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It seems like nothing has been spared from being affected by COVID-19 this year. Despite our wishes, that's going to include our annual Homecoming and Fish Fry, as well. We do intend to celebrate Homecoming in some form, though restrictions might limit exactly how we do that. At the least, we intend to live stream the proceedings, whatever they turn out to be, on our Facebook page. By Sept. 1, we will announce our intentions and give a rundown of any special instructions that will be needed on our Facebook page and website.

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New Normal or Correct Normal?

How many times have you heard “this is our new normal” over the course of the past several weeks? I’ve heard that a lot and have probably said those words more than I even realize. And, I suspect we will all hear those words many more times in the coming months.

Today is not the same as it was days, weeks or months ago. Our senses have been heightened on many levels due to a worldwide pandemic, racial unrest and political warfare. These ongoing battles have not only heightened our senses, they have stolen our focus. You can’t turn on any news programming without being bombarded with the stories filled with despair and hatred.



I wonder why with every new challenge we feel like we have to have a new normal.

Why do we feel like washing our hands more often is a new normal? Shouldn’t we already know clean hands are a basic daily requirement for healthy living?

Why does a horrific event with the ensuing riots and destruction have to remind us that Jesus does love the red and yellow, black and white? Shouldn’t we love our brother because it is a command – not from the government, but from God?

Why do we have to be a nation divided by political parties who are always at war with each other and who use people as their pawns for control? Have we totally given up on The Golden Rule of doing to others as you would want them to do to you?

Rather than us always running to a new normal when life presents new challenges, why can’t we just remain focused on the correct normal and do what God expects us to do....live peaceably with all men (Rm. 12:18).

For the hurting children and families who find their way into the family at Children’s Homes, Inc., we strive each day to provide them with the necessary tools and techniques to find the correct normal in their lives.

Many times, the problems that plague their lives are a direct result of the world around them. They have allowed the evils of the world to infiltrate their hearts and souls. Satan has done a masterful job at blinding them to what can be good and right and pummeled them with all sorts of distractions. As the distractions become bigger and bigger, their relationships become more and more strained to the point there is no normal in their lives.

The ministry at Children’s Homes, Inc. is designed after God’s plan for Christ-like living. It is God-centered and family-oriented. Through daily living in our family, those who are hurting are able to begin to see through Satan’s distractions. They start to see the hopeful possibility of what life can be rather than the horrors of what life has become.

Through hard work and perseverance, they eventually find God’s correct normal. They find a life that is built upon the fruit of the Spirit found in Gal. 5:22-23. They learn about love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

With the fruit of the Spirit guiding their walk, they know how to develop deeper love in their families, and they are more equipped to navigate life’s trials.

While our ultimate goal at Children’s Homes, Inc. is for every child to begin or strengthen their walk with God, second in importance is the goal of every child being able to return to their biological family.

Some question why children have to leave their family to come to Children’s Homes, Inc. I could spend weeks explaining the reasons for family separation. Suffice to say, it finally comes down to families reaching an impasse they cannot reconcile on their own. The longer they battle without intervention, the more likely they are to cause irreparable damage.

We have said for many years that we want Children’s Homes, Inc. to be the first choice, not last chance for families. If we can intervene in the battles while hope is still somewhat present, the chances of successfully bringing a family back together go up tremendously.

Separation is hard on everyone in the family. But, when the separation causes positive change, it leads to reunion, which is a blessing.

We have witnessed a lot of reunions on our Paragould campus in recent weeks. Over the past several months, COVID-19 kept children separated from their families for everyone’s safety. Eventually, we were able to allow on-campus family visits again. As I drove around campus, I witnessed families coming back together for that first visit in several weeks. There was a lot of excitement, as well as a lot of tears. Hugs seemed to be stronger and longer. Laughter was abundant. Smiles were overwhelming. It reminded me of that old phrase “absence makes the heart grow fonder.”

As we will most certainly have to endure many more weeks and months of unrest and uncertainty, I challenge you to find the correct normal that was designed by God.

What we have been going through in our country is difficult to say the least. We seem to have become more divided than ever for many reasons. Some reasons are within our control; others are not. If we learn nothing else from a pandemic, racial divide or political battles, I pray we do remember that God’s plan for His people is one of love and respect. Can we disagree? Certainly! I’m sure God has disagreed with me many, many times during my lifetime. However, even in His disagreement, His love for me has never ceased.

Thank you for keeping Children’s Homes, Inc. in your thoughts and prayers during these trying times. Your continued support encourages all of us to stay our course as we minister to children and families who need God in their lives now more than ever. With your help, we will help them find God’s correct normal that turns hatred into love, disdain into respect and separation into reunion.

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LEFT: Isiah cozies up to one of the horses during Equine Therapy; **RIGHT:** Alexis and Kristen show off their catch from the Olive Ranch pond.



ABOVE: Aliyah looks over her compass during a Life Skills lesson about navigation with Jim Haught; **BELOW:** Gavin mows behind Family Home 7; Perry Baker shows the Life Skills group a little about hot water heaters.

It'd be understandable if people decided to cross this year off. We could all just collectively yell, "Do-Over" and try again in 2021.

But a strange thing happened. Time kept progressing, and a few of the little routines were able to start back up. Our children in care were able to participate in equine therapy again. Summer brought on occasional cookouts. A modified version of our summer CREATE program started up.

As part of the summer program, the children in care are participating in a Low Ropes group, Equine Therapy groups and a Life Skills class. In Life Skills, the groups will learn many basic skills that a lot of people take for granted. CHI's Maintenance Supervisor Perry Baker showed them the basics of toilet care (with a little bonus talk on hot water heaters.) Other topics covered have been maps and navigation, budgeting, banking, college planning and the process of renting a house or apartment. Also as part of the program, some of the older children in care are participating in Skill Builders, where the children are assigned to an adult on campus and work alongside them. These jobs have included working in the Clothing Center, helping with yard maintenance and working on various projects at The Ridge.



A Different Kind of Summer

COVID-19 ALTERS MANY OF CHI'S ROUTINES

It's difficult to think of anything that hasn't been changed by COVID-19, which entered most of our consciousness — seemingly to stay — in March. Almost every mundane routine has been altered.

Children's Homes, Inc. has many a routine, ranging from daily to weekly and even a handful of annual routines. In 2020, many of them have either been changed temporarily or scrapped altogether.

CHI closed its campus and all offices to visitors for a time and had all family homes practice social distancing.

The annual Casting for Kids Bass Classic was cancelled. The Strengths and Service banquet, which serves as a celebration for making it through a school year for our children in care, was postponed. CHI has kept the campus closed to volunteers, meaning the usual flow of volunteer groups from various congregations — many of whom visit annually — was nonexistent. Crowley's Ridge Youth Camp sessions at The Ridge Retreat and Adventure Center were cancelled, just as construction on the new main facility wrapped up. Homecoming will likely be drastically altered this year.



ABOVE LEFT: Chance stops in to say his goodbyes to therapy dog Louie, and, of course, housemom Tena; **ABOVE RIGHT:** Chance and housemom KaLynn share a hug, social distancing style; **BELOW:** Connor works in one of the raised bed gardens at the Smith Farm

In late June, CHI held its first going away celebration in months. Chance was ready to return home after a stay of a little longer than a year.

The going away party was different than parties of the past. Everyone tried to keep a six-foot distance. Masks were worn, except for when the cake and other refreshments were being consumed. Contact was avoided as much as possible, but if you've ever attended a CHI going away party, you know hugs are inevitable.

Everyone had the opportunity to share stories about Chance. One young man, Connor, said that he was having a hard time right after arriving on campus. He was home sick. Chance recognized the problem and pulled him aside and told him to hang in there. He said he had gone through the same thing, but that the homesickness would let up at a certain point.

Jim Haight, who teaches English in the Balcom Learning Center, recalled Chance announcing rather loudly every class period from the start of the school year to early this year that he HATED English. Jim noted that Chance changed his tune in March and announced that this go-round was the best English class he had ever been a part of.

At these events, the child returning home is given an opportunity to pass on some words of wisdom to the peers he or she is leaving behind. The most popular sentiment by far is "Pay attention to the adults. They know what they are talking about."

When given the opportunity, Chance did offer those



popular words of advice, but he also said something very interesting. He was asked when he felt like he started making improvements. He said that once the children in care were relegated to staying on campus and primarily in their family homes, that's when he felt he started making meaningful changes in his attitude. The COVID-19 shutdown turned out to be a great positive for Chance.

It allowed him to break from some of the old routines and habits to which he was accustomed and replaced them with a lot of idle time. He put that extra time to good use and started working hard at improving. Now as a reward for his hard work and progress, he's able to return home to his family.

The pandemic has certainly wreaked havoc on many a routine, but as Chance proved, occasionally a break from the routine can result in some unexpected progress.



ABOVE: The Life Skills boys group gets acquainted with the inner workings of a familiar device; **BELOW RIGHT:** Clayton looks for his receiver during a flag football game in front of Family Home 1; **BELOW LEFT:** Charlene rides a horse during Equine Therapy.



Change for Children Campaign under way, challenges and all

Children's Homes, Inc.'s 2020 Change for Children is in full swing, as coinbanks have been shipped to those congregations who have requested them.

Like everything that happens in 2020, the campaign is facing some interesting challenges. For starters, COVID-19 kept many from their church buildings for an extended period of time, meaning many participants might not have had an opportunity to obtain a coinbank yet.

There's also a question of how CHI will pick up the coinbanks for those who have been able to participate if COVID-19 prevents its usual public Homecoming celebration, which has served as a perfect delivery time for congregations from all over.

Add to that an unexpected result of national social distancing — a coin shortage! Headlines from multiple news outlets have declared that coins are "the new toilet paper," meaning an item that is in surprisingly short supply in the wake of the pandemic.

Banks across the country are reportedly running low on nickels, dimes, quarters and even pennies. The Federal Reserve, which supplies banks, has been forced to ration supplies.

Those three concerns might lead one to expect CHI to fall well short of the \$300,000 campaign goal this year. However, CHI has reason to hold out hope.

In the past couple of months, churches have been able to resume meeting at their buildings, which means the coinbanks are getting in the hands of our participants. Assuming they are still able to accumulate change, donors and families can start piling up those coins, every one of which will go to aiding CHI in its mission to aid children in need.

While the coin shortage could very well limit participation in filling coinbanks, CHI does have alternate means to give to the campaign.

We still happily accept checks, which can be mailed to our office (Our mailing address appears on page 3 of this edition.) with a note designating the donation for our Change for Children campaign.

The Round-Up option allows our supporters to



A photo from the 1980s of one of Children's Homes, Inc.'s first Change for Children coinbanks.

register a debit card or credit card (or both) and set a monthly round-up giving limit. Every time you make a purchase using whatever card you registered, your purchase amount will be rounded-up to the next dollar. That extra change will then be given to Children's Homes, Inc. at the end of each month.

There are two ways to sign up. The first way is to go to our website (childrenshomes.org) and click on the "Round-Up" button in the lower right corner of the home screen. You can simply follow the prompts to register.

The second way to set-up an account is to text **Change4Children** to **43506**. You will receive a

2019 Top Change For Children Churches

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| 1. WindSong Church of Christ (North Little Rock, Ark.) | 14. Hillsboro Street Church of Christ (El Dorado, Ark.) |
| 2. College Avenue Church of Christ (El Dorado, Ark.) | 15. Highway Church of Christ (Judsonia, Ark.) |
| 3. Mount Comfort Church of Christ (Fayetteville, Ark.) | 16. Monticello Church of Christ (Monticello, Ark.) |
| 4. Millington Church of Christ (Millington, Tenn.) | 17. Levy Church of Christ (North Little Rock, Ark.) |
| 5. Somers Avenue Church of Christ (North Little Rock, Ark.) | 18. Goodman Oaks Church of Christ (Southaven, Miss.) |
| 6. Robinson Avenue Church of Christ (Springdale, Ark.) | 19. Dexter Church of Christ (Dexter, Mo.) |
| 7. Grandview Church of Christ (Des Moines, Iowa) | 20. West End Church of Christ (St. Charles, Mo.) |
| 8. College Church of Christ (Searcy, Ark.) | 21. Skaggs Church of Christ (Pocahontas, Ark.) |
| 9. Cabot Church of Christ (Cabot, Ark.) | 22. Senath Church of Christ (Senath, Mo.) |
| 10. Pleasant Valley Church of Christ (Little Rock, Ark.) | 23. Seventh and Mueller Church of Christ (Paragould, Ark.) |
| 11. Mabelvale Church of Christ (Mabelvale, Ark.) | 24. North Heights Church of Christ (Batesville, Ark.) |
| 12. Melbourne Church of Christ (Melbourne, Ark.) | 25. Samford Church of Christ (Steele, Mo.) |
| 13. Southaven Church of Christ (Southaven, Miss.) | |

message that includes a link. Click on the link and follow the prompts to register.

Combined with our faithful supporters who may have already accumulated coins in a container other than a CHI coinbank with the intention of moving it over when the new banks arrive, CHI should still be on track to get close to the 2020 campaign goal.

Customarily, CHI shares its list of top contributing churches for the campaign year in the spring edition of *Spectrum*. Given the sudden shutdown of the Paragould campus in March, the list wasn't available for that publication. It has since been prepared and appears above.

The list always presents reasons to be optimistic. Every year, there's an eclectic mix of big churches and small churches from all over the country. The campaign tends to run in two-year cycles, meaning some congregations gather a large amount one year but might fall out of the top 25 for a year. Normally they pop right back in the following year. CHI is extremely grateful to the congregations that participate in the Change for Children campaign. It's that unwavering support that has made it such a successful campaign historically.

Of course, CHI is always pleased to welcome new churches to the effort. Some congregations have shown a renewed interest in getting their youngest members involved by handing out coinbanks in Sunday School classes.

If your congregation would like to become involved in any of the ways mentioned, you may contact Cindy Barnett at 870.239.4031, ext. 127 or via email at cindy.barnett@childrenshomes.org.



Family Finances Why Not Now?

TIMING MAY BE RIGHT TO TAKE CONSIDER ESTATE PLANNING

We are experiencing an environment that most of us have never seen before. Prior to this year, a global pandemic was only a reality in movies. Now, we are acutely aware that all of us are susceptible to a critical change in our health at any time. While we should be cautious, we need not panic. The Centers for Disease Control and our state governments have given us guidelines to follow so we have the least exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

It seems that uncertain times always cause us to question and realign our priorities. More than ever before, people are considering what would happen to their assets (their estate), should they pass away. While these thoughts are not pleasant, they are necessary if you want to be sure your assets pass to the people and charities that you choose.

Caring.com recently released their annual estate planning survey. One of the troubling facts revealed was this: In 2017, only 42 percent of all Americans said that they have a will or another type of estate planning document. Fast-forward to 2020, and less than one-third (32 percent) say they have one or more documents – that's a decrease of nearly 25 percent in just three years.

Of those who do have estate planning documents, a will is the most common at 23.9 percent of respondents. Thirteen percent of 2020 respondents said that they have a living trust, and just 6.2 percent have an advanced health care directive.

There are many reasons given for not creating an estate

plan. The Careing.com survey revealed the top four reasons given for not having a will.

Let's talk about these four reasons.

1. I haven't gotten around to it.

The passing of your estate, upon your death, will be the largest transfer of wealth for which you have ever been responsible. If you die without a will, the state's intestacy laws will determine how and to whom your assets are

passed. And they may not be passed in the manner you would have wanted. By creating a will, you determine whom your assets will benefit.

Would you continue to drive your car on bald tires and with bad brakes? Probably not. The risk is too great. But many are willing to gamble on NOT dying today. So, tell me when your tire will blow out or your brakes will fail and I will tell you when you should have them repaired.

2. I don't have enough assets to leave anyone.

According to the Care.com survey, in 2020, 30.4 percent of respondents said that they do not have a will or living trust because they don't have enough assets to leave anyone. More than 10 percent of individuals who said that they

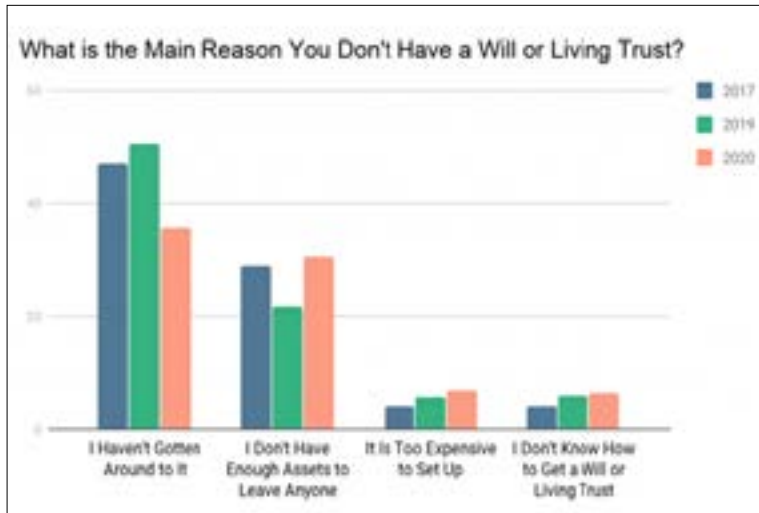
don't have a will due to lack of assets have an income of at least \$80,000, which is 22 percent more than the national median household income.

Even if your financial assets are small, leaving assets to an heir in a will is about more than finances. Including someone in your will says, "You are special to me." It is leaving a part of your legacy to someone in

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SAFE MINISTRY MINUTE

THINK CREATIVELY TO MAXIMIZE YOUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

How do you explain social distancing to children? Are our youngsters ready to see everyone wearing a mask at church?

These may be some of the challenges you're discussing, and you may find you are not quite ready to bring the children's ministry and activities back to your facility. You're not alone.

Many churches are rethinking this area of ministry as they review their state and community's recommendations regarding safely resuming kid's activities while continuing to flatten the curve of coronavirus. This has prompted some creative approaches to safely discipling children and youth. Brotherhood Mutual has several resources with ideas that may help you as you plan to engage kids and their families during this time of COVID-19.

Engage Virtually

Choosing to delay in-person gathering for kids' ministry doesn't mean you must put your children's outreach activities on hold. There are many ways to engage both children and families with the gospel message. During this time, some churches are continuing to use online resources for their children's activities even though the adults are beginning to meet in person.

Consider the following alternatives to keep your kids engaged:

- Record or livestream special family services
- Host online small groups for children's ministry
- Offer children's ministry lessons and videos

Vacation Bible School

Summer is VBS season. However, this year may look much different than previous years. As your ministry considers its approach to VBS, the following ideas can help you plan:

- Recruit families who would be willing to host small groups of kids in a backyard VBS
 - Wait until the end of summer to host VBS
 - Offer a virtual, at-home VBS
 - Limit the number of participants to maintain distancing
 - Hold all VBS activities outdoors
 - Hold VBS in the fall, after school starts
- For more information and ideas about VBS, LifeWay offers 4 VBS strategies for this summer at www.Lifeway.com/4ways.

For more detailed information, visit www.brotherhoodmutual.com



"Children's ministry is a vital part of every church's outreach. From kids camp, Sunday School, and vacation bible school summer is a wonderful time for ministry and our children. Today churches are facing unusual circumstances in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. How do we insure the safety of our kids and connect with them at the same time? We encourage you to review and follow your state and local guidelines for gathering as much as possible. We also want to encourage you and give you resources that might help you 'think outside the box' as you plan activities for your ministry. Visit Brotherhoodmutual.com to find additional resources or call us today for assistance as we work together to navigate this unprecedented time. 800.422.3384 ext 129."

~Blessings, Kurt Hetherington, President, James Greene & Associates



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Mr & Mrs Rex Watson
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Coleen Wilson
CONNOR, BROOKS & WILLOW MCINTOSH 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY!'
Charlene Clark
JETTA MCMINN 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY!'
Carolyn Holloway

Still Collecting Labels, Despite Odd Year

This has been an unusual and disruptive summer. It is my prayer that the virus and the violence will soon end. However, the collection of Best Choice UPC bar scanning codes will continue as individuals and congregations help in this project. The total number of Best Choice UPCs collected as of June 20 is 14,000.

— Barbara Petty

If you are collecting Best Choice UPC labels, you may deliver them to Children's Homes, Inc.

or mail them to:

Children's Homes, Inc.

5515 Walcott Road

Paragould, AR 72450

Phone: (870) 239-4031

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Barbara Petty

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FAY MICULKA 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY!' Mr & Mrs Ellis Jones	CADEN & AUDREY PLATT 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY!' Charlene Clark
LYLA, JUNE & ADELINE MOODY 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY!' Charlene Clark	JOHN PORTER 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY!' Coleen Wilson
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Coleen Wilson

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Coleen Wilson

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Coleen Wilson

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Herman & Naomi Rieben

ERICKA WILLIAMS 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY!'
Tina Matheny

CAROLYN WOOD
Lesa Osborn, Karen Pillow

DAVID WOOD 'FOR 35 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN'S HOMES'
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ELSIE WOOD
Terry Wood

HAZEL WYATT 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY!'
Coleen Wilson

LARRY YARBER 'THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO! WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU AT CURRY ST CHURCH OF CHRIST!'
Mr & Mrs Randy Griffin

TINA YODER 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY!'
Mr & Mrs Richard Kemp, Coleen Wilson

Memorial & Honor Giving

You can also make Memorial/Honor Gifts online on Children's Homes' website: childrenshomes.org

Honor the life and/or memory of a loved one by giving to Children's Homes in the form of a Memorial gift or Honor gift. Gifts will be used in specific areas of service at Children's Homes (i.e. school supplies, farm, etc.) upon request.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION!

☐ In Memory Of: ☐ In Honor Of: _____

Send Acknowledgment To:

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Return in attached envelope or mail to: Children's Homes, Inc. • 5515 Walcott Road • Paragould, AR 72450

Join Our Ministry!

If the thought of helping children in need on a daily basis is appealing to you, you might make a great addition to our team. Children Home's, Inc. in Paragould, Ark. has immediate openings for a **Therapeutic Caseworker** and an **Administrative Assistant**. All successful candidates for employment with Children's Homes, Inc. are active, faithful member of the churches of Christ and willing to commit to the practice of pure religion, serving children in need.

THERAPEUTIC CASEWORKER

Requirements include a bachelors in social work and human services preferred but other majors considered include youth and family ministry, Bible, education, and the behavior and social sciences, e.g. psychology, sociology, counseling, criminal justice, etc. Must be willing to help facilitate experiential learning activities, e.g. wilderness therapy, high and low rope elements, equine assisted learning, and parent education. Training is provided. Competitive salary and benefit package including a 401k.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Duties for this non-exempt position would include, but are not limited to: Creating and maintaining children's files; Serving as receptionist for all calls received by CHI; Auditing youth case files, employee files and volunteer files; Building and updating referral lists; Generating weekly Child and Family Services Calendar; Gathering and obtaining enrollment paperwork as requested; Filling out appropriate school applications; Monitor Medicaid coverage for youth; Assisting Director of Child and Family Services and others; Assisting the Executive Director by providing the monthly Board Report; Auditing and preparing personnel files, volunteers, student interns and training hours; Manage important documents on computer; proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel; Data entry for institutional research; Taking referrals. Competitive wage and benefit package. The position requires 40 hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with up to an hour for lunch. Administrative Assistant experience or some college preferred; will consider high school diploma.

To learn more, contact **Paul Schandevel** by email at pauls@childrenshomes.org or phone at **870-236-0682**.

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appreciation for your relationship with them.

Emotions run high when mom or dad, brother or sister, aunt or uncle pass away. Many family relationships have been forever destroyed over a simple item, such as a truck cookie jar, a painting or an ugly lamp that all of the heirs would like to have but no directions were left. Leaving directions behind that passes these items to heirs is a blessing to all of the heirs.

3. It is too expensive to set up.

Yes, there is a cost to having a qualified attorney draft your will and power of attorneys. But most people find that once they have a will drafted, they may only make a minor change to it for many years. The peace of mind it brings to you and the relief it gives your heirs after your passing is well worth today's cost.

PLEASE!!! DO NOT try to create

your will with an online service. There are many online services that will end up providing you with a will. But these programs are only as smart as the answers you provide during the will creation process. I have seen many wills that do not result in what the creator intended due to faulty understanding while inputting the data.

4. I don't know how to get a will or a revocable living trust.

A good estate planning attorney can walk you through the steps for creating a will. But prior to going to see that attorney, you can take advantage of using Thompson & Associates' services to help you work through the many decisions that should be considered before the having the will(s) drafted.

The Thompson process is a step-by-step process that will educate you on your options. What is a revocable living

trust? Who would be a good executor? What are power of attorneys? What services can a bank's trust department provide? These are just a few of the areas that Frank Stepp will walk you through as you consider what you want your estate plan to accomplish.

*Children's Homes, Inc. is pleased to offer our friends and supporters a values-based estate planning service from an expert estate planning advisor. Frank Stepp of Thompson & Associates meets with and assists families or individuals as they navigate through various planning-related issues. There is no obligation on your part and everything you say is held in confidence. For more information, please contact **Gary Cupp**, Director of Development at Children's Homes, Inc. by phone at **870-239-4031, ext. 140**, or via email at gary.cupp@childrenshomes.org.*

Items of need

Clothing Needs

We always welcome donations of age-appropriate used clothing; however, for underwear and sock items appearing on this list, we request **only NEW, store-bought items in their packaging**. For other items, such as pants, we will happily accept used items.

NEW ONLY

- Bras - Sizes Small to Extra Large.
- Crew socks - Men's and Older Boys' Sizes.
- Ankle Socks - 1 to 2" cuff, Men's and Women's (See Illustration to right)



NEW OR USED

- Tank or Sleeveless Undershirts - White.
Sizes: Boys' - S to XL
Men's- S to XL (See Illustration to right)
- Men's and Boys T-Shirts - S to XL
- Men's and Boys' Pants - Size 8 kids to adult sizes.
Colors - Khaki, tan, blue or black.
- Girls' Pants - Size 8 and up.
- Ladies' Pants - Size 0-18.



Grocery Needs

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| • Juice | • Mayonnaise |
| • Flavored Drink Mix (Kool-Aid) | • Barbecue Sauce |
| • Snacks | • Ketchup |
| • Crackers | • Flour |
| • Graham Crackers | • Popcorn |
| • Black Olives | • Cake Mix |
| • Chicken Broth | • Frosting |
| • Beef Broth | • Laundry Detergent |
| • Chicken Noodle Soup | • Antibacterial Wipes |
| • Cereal | • Fingernail & Toenail Clippers |
| • Coffee | • Paper Plates (With Compartments) |
| • Coffee Filters | • Hand Soap Refills |
| • Peanut Butter | |
| • Jelly | |
| • Salad Dressing | |

Occasionally, we list items by brand name so our donors will know exactly what items we're needing, but store brands and generic items are always received here with gratitude!