trainings, every third year Family Outreach also hosts a Foster Family Retreat.

This year the retreat was held in Waco. Kelly Smith and Traci Wagner, Western and Eastern region administrators for MCH Family Outreach, reported that 54 families with 159 children registered for the 2014 retreat. Families traveled to Waco from Abilene, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, Lufkin, Lubbock, North Richland Hills, San Antonio, and Tyler. On Friday, foster families were able to explore Waco and have fun with other foster families at Hawaiian Falls water park.

"We hope families who have never visited Waco or our residential campus had the opportunity to see more, to visit the campus and also to wander through the Visitors Center on campus," Wagner said. "We wanted them to relax, have fun together and learn some things, but also to share in the rich history that is Methodist Children's Home."

On Saturday, the children of the foster families were entertained by activities organized by MCH staff and volunteers for children up to age 8 and the Waco recreation staff for children 9-17. The Waco Fire Department came out in the afternoon to show the children the fire truck and let them try on a fireman's gear. For the adults, Saturday activities included an awards ceremony to honor foster families and their service as well as an all-day training on TBRI from Dr. Karyn Purvis from TCU's Institute on Child Development. This TBRI training is designed to give foster families tools and techniques to care for children who have experienced trauma.

"As we get the TBRI message to Family Outreach staff and foster families, we are seeing the model help them connect their desire for relationships with children in their homes with techniques that can help them develop and maintain these relationships," Smith said. "TBRI certainly provides healthy ways to relate to children whose relational skills may have been damaged or thwarted by previous experiences, and foster families can put these techniques to use every day with the children for whom they provide care."



Fishing courses are offered during the summer as well as the youth favorite, 'Hungry Hippos' contest.

Foster families are able to meet others going through similar experiences during our Foster Family Retreats.



# THE SHERRRODS

## A FAMILY FOSTERING HOPE

By: Jill Anderson



Katie Sherrod remembers the conversation clearly. Speaking about adoption, the stay-at-home mom of five talked about the joy of motherhood and that all life matters to God; He has a plan for all children, even when they are "unwanted" by their biological mother.

When Katie spoke with her husband, Chris, how God had placed it on her heart to foster, he admittedly was reluctant.

"I feel like guys initially delay in becoming a foster parent," Chris said. "I used the excuse that these children aren't related to me by blood, that they aren't my own children. And then I thought, wait a minute, Katie isn't related to me by blood. That was a lame excuse and I realized I had limited faith."

The Sherrods believe that God continued to convict them about fostering. Chris said during a youth summer camp he attended for his job, God showed him an example of what fostering a child could look like.

"At this point I was still resisting the idea of becoming a foster parent," Chris said. "There was an 8-year-old girl who was a foster child of the pastor at camp. I watched her and how she acted, and how the two interacted together."

Chris's experience at this particular summer camp changed his family's lives forever.

"The little girl expressed such joy and hope," Chris said. "I called Katie that night to tell her we needed to start fostering."

Within a year of their calling to become foster parents, the Sherrods were licensed in the State of Georgia. Shortly thereafter, they received their first placement.

"I kept all the firsts and photos of our first little guy so I could pass them along to his permanent family," Katie said. "We realized when it was time to place him, it was fun to be part of that day too. And then he was gone from our home. We sat back and said, 'What just happened?'"

The couple said they realized that if they weren't sad, they didn't do their job as foster parents.

"Our foster children are 100 percent part of the family when they're with us," Katie said. "We need to invest and give our full heart and we'll be okay doing that. We have eternal hope in Jesus – we know that if God has a plan for our lives, He has a plan for each of our foster children's lives. They can be entrusted to our care while God needs us to be a part of their lives."

For Chris and Katie, this is no small task. With five biological children at the time they began fostering, they had a household. And keeping their hearts open to additional children who needed a home was not always easy.

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James 1:27





*Kallie was only a newborn baby when she first entered the Sherrod family home as a foster child. She has since been adopted, becoming the youngest member of the family of eight.*

“When I question how I will be able to love these children through everything, what I discovered was there is a current of God’s love flowing through us,” Katie said. “We just keep loving them. God decides who comes in that current and for how long.”

Katie added that bonding with their foster children gives them the chance for intimacy, to understand what love is, who God is and what He designed for all of us.

“We don’t guard our hearts or love our foster children less,” Chris said. “My prayer is that I will bond and connect with them.”

Chris currently works as the director of The Bluffs Family Camp in Tyler, Texas, part of the Pine Cove ministry. He said he makes the most of his time with the families who are there for one week. Through his daily experiences at work, he compares how he parents as well.

“With fostering, we don’t know how much time we have with the children, but I have the same mentality. I have to make the most of the time we do have with them,” Chris said.

Katie extends that belief to her time with their biological children too.

“It’s the same with the children I gave birth to – I don’t know how much time I have with them,” Katie said. “We like to think we do, that we’ll have them until they’re 18, but we don’t really know. They could be taken from us at any time. We hold all of our children close to our hearts for as long as we are able to. Every day and every breath is a gift.”

On Dec. 24, 2003, the Sherrod family was sent a gift. The couple said they had a five-pound baby girl delivered to their door.

“We got a call on Christmas Eve about a baby who needed a home,” Katie said. “The family who was waiting to adopt this baby had backed out. That made me want this baby even more.”

Eleven years later, Kallie, the baby girl who needed a home on Christmas Eve, is still with the Sherrod family. They had the opportunity to adopt her and they took it without hesitation. Possibly the most touching words about her adoption came from Kallie herself.

“One small thing done with love can change the world,” Kallie said. “You never know, a foster child can grow into a preacher who shares the message of Christ with millions of people.”

Chris and Katie view their role as foster parents as a ministry. Katie reaches out to the biological parents of the children placed in her home after the family has been reunited to offer support.

“For me, to show the biological parents a consistent love is important,” Katie said. “What I’ve learned is that I can take advantage of the abundant love of God in my life. God’s love is giving exponentially and expecting nothing in return. If I can reach the mom and her heart, if she can change, it can only help the family and kids.”

Traci Wagner, MCH Eastern region administrator, met the Sherrod family while she was the director for the MCH Family

Outreach Tyler location. She worked with the family in 2007 to become licensed foster parents in the State of Texas, and she realized then how genuine the family is.

“Both Chris and Katie really stay connected with birth parents after the kids placed in their home go back to their biological parents,” Wagner said. “That is one of the most amazing qualities for the Sherrod family as a foster home. Katie in particular invests in the biological mothers like I’ve not seen before. She’s really good at meeting people where they are instead of teaching them what she thinks they should know. She searches to find what they are seeking from her and how she can impact the family by supporting them.”

While Chris and Katie believe it is not everyone’s calling to foster, they believe whole-heartedly that it is all Christians’ duties to be the hands and feet of Christ.

“The Gospel is about adoption,” Chris said. “Anyone who is in God’s family is adopted. He’s the Father to the fatherless. As a man, the verse James 1 talks about looking after orphans and widows. We need men to come in and fill this role. Isaiah 1 says God urged people to do that. It’s a great reminder that it’s God’s heart to foster.” •



*From left: Anna Beth, Kallie, Rylan and Coby contribute to the care of foster children in their home and are encouraged by the opportunity to help children in need of a safe, secure environment.*

## HOW TO BECOME **A FOSTER PARENT**

1. Fill out an **information form** on our website, **MCH.org**, that will go to the director of your closest office, or call the local office and speak to the director.
2. You will then attend an **information meeting** to allow you to find out more about the process and dispel myths about foster care.
3. Next, background checks, training, interviews, home visits, inspections and all information about your home and family history goes into a home study. *(All licensing process is completed by MCH employees except outside trainers for CPR, first aid and possibly fire inspections.)*

**We get many calls for new foster placements, and there is a great need for foster parents.**



# 2014 MCH GRADUATING CLASS

## YOUTH PROFILE



# SIERRA

## LEARNING TO BELIEVE IN MYSELF

By: *Lindsay Blagg*



Sierra, a Waco resident, feels confident about her future. After coming to Methodist Children's Home at the age of 15 due to family issues, she has grown into a smart, confident young lady as she enters the next phase of her life.

When she first arrived at MCH, Sierra said she was worried that others would view her negatively for her struggles. But she quickly learned she had landed in a supportive place with many opportunities.

"There are more people here to help me," she said. "This has been an opportunity for me to build and make better relationships with people. I learned to be myself and found out who I really am. I have hope even when everything isn't going my way, and I've learned that good, trusting and loving relationships are important in life."

According to her former unit manager Christina Gerhardt, Sierra became a leader and great role model to the other girls in her home unit.

"Sierra gets along well with all of her peers," Gerhardt said. "She is laid back with an underlying determination and motivation to succeed in all she does."

As Sierra found her confidence, she also excelled in school. She attended the Methodist Children's Home School, MCH's

on-campus school in partnership with the University of Texas – University Charter School, and graduated in May 2014. She made all A's and B's in her classes and took dual-credit courses at McLennan Community College (MCC) throughout her senior year.

In addition to receiving financial support for college from MCH, Sierra found out about a scholarship opportunity at MCC called the First Generation College Student Initiative. The scholarship is reserved for students who will be the first in their family to attend college. Since Sierra would be the first college student in her biological family, she qualified for the opportunity. After going through the application and interviewing process, Sierra was awarded the scholarship.

"It is definitely a weight off my shoulders as far as how I would pay for college," she said. "It proves to myself and others that I can go to college and it boosted my confidence that I can do this."

Sierra wants to study elementary education and become a second grade teacher.

"It may be hard, but I can accomplish it," she said. "I hope it shows others the importance of going to college and doing what you need to do in order to get there." •

I CAN DO **ALL THINGS** THROUGH **CHRIST** WHO **STRENGTHENS ME.**

*Philippians 4:13*



# NEWS AND NOTES

## Q&A with Essence, a student with Transition Services



After living at MCH from 2008 until 2011, Essence Stowe went on to have a successful college career at Texas A&M University. She began her senior year in Fall 2014 and has committed to the Army National Guard for four years after graduation. For the past two years, Essence has been a recruiter traveling to high schools to represent the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets. She also plays the alto saxophone in the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band and recently earned her senior boots. As part of a long-standing Aggie band

tradition, senior cadets wear these customized leather boots proudly during performances for their final year of college.

Essence spoke with us about her experiences in college and how her time at MCH helped to shape her future.

**Q: Tell us about your college experience and involvement in ROTC.**

**A:** It has been an adventure for sure. My freshman year was quite the adjustment – just having no name and being called “fish” in ROTC was an adjustment. I made some of the best friends you could ever have. There is nothing like the bonding experience of doing push-ups in the hallways with your closest friends. I have learned a lot about leadership through ROTC and just the hands-on experience provided. I am excited about my future in the Army National Guard.

**Q: What is it like being part of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band?**

**A:** It is the most amazing experience ever. Every time we stepped onto Kyle Field and I heard the band director say, “Now forming at the north end of Kyle Field, the nationally famous Texas Aggie Band,” I would get a rush. The very first game I played, I knew the crowd was yelling and cheering but all I could hear was my blood pumping through my body. Then getting to run off the field is just fun!

**Q: What did it mean to you to receive your boots?**

**A:** I found myself reflecting on everything I had gone through the past three years – all the hard work and challenges – so it means a lot. You always see the seniors walking around in their boots and you imagine yourself there one day and here I am. I look forward to the freshman class I will be leading. I hope to have a special bond with them and be able to leave a positive legacy.

**Q: What role did MCH play in your life?**

**A:** MCH has provided me with opportunities. I certainly have positive relationships with staff. My homeparents were like a second set of parents to me and we still stay in touch. I visited my old home unit over Christmas break and made cookies with the girls and staff. MCH has been a blessing financially to me also. I would not have been able to attend college without their support and I am very grateful for that. •

## Foster Family Retreat - Awards

Foster families served through MCH Family Outreach came together for a weekend of training, celebrations and fun during the Foster Family Retreat July 18-20 in Waco. Fifty-four families and 159 children attended this year's retreat. Foster parents and staff were treated to a lunch and awards ceremony on Saturday to honor several foster families for their service to children in need.

Alicia Carter, Albuquerque Outreach director, received the Katherine Anglin Outstanding Social Services Award during Saturday's lunch. Recipients of this award are nominated and voted for by Family Outreach staff. This award is in memory of Katherine Anglin, an MCH social worker who died suddenly in 2001 who showed much devotion to MCH, its programs and the families she served. Alicia was honored for her leadership and dedication she has shown to her staff and families in Albuquerque.

Below is a list of this year's foster care award recipients:

### Core Awards:

**Christian Principles** - Tommy and Debbi Atkinson (Houston), Randy and Barbara Gardell (Waco)

**Relationships** - Chris and Katie Sherrod (Tyler), Burl and Cherry Hall (Dallas)



**Responsibility** - John and Angela Vilo (Corpus Christi)

**Growth** - Scott and Stephenie Smith (Lubbock), Joe and Janna Ledbetter (Abilene)

**Service** - Amanda and Adam Jeffcoat (Lufkin), George and Angie Bunch (San Antonio)

**Hope** - Miguel and Raquel Herrera (El Paso)

### Tenure Awards:

**3 Years** - Donald and Cindy Beard, Burl and Cherry Hall, Michael and Marisa Luthanen, Howard and Lisa Redwine, George and Angie Bunch, Randy and Barbara Gardell, Mark and Elaine Hageman, Chad and Carrie Larsh, Chris and Katie Sherrod, Linda Vaughn, Joey and Amy Gallardo

**5 Years** - Scott and Stephenie Smith, Don and Nancy English, Pamela Rogers, Lee and Cynthia Gilmer, Dawn Caesar

**10 Years** – Michale and Kym Dowers, Jonathan and Shelly Phillips, Dan and Tammy Remmers

**15 Years** – Cassandra Wells, Bill and Eileen Armstrong, Bobbie and Molly Baughn, Thomas and Debbi Atkinson

**20 Years** – Sherry Turnbow, Steve and Michelle Gibbs

**25 Years** - Stan and Jenetta Davis •

## Flotilla Raft Contest

For the second summer in a row, teams of Boys Ranch youth went head-to-head in the “flotilla” raft building contest on June 13. The boys in each home unit worked together to plan and build a raft that was able to make the trip across Slator Pond. All teams were successful in building an efficient raft to get all the housemates across the pond.

Ian Bracken, Boys Ranch recreation coordinator, brought this idea to the boys last year as a team building exercise for the home units.

“I hope that they learn some creativity, teamwork, competitive spirit and ingenuity from this activity,” Bracken said. “But most of all I want them to have a fun and imaginative summer.”

The boys were given three hours to build their raft and one hour to successfully cross the pond with all of their housemates. They could make one trip with all on board or several trips with



a few at a time. They were given a small basket of supplies including duct tape, rope and a tarp. All other supplies had to be collected and scavenged by the boys from the ranch property.

Edwards East home unit made it across the pond with the fastest time of 3 minutes and 49 seconds, improving on the winning time last year by 24 seconds. They were followed by Slator North with a time of 4 minutes and 8 seconds. Coming in third was Edwards West at 5:57. Edwards West knocked off an amazing 41 minutes from their time in 2013 showing great improvement this year. Turner finished out the times with 6:22.

“The competition this year went really well,” Bracken said. “The rafts this year were quite impressive compared to last year's rafts. The Edwards East boys will be able to hang the flotilla trophy on their unit wall for the next 365 days and proudly claim they were the fastest across the pond!” •



# DEVELOPMENT NEWS



## MCH Receives Charity Navigator's Highest Rating

Methodist Children's Home on July 1, 2014, received a four-star rating from Charity Navigator – the highest ranking available from the nation's largest charity evaluator, according to Tim Brown, president and CEO of MCH.

"Methodist Children's Home has been offering hope to children, youth and families across Texas and New Mexico since 1890," Brown said. "Any success is based upon a steadfast commitment to service to which we are called as well as accountability to those we serve and to those who make it possible through their generosity."

"We are grateful to receive this outstanding rating from Charity Navigator because we take seriously the relationship we have with our faithful supporters and the trust they place in us as we go about our ministry," Brown said. "This is a tremendous affirmation of our entire organization."

According to Charity Navigator, approximately 25 percent of the charities evaluated receive a four-star rating, indicating MCH outperforms most other charities in the United States. The rating is based upon governance, sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency, according to Charity Navigator's leadership.

"As the nonprofit sector continues to grow at an unprecedented pace, savvy donors are demanding more accountability, transparency and quantifiable results from the charities they choose to support with their hard-earned dollars," said Ken Berger, president and CEO of Charity Navigator. "In this competitive philanthropic marketplace, Charity Navigator highlights the fine work of efficient, ethical and open charities. Our goal in all of this is to provide donors with essential information needed to give them greater confidence in the charitable choices they make." •

## MCH exceeds goal during \$100K Giving Day

Thanks to our generous benefactors, MCH raised \$149,017 during \$100K Giving Day! Due to a \$50,000 gift, MCH benefactors had a unique, one-day only opportunity to turn that \$50,000 into \$100,000 through online donations in order to double the impact of the gift in the lives of the children, youth and families. Not only did our benefactors meet this challenge, but they also helped the ministry start off the new fiscal year stronger than ever.

The \$100K Giving Day took place from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on June 30, 2014, the last day of the fiscal year. During each fiscal year, MCH must raise \$3.1 million through its Daily Needs Campaign in order to meet its annual budget. With this goal reached before the closing of \$100K Day, all donations exceeding this budget were carried over into the next fiscal year.

Gifts made through \$100K Day are used to meet the daily needs of children and youth in our care. Daily needs include clothing, housing, programs and childcare services for both residential and family outreach services. These daily needs are essential to our ministry and are the foundation for providing a nurturing, Christian community.

"It was exciting to see how many different people and church groups participated in \$100K Day," said Kelly Lawson, benefactor relations officer. "The response was overwhelming! There was a large number who gave through \$100K Day who made first-time gifts, and many others participated who have supported this ministry for a lot of years. This, to me, speaks volumes about this ministry and its reputation, as well as to those who offer their support. What a blessing it is to have so many place their trust in us!"

Thank you to all who supported Methodist Children's Home on \$100K Giving Day! •

## ESTATE GIFTS CELEBRATED DURING ANNUAL LEGACY LUNCHEON



Clergy and family members of the Neeley estate.



Family members of the Ott estate.

During the annual legacy luncheon in June, Methodist Children's Home staff and Board members celebrated benefactors who designated MCH and those served by this ministry, as beneficiaries of their estate plans. Estate gifts received between April 2013 and May 2014 were recognized during the Legacy Luncheon that was held at the Johnson Student Center on the Waco campus. Five benefactors were honored with plaques commemorating estate gifts of \$125,000 or more. These plaques are displayed at the Mulkey Memorial Garden located next to the Administration Building at the front of the Waco campus. The garden, named after early benefactors Abe and Louisa Mulkey, honors estate gifts of \$125,000 or more donated to MCH.

"Methodist Children's Home is blessed by generous friends who provide our ministry with the resources needed to fulfill our mission," said Trey Oakley, vice president for development. "The Mulkey Memorial Garden located at the front of the Waco campus is a constant reminder that the resources given voluntarily by our benefactors help ensure that children, youth and families from Texas and New Mexico will continue to find in us a place of hope."

This year, the following estates were honored during the luncheon:

### Estates

**Argle and Mamie Ruth Drewery** - Argle "Dan" and Mamie Ruth Drewery were both children of the depression and knew the value of a dollar. Their idea of success was to be self-sustaining and financially prudent, and considered having a good reputation their most valuable possession. They had a special and endearing love, so inseparable that even in death they died one day apart from the other. It was their wish for the children at MCH to be blessed by their estate.

**Marvin L. Neeley** - Marvin Neeley was a hard worker and if he wasn't working at his job, he was volunteering at his church, King Memorial UMC in Whitney, Texas. Marvin loved children and made sure to communicate to his family that he wanted his estate to go to children who really needed it. Marvin served his country in the U.S. Army and then went on to work for the Texaco Corporation for 30 years. Marvin researched many organizations before making his final estate plans and decided the mission of MCH reflected his priorities in life.

**Robert and Henry Etta Ott** - Robert "Bob" and Henry Etta Ott met in Grand Falls, Texas, after one of Henry Etta's sisters introduced them. Both Henry Etta and Bob worked for Mobil Oil company and were always careful with their finances and invested wisely. They loved to travel, hunt, fish, golf and spend time with loved ones. They spoke often about MCH and how good they felt knowing they were helping children.

**Betty Jeanne MacArthur** - Betty Jeanne MacArthur was someone who enjoyed contributing to various charities that she believed in and did not spend a lot of monies on administrative costs. She was passionate about children, animals, wild life and those in need. Betty loved gardening and always had lots of pets that she cared for. Her decision to remember the children in her will was a testimony to her great love for the ministry at MCH.

**Robert J. and Clara Brown** - Robert J. and Clara Brown were generous benefactors who made a strong commitment to help ensure the ministry at MCH would have the resources needed to fulfill its mission for years to come. Their legacy lives on through our work with children, youth and families from Texas and New Mexico.

MCH is grateful to these and all our benefactors who made a lasting impact on the lives of our children, youth and families. •



# YOUTH PROFILE

## BRANDON A BETTER LIFE

By: Lindsay Blagg



After a childhood of instability, Brandon came to Methodist Children's Home Boys Ranch in search of a new beginning. He was 14 years old and small for his age, weighing only 89 pounds. His family moved frequently and Brandon was finally taken into custody by the state and removed from his home in a neighborhood littered with gangs and violence.

"I came here for a better life," Brandon said.

But first Brandon needed to find new ways to channel his energy. He had periods of time while at MCH where he would lose privileges due to bad behavior from his anger with his situation. But he made a conscious decision to change his ways during his senior year.

"For my final year, I wanted to make a good impression before I left and decided I needed to be more mature. As the oldest in the house, I needed to be an example to others," he said.

Brandon found confidence and learned responsibility through his involvement in the FFA program at the MCH School, caring for and showing steers and earning a belt buckle for his

dedication during his senior year. He also became interested in photography and received several awards for his photographs in the 4H photo contest last year. Brandon excelled academically, earning a 3.4 GPA and graduated as the class salutatorian in May 2014.

"Brandon is a very kind, generous and caring young man who made a positive impact in his time with us," said Nicole Ehler, Boys Ranch associate administrator. "He worked hard to make positive strides toward his future goals."

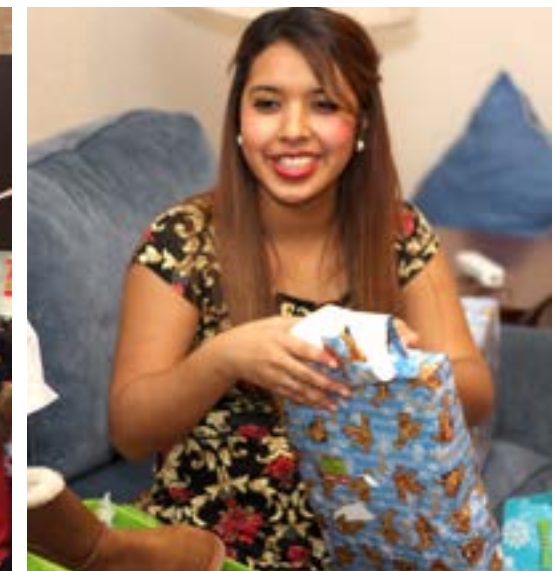
After graduation, Brandon moved to the Independent Living program at MCH and will attend Texas State Technical College in Waco to study golf course and landscape management. He said he hopes to one day own his own golf course. He feels that through his growth at MCH, he is now well equipped to have a happy and successful life.

"I've learned the skills I needed to go out in the world," Brandon said. "I've learned life skills and can apply them so I live better and when I have kids, I will teach them so we can be a good family." •

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- Tim Brown

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