

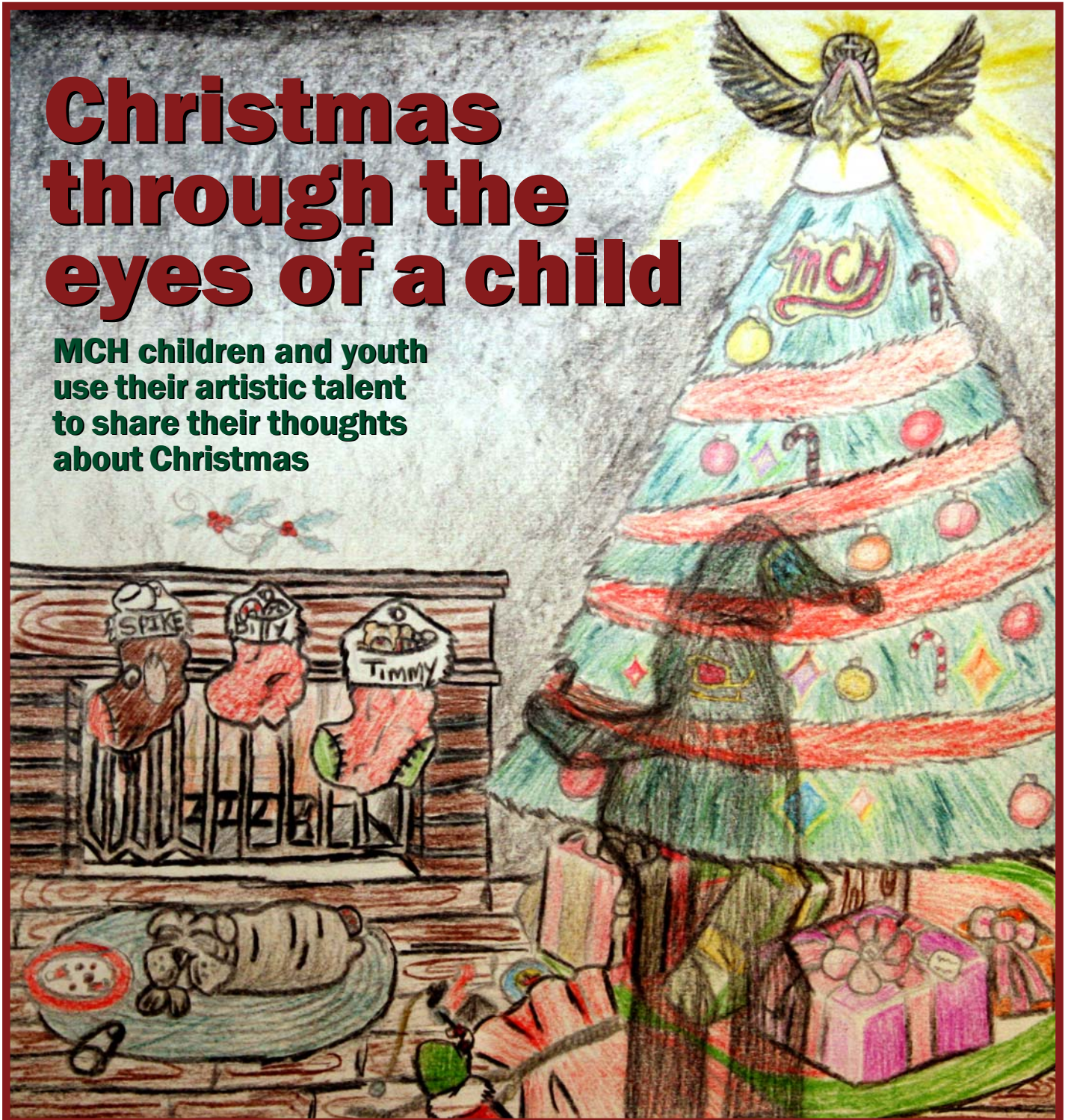
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Christmas through the eyes of a child

MCH children and youth use their artistic talent to share their thoughts about Christmas





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MISSION STATEMENT

Methodist Children’s Home offers hope to children, youth and families through a nurturing, Christian community.

Creating lasting memories of Christmas

This has been an exciting and busy holiday season at Methodist Children’s Home as our children and staff members have enjoyed a variety of Christmas activities, parties and worship services. In recent days, our staff in the Home’s residential care programs and community services have provided many opportunities for children to build positive and lasting memories of Christmas. The next issue of *Sunshine* will feature photos from this year’s Christmas celebrations.

For this issue, we asked six children in our residential and foster care programs to use their creativity and artistic talents to draw pictures that communicate their thoughts about Christmas. I was pleased to see that these children expressed a sense of belonging in their MCH families and an understanding of God’s love. Their drawings affirm that we are fulfilling our mission by offering them hope through a nurturing, Christian community. Methodist Children’s Home is blessed to have caring and dedicated staff members who help more than 1,000 hurting children in Texas and New Mexico understand that they are special, valued and loved.

When the holidays draw to a close, we will embark on a new year. I am confident that God will continue to bless the lives of at-risk children and youth through this ministry in 2009. Thank you for your continued support, prayers and financial gifts that enable Methodist Children’s Home to bring hope to the lives of children in need.

For His Children,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobby Gilliam".

Bobby Gilliam

MCH to offer residential care in Waxahachie

I want to share exciting news with you regarding plans to expand the scope of ministry for Methodist Children’s Home in 2009.

In recent months, our campus administrators have worked with representatives from Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services to enable MCH to offer residential care for up to 40 youth on the PCHS campus in Waxahachie, Texas.

While the cottages will be located on the PCHS campus, we will operate an autonomous program consistent with our mission, core values and strength-based philosophy of care. This program will enable us to increase the number of children in residential care and evaluate our ability to operate this type of program outside of Waco.

We received our license for this program in November and look forward to serving our first residents in January. I appreciate the commitment of our Board of Directors, staff and representatives from Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services to provide this unique opportunity to impact the lives of at-risk youth. We will provide more information about this partnership in future issues of *Sunshine*.



Tashawn, quarterback for the MCH Bulldogs, looks for running room behind the blocking of Omero during the flag football state championship game of the Texas Charter School League Nov. 15 in Dallas. The Fort Worth CAN Academy Panthers defeated MCH 40-35. This is the first year students at the University of Texas Charter School – MCH Campus have participated in competitive athletics.

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About the cover and artist



Artist: Daniel
MCH program: Waco campus
Favorite color: Green
Favorite activities: Drawing and skateboarding

Favorite Christmas memory at MCH:

"I like the chance to connect to my peers through the worship service and other special Christmas activities."

Description of drawing: "I drew a picture of what some would consider a traditional Christmas setting in a home. My favorite part is the shadow of Santa."

Christmas *through the eyes of a child*

As the cool weather settles in and the days shorten, our hearts warm with the expectation of Christmas and the excitement of the season.

For the 1,000 children served by Methodist Children's Home, Christmas is a reminder of how much they are loved by God, their MCH family and the wonderful benefactors and volunteers who make Christmas at the Home a meaningful experience.

We asked six children in our residential and foster care programs to use their artistic talent to draw pictures of their idea of Christmas. As you will see, family, peace and God's love are important themes throughout the drawings. As you reflect on these drawings, we ask you to consider how you can help support the continuing ministry of Methodist Children's Home.



Artist: Mary
MCH program: Foster care
Favorite color: Purple
Favorite activity: Cheerleading
Favorite subject: Algebra

Favorite Christmas memory: "I love waking up when the house is quiet. Then we open the big presents after everyone is awake, and then we go to my grandparents' house to open the little presents. My Nana always makes good food."

Description of drawing: "I drew a Christmas scene that reminded me of when I was little. I always thought it would be so cool to see Santa's sleigh in the sky with Rudolph at the front. I also included a Bible on the nightstand because it is good to remember the real meaning of Christmas."



Artist: Victoria
MCH program: Waco campus
Favorite color: Pink
Favorite activity: Drawing or hanging out with friends at home
Favorite subject: Science

Reason for excitement at Christmas: "I am excited about this Christmas because I have a family now, and I get to spend time with them. I am so happy that I was saved by Jesus. Now my life is so peaceful."

Description of drawing: "This drawing of the winter trees and peace sign shows that now that I am at Methodist Children's Home, my life is peaceful again. I love being here. I now have a home and a family."



Artist: Cassie
MCH program: Foster care
Favorite color: Pink
Favorite activities: Reading, jumping rope, playing with my Hula-Hoop
Favorite subject: Science

Favorite thing about her foster family:
"I am thankful that I have clothes, a house and parents who love me."

Description of drawing: "This is a picture of my foster family at Christmas. Some of my family is sitting on the couch in front of our rug smiling. I am by the tree opening up presents."

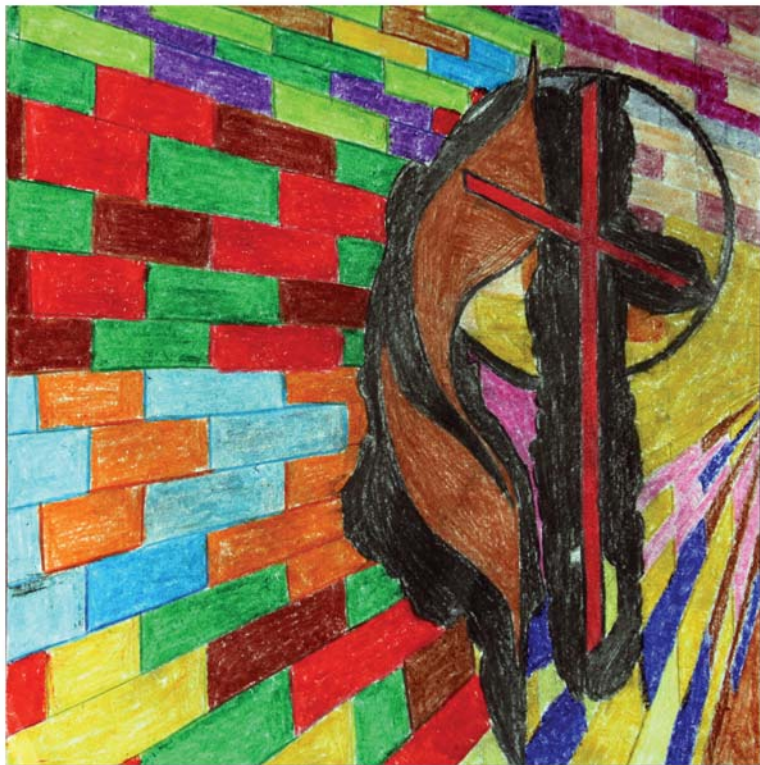




Artist: Faith
MCH program: Foster care
Favorite color: Purple
Favorite activities: Playing outside

Foster Mom's favorite Christmas memory of Faith: "I remember when she fell asleep in the jumperoo while opening Christmas presents when she was 7-months old."

Foster Mom's description of drawing:
"I helped Faith trace her little hand to look like a Christmas tree. Then we decorated it with little ornaments and Faith colored it in."



Artist: Kemzuel
MCH program: Waco campus
Favorite color: Scarlet
Favorite activities: Football, Art
Favorite subject: Art, Math

Favorite Christmas memory: "I like the memory of Christmas last year when I spent time with my brother and mother."

Description of drawing: "I drew the cross because it reminds me of Jesus' life and His death. The colors represent the colors on a Christmas tree and also the rainbow and God's promise to never flood the earth again. I am thankful for my life, and every day I give thanks to God for my ability to draft art."

Restoring relationships: How one teen found healing at MCH

Lindsey came to Methodist Children's Home two years ago because her mother was worried about her.

In the course of the previous year, two of Lindsey's closest friends passed away and two others moved out of the area. With all of the negative influences in Lindsey's life, and her mother's long hours working as a nurse, their relationship suffered.

Her mother saw Methodist Children's Home as a place of healing that could help them repair their broken relationship. But Lindsey resented placement at the Home because she felt she did not need help.

"I had it in my head that I was going to leave," Lindsey said. "I was so angry for the first year, I wouldn't talk to my Mom or go home to visit her."

Homeparents Mike and Nancy Devlin remember Lindsey's frustration when she came to live at Methodist Children's Home.

"She and her Mom couldn't even be in the same room," Mike Devlin said. "She was a very angry and hurt little girl."

As Lindsey settled in to life at the Home, she began to see that she needed help repairing her relationship with her mother. With the assistance of her Methodist Children's Home staff, Lindsey and her mother began weekly intervention meetings to restore their relationship.

That relationship gained new significance last January when Lindsey's mother was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. From hospital visits to just giving her time to talk through her emotions, Lindsey remembers the support she received from staff during that difficult time.

"I could see that the staff is here because of something bigger than themselves," Lindsey said. "The way they served me was really touching."

For Lindsey, the accident served as a wake-up call that helped bring them closer as mother and daughter.

"Since then I have learned to appreciate my Mom more," Lindsey said. "We aren't perfect and we don't have the perfect relationship, but I know she loves me and wants what is best for me."

With their relationship gradually improving, Lindsey is beginning to go on more home visits, but the challenges of a healing relationship are still present.

"She is on the brink of becoming a young adult and that always makes it hard to get along with parents," Nancy Devlin said. "Lindsey and her Mom are trying to figure out how to go



Lindsey has earned respect from MCH staff through her efforts to build a positive relationship with her mother.

from Lindsey as a little girl to Lindsey as a young adult."

Despite the difficulties of re-establishing their relationship, Lindsey and her Mom are committed to making it work.

"I don't want my Mom out of my life," Lindsey said. "Our relationship as mother and daughter has completely changed for the better in the last two years, and I know without the Home we would not have made such progress."

Lindsey has grown a lot in the past two years at Methodist Children's Home. In addition to maintaining good standing in her home, she works to keep good grades in school and is a shift leader at her off-campus job.

Kristen Hoagland, Lindsey's social worker, testifies to the personal growth she has made in all of her relationships.

"Lindsey is a joy to be around. She is a hard worker and has an openness to all of the girls in the home," Hoagland said. "Lindsey accepts people for who they are and works on forming relationships with each person as an individual."

For Lindsey, MCH has been a place of healing where she can repair relationships and grow as a young woman. After graduating from high school next year, Lindsey plans to enroll in a veterinary technician program at a community college.

"Methodist Children's Home has really been a home for me," Lindsey said. "Coming here has been one of the best things I have done."

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— Lindsey, MCH resident

Foster care offers hope, second chances

Donald and Carolyn Baird fulfill their calling to give at-risk children a loving home.

Eight years ago, Donald and Carolyn Baird were enjoying life with three grown children living on their own and two younger children still at home. But when Donald left work on disability and soon discovered he had cancer, their lives changed drastically.

During Donald's frequent chemotherapy treatments, the couple read everything they could get their hands on, including the local newspaper. In one of those papers, the couple spotted an advertisement for Methodist Children's Home foster parents.

The Bairds considered foster parenting when their children were young, but they never pursued the process. Seeing the advertisement in the newspaper prompted something inside them.

"We knew when Donald was well we were going to pursue this as a way of giving back for all we have been given," Carolyn said.

The Bairds got a jump-start on foster parenting and started taking classes before Donald's therapy was complete. Shortly after receiving a clean bill of health, the couple opened their home and hearts to at-risk children.

"We knew we had to do something to keep us busy and make our lives meaningful," Carolyn said.

And their lives have certainly been both. In the last five years as foster parents, the Bairds have cared for more than 30 children. Carolyn and Donald firmly believe they are called to give children a second chance.

"These kids are like little birds with broken wings. We take

them in and feed them, love them and teach them while they heal," Carolyn said. "And we desperately hope that someday, when we open the door, they will fly."

Many of the children who have come to the Bairds have been very broken. Four years ago, the Bairds began caring for four young siblings. The children had a very difficult past, but survived. After working with the children and loving them for four years, the Bairds knew they could not say goodbye; the children needed a steady home.

"We did not go into foster parenting planning to adopt," Carolyn said. "But after loving these children through the tough baggage of their past, we wanted to give them a permanent family and a fresh start."

Last November, the Bairds adopted Kristina, Kayla, Heather and Jace. Smiling brightly, Kayla remembers her excitement on adoption day.

"I felt happy and loved. It was nice to be in a family that didn't do bad stuff," Kayla said. "And I loved changing my last name to Baird and moving to the front of the alphabet!"

Carolyn and Donald's hearts for at-risk children continue to grow as they add to their family. Next spring, the Bairds plan to adopt two more of their foster children, Christian and Summer.

"We're really excited to get adopted, right Christian?" asked Summer, as both children grinned at the Bairds.



Donald and Carolyn Baird have provided a loving home to more than 30 foster children during the past five years. Among the children currently in their care are: (back, l-r) Kayla, Maleisha, Kristina and Jace; (front, l-r) Joshua, Christian, Heather and Summer.

Although living with and caring for at-risk and abused children is not easy, the Bairds' passion never wanes. That passion is most evident when watching the way the couple interacts with their children. As Donald sits and holds two of the youngest family members, his eyes glisten.

"I just love doing things with the kids and being with them," said Donald.

For the children, the feeling is mutual. In fact, there was overwhelming agreement among the children that life in the Bairds' home is great.

"I especially love it when Mama cooks my favorite foods and we all eat together," said one foster child.

Jace agrees.

"We love doing things as a big family," he said. "We go on fun trips and go fishing! And there is always someone to play with me."

Carolyn smiles as she recounts love for her large family.

"Through it all we try to teach them love, compassion and life skills while we have them, so even if they leave they will carry the lessons with them," she said. "It lets them know there is a different way of living. Some kids don't know any other way of living."

The Bairds agree that taking in foster children is hard work, but the toughest part is letting them go when they need to return to their family.

"But it is worth it," Carolyn said, "just to know that we are making a difference in their lives. And for the kids we have adopted, we get the joy of knowing we will be their family forever."

San Antonio outreach office provides baby cribs for local families

MCH is committed to providing relevant services for children and families in need. So when the San Antonio outreach office received repeated requests for baby cribs, the staff worked hard to find available resources to meet that need. In October of 2007, the outreach office received a \$14,000 grant from Charity Ball of San Antonio to purchase cribs for families.

Staff at the San Antonio office worked with local groups, such as Healthy Families and The Children's Shelter, to identify families in need of cribs. Josh Duran and Michelle Sherman, caseworkers at the San Antonio office, appreciate the increased collaboration.

"It was great to work with other organizations," Duran said. "Some of the families needed

more assistance and so this opened the door for us to provide additional support."

Last year, the San Antonio office served more than 90 families through the grant. Of those 90 families, more than 50 were single teenage mothers who were caring for an infant and at least two other children. Another 30 families were single mothers over the age of 18 who were caring for at least two children.

For Duran, the project is a success.

"I think the greatest impact was giving each family the reassurance of knowing their infant was sleeping safely," Duran said. "Sleeping with infants in an adult bed can easily cause infant injury or even accidental death."

In addition to advocating for infant safety, the crib project provided an initial contact for Methodist Children's Home staff to identify other needs in the families they served. MCH caseworkers spoke with each of the families and helped connect them to local social services as well as MCH programs. Several families that received cribs are regularly using MCH services, such as parenting classes through the Home's Partnership in Parenting program.

Duran said that although the project was never easy, it was well worth the effort.

"It was a lot of work to get these cribs out to the families," Duran said. "But it is a good way to benefit the community and connect to people who need the services we provide."



Brooke, a member of the Class of 2009, receives her senior ring from Bobby Gilliam (right), MCH president, and Moe Dozier, vice president for residential services. The Home presented rings to seniors during a special service on Oct. 12 in Harrell Memorial Chapel. Seniors will be recognized with other special gifts and awards at the conclusion of the school year. MCH has 37 seniors from the Waco campus and Boys Ranch.

Providing a pathway of opportunity

During his four years at the Boys Ranch, Matt has achieved personal growth through new experiences.

For Matt, life at the Methodist Children’s Home Boys Ranch has provided unique opportunities. From traveling across the country for youth leadership conferences and editing the school yearbook to raising lambs and competing in FFA, Matt has benefited from the unexpected blessings of being at the Ranch the past four years.

Before coming to the Ranch, Matt lived with his grandmother and older sister in a large urban community. Matt was a well-behaved child, but when his family moved to a new neighborhood in his early teens, Matt started hanging out with the wrong crowd and acting out. As a result, his grandmother began to worry that Matt was heading down a negative path, and she wanted to save him from that lifestyle. It was with high hopes that she chose to place Matt at the Boys Ranch.

While the road has not always been easy, Matt is overcoming his past, and he is now a strong leader for other residents at the Ranch. Matt credits his transformation to the love and care he receives from staff, as well as opportunities to participate in new activities through the Ranch program.

“I know that if I were a teenager growing up in the city, I wouldn’t get to do things like raise lambs,” he said.

When he arrived at the Ranch, Matt quickly began working with lambs through the FFA program, and he is enjoying his final year of competition. He believes that caring for and training animals helps youth develop responsibility, confidence and independence.

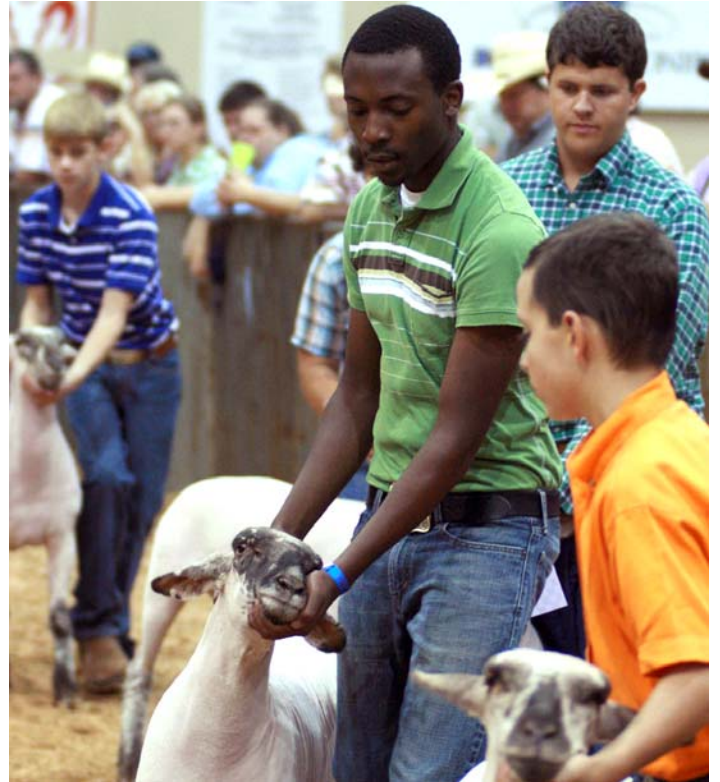
“I think it is a great opportunity for young people to be out in the country raising animals,” Matt said. “When I have kids someday, I want to give them the opportunity to show animals. It has helped me build responsibility and taught me how to care for something beyond myself.”

Focusing on others is something Matt takes very seriously. Regarded as a leader among his peers, he often helps orient new boys to life at the Ranch. In fact, last spring Matt received the Top Hand award from Ranch staff. The award is given to select Boys Ranch youth who exemplify positive leadership.

Two years ago, Matt participated in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Technology in California. He was humbled by the invitation and the financial support he received from Methodist Children’s Home.

“Having the chance to go to the leadership forum really made me feel like I mattered and was truly special,” he said.

Matt also attended Southern Methodist University’s Perkins Youth School of Theology the past two summers. The academic program ignited Matt’s passion for education and prompted him to



Matt leads his lamb into the show pen during the Heart of Texas Livestock Show in October. Matt said working with lambs at the Boys Ranch has taught him how to “care for something beyond myself.”

choose SMU as the college he would like to attend after graduating from high school next May.

Eventually, Matt would like to work in broadcast journalism. His passion for this field began during a journalism class at the Boys Ranch. Then, when Matt learned that the Ranch needed an editor for its yearbook, he stepped up to take on that role. His position as editor enables Matt to strengthen his writing and editing skills, and it confirmed his desire to pursue a journalism career.

Matt is already working toward a successful future in college and in his profession. He is strengthening his public speaking skills as a member of the Home’s Ambassadors, and he is taking dual-credit classes at McLennan Community College in Waco.

Even through all of his personal growth and accomplishments, Matt continues to point beyond himself.

“I know that I have been given great opportunities through my life at the Boys Ranch,” he said. “I am very thankful because it has made me a better person.”

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— Matt, Boys Ranch resident

Crockett youth experience benefits of serving others

In the spirit of giving back, 13 members of the Crockett Youth Services Leadership Club volunteered to serve their community Sept. 6.

Under the direction of James Berry, program coordinator of Crockett Youth Services, youth provided yard maintenance for local residents. Those who participated were Dustin, Carlton, Victor, Coby, Trayvon, Monte, Tony, Damien, Marcus, Corey, Cordale, Jurmond, and Devon.

Crockett youth have also participated in football and basketball camps, enjoyed a fishing trip and traveled to Waco

to meet youth in the Methodist Youth Services program.

“We are excited about the response of youth in the community,” Berry said. “The number of youth served through our program is increasing, with the biggest growth coming in our tutoring program.”

Crockett Youth Services began in February 2008 and currently serves 105 young people. The program, which offers academic support and recreational opportunities, was formed through a partnership with First United Methodist Church of Crockett.



The Crockett Youth Services Leadership Club volunteers to assist local residents with yard maintenance and other projects.



Jennifer earns recognition for academic achievement

Jennifer, a Waco campus resident and student at A. J. Moore Academy, was named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

To be eligible for the award, students must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average and be recommended by a teacher, counselor, coach or other school sponsor. Jennifer was nominated by Ingrid Armstead, school counselor at A. J. Moore.

Jennifer is a member of the Home’s Ambassadors program, served two years on Student Congress and was nominated for Who’s Who Among All-American Scholars.

“Jennifer is doing very well in school and in our program at the Home,” said Heather Franklin, unit manager. “She works hard in everything she does. I am very proud of her growth and success.”

SCHOOL PRIDE

The Methodist Children’s Home staff encourages students to support their schools through participation in extracurricular activities. This fall, several students at the Boys Ranch attended Axtell High School for the first time. Students at the Home’s charter school are competing in athletics for the first time this year. The charter school hosted a pep rally for its flag football team prior to the state playoffs.



Cody, a resident at the Boys Ranch, played defensive tackle for the Axtell High School Longhorns this fall. Ranch residents Porter and Colten also played football for the Longhorns.



Brad, mascot for the MCH Bulldogs, enjoyed a visit with Bobby Gilliam, MCH president, during the pep rally for the charter school flag football team prior to the state playoffs.



MCH cheerleaders support the Bulldogs during the state flag football championship game in Dallas Nov. 15. Pictured, l-r, are Irwin, Mary, Ashley, Kathleen, Larissa and Veronique. Not pictured are Dajour, Alyssa and Bobby.

Commissioners make lasting impression on MCH children

More than 70 Commissioners from Texas and New Mexico gathered at MCH for their annual meeting on Oct. 14-15.

The two-day event gave Commissioners the opportunity to hear student testimonies and program updates, as well as interact with residents.

Rev. Tom Stribling, a minister from Happy, Texas, spoke during the evening service. He challenged his fellow Commissioners to continue working on innovative ways to help MCH.

“We have the ability to make a lasting impression on these

kids,” Stribling said. “We need to take that job seriously.”

Nominated by MCH staff or benefactors, Commissioners serve as liaisons for the Home, as they help raise funds and promote the Home in their churches and communities.

For the past six years, Dr. Ann Weiss, of Katy, Texas, provided faithful leadership for the Commissioners as their chairperson. In October, she passed the role on to another long-time Commissioner, Betty Vilven, of Allen, Texas.

A member of First United Methodist Church of Plano, Vilven has served as a Commissioner the past six years, and she has held offices in United Methodist Women. A former teacher, Vilven has a passion for educating and providing



MCH recognized Dr. Ann Weiss, left, in October for her dedication and commitment to this ministry as Commissioners chairperson. Betty Vilven, right, a longtime supporter of MCH, begins her first year as chairperson.

opportunities for youth.

“When I hear the stories from the Home, I am so proud that the Methodist Church gives these youth a chance to be the persons God intended them to be,” Vilven said. “I feel very honored to be in this position and hope that I can do as good a job as Ann has done.”



Rev. Tom Stribling delivered the message during the Commissioners' service Oct. 14. He and his wife, Debbie, are longtime foster parents through the Home. They are pictured with MCH residents Josh, left, and Matt, who shared their testimonies during the service.

MCH begins work on Boys Ranch activities center

Methodist Children's Home held a groundbreaking ceremony for its Boys Ranch Recreation and Activities Center on Oct. 25.

In addition to the groundbreaking, the program included remarks from Bobby Gilliam, president; Dr. Clifton Howard, Waco District superintendent and Board member; Trey Oakley, vice president for development; Dick Kenyon, vice chair, Board of Directors; Dottie Briggs, Boys Ranch administrator; Colten, Ranch resident; John White, Alumni Association president; and Norm Champagne, Boys Ranch homeparent.

“The generosity of our benefactors is making a long-time dream come true for the youth and staff at the Boys Ranch,” Oakley said. “We are grateful for their financial support of this project, which is above and beyond what they already provide to support the

daily needs of this ministry. We are blessed by their faithful stewardship and love for children.”

The facility will serve as the focal point of daily activity and sport services at the Boys Ranch. The center will provide a location for organized athletic and fitness activities, graduation and other special events. A primary use of the center will be to help the Boys Ranch Mustangs basketball team better prepare for TAPPS competition. This facility will enable the Ranch to eliminate the daily one-hour round trip to practice at the Waco campus.

The activities center will be the third recreational structure added to the Boys Ranch campus since 2000. It will be used in conjunction with the J.S. and Virginia Carver Alpine Tower and the PSH Activities Pavilion to enhance the opportunities of growth for Boys Ranch youth.



Participants in the groundbreaking were, from left, Dottie Briggs, Boys Ranch administrator; Colten, Boys Ranch resident; Dr. Clifton Howard, Waco District superintendent and Board member; Bobby Gilliam, MCH president; Dick Kenyon, Board member; and John White, Alumni Association president.



Architectural drawing of the Recreation and Activities Center.

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Matching gifts provide support for community programs

Contributions to this year's 50/50 matching gift campaign at Methodist Children's Home may be made through Dec. 31.

In August 2007, an anonymous benefactor from Austin provided a pledge to establish a three-year matching gift campaign. The goal of the campaign is to match the benefactor's annual \$35,000 pledge, in essence doubling its impact to \$70,000 each year. MCH met last year's challenge goal which funded services offered through the Home's outreach offices in Texas and New Mexico.

Funds raised through this year's campaign will support community education and recreation programs in Waco and Crockett. The Home started outreach programs to meet the educational needs of at-risk youth after school and during the



summer in these communities. Crockett Youth Services and Methodist Youth Services in Waco are providing tutoring, special-interest classes and recreation programs in a Christian environment for more than 150 youth in the evenings and on weekends.

There is a great need for expansion of these programs, and money raised through the matching gift campaign will help MCH offer hope to more children

and youth in these communities.

Methodist Children's Home reached an important milestone this year by serving 1,000 children and youth daily. The Home is grateful to the benefactors who have partnered with this ministry to ensure that it helps those who can benefit from its program of care.

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