

HEAD FOR HOME



Newsletter—2017—Volume 1

“Unto the least of these...”

*Will you join
us to pray?*



Did you know
there are 3 million
confirmed cases of
child abuse in our
nation annually?

Did you know you
can make a
difference? It
starts by praying.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



110 Collins Home Drive
Seneca, SC 29672
864-882-0893

April 18, 2017
Collins Children's Home
8:00 AM
"Prayer at the Flagpole"

PRAY for South Carolina's abandoned, abused and neglected children

PRAY for Collins Children's Home and other children's homes in our area

PRAY for foster parents and our state's foster agencies

PRAY for over-worked and under-staffed DSS caseworkers

PRAY for GALs, who volunteer their time & talents to protect children from harm

*PRAY for children to hear and believe God's message that He loves them just as they
are, where they are and that He has a plan for their lives.*

● Coffee & donuts will be served ● Tours available at 9:00AM

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Seneca, SC 29679

"Within a community of Christian values, Collins Children's Home cares for children and supports families in an atmosphere that instills feelings of acceptance, safety, permanence, dignity and joy while teaching important life skills and a work ethic that will enable them to be productive members of society."

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Alena Pelfrey

Where no counsel is,
the people fall; but in
the multitude of
counselors there is
safety.
Proverbs 11:14

From the Director | Alena Pelfrey

Farewell...Welcome...

Please join me in thanking & wishing a fond & grateful farewell to outgoing Board Member; Tammy Swinney.

Tammy has served as an outstanding Board Member for the past three years. Her energy and devotion will be impossible to match but she leaves Collins Home a better organization. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavours and look forward to her ongoing involvement with CCH.

Although we are saddened to lose such a wonderful board member, we are thankful to welcome two new members, Roger Kearnen and Linda Shelton.

Roger is a retired Pilot with Delta Airlines. He has been described as an outstanding individual with a good business head and great experience. Solid decision making capabilities with a good personality.

Linda is a retired healthcare consultant and has been involved with Collins Home for a number of years. She and her husband tutor children at CCH. Linda also bakes the best tasting, cutest personalized birthday cakes for our children. She has been described as a very intelligent, hard-working and caring person.

Board members serve a vital role; they serve without compensation and contribute a wealth of time, talent and resources. Knowing their decisions affect the care of needy children and families, it's not a volunteer role they take lightly.



Upcoming Events...

- April 1, 2017—B.K.'s Birthday Bash at Bounty Land Baptist Church from 2-4 PM
- April 4, 2017—"Wear Blue" Day. April is Child Abuse Prevention. By wearing blue, you can show your commitment to preventing child abuse and supporting strong families and healthy children in all of South Carolina. Take a selfie or a group work, church, etc. pic and post it to our CCH Facebook page using #blue4collinskids
- April 18, 2017—Prayer at the Flagpole at Collins Children's Home at 8 AM
- May 19, 2017—15th Annual Stencil Cooley Estep & Stamey Golf Tournament at Cross Creek Plantation in Seneca. Lunch/Registration at 12 PM / Shotgun start at 1 PM / Dinner & Awards immediately following play

We are so stinking excited!!!!



to be selected as one of the Blue Ridge Fest charity recipients for 2017!

As a charity reliant on community support to provide a safe loving Christian home for children, it was awesome to learn we will be one of the charities to benefit from the 2017 [Blue Ridge Fest to be held Friday, April 28, 2017](#) at 734 West Main Street, Pickens, SC 29671

One of the ways the Fest raises money for selected charities is by having their [Blue Ridge Fest Raffle](#)

Raffle Prizes

1st Prize: \$10,000
2nd Prize: \$5,000
3rd Prize: \$2,000

The cost for tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.

One ticket gives you 3 chances!

Swing by Collins Children's Home to purchase your raffle tickets today!

Happenings in the Homes | Tina Justice

Life at Collins Children's Home is never dull. Between school, church, family time and the anecdotes of the children, living life together is such a blessing. The following are just a few of the things happening around the campus:

- On November 22nd, we held our Annual Collins Home Thanksgiving Celebration with staff, children, volunteers, families and guests. This year, our children showcased their talent by performing a song they learned over the summer at Vacation Bible School. Considering the 6 new kids, welcomed in October, didn't have a lot of time to learn the song & routine, they did pretty good. Everyone had a chance to write on a leaf sticky note something "they are thankful for" and place it on our "Tree of Thanksgiving." Our children gave thanks to God, their families, houseparents and all the other people involved in their lives.
- On December 4th, our staff and children continued the annual tradition of attending the Christmas service at First Baptist of Pendleton. Afterwards, a delicious lunch was served. Followed by Lydia Group members ensuring a candy cane was given to each child and The Legend of the Candy Cane was read to them. Then they all received a goody bag filled with candy and a monetary gift. You may wonder why the church gives money to our children. They are aware that each child already has a "Secret Santa" sponsor to provide them with Christmas presents. However, our children can't afford to purchase presents for a family member or a friend. This gift helps the children do their Christmas shopping.
- On December 10th, our kids had an "All In" Clemson blast as they attended the Rally at The Rim at New Springs Church & Littlejohn Coliseum. We are thankful for all the opportunities to not only have fun, but to learn great life lessons about building character, love and hope. To quote Dabo, "If you've got hope, that gives you power in the present."
- On December 10th, our very awesome friend, Dee Helvik took some children to see "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and then on the 17th she coordinated with other Cosmopolitan Woman's Club members to decorate gingerbread cookies with the kids; this is an annual tradition the children look forward to each year.
- On December 11th, our wonderful friends at the Light House treated the staff and children to a splendid Christmas Dinner and even arranged for Santa Claus to be on hand for the children to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. It's amazing to see how shy some kids get with Santa, while others can rattle off a wish list a mile long.
- On December 25th, we celebrated the birth of Christ and with help from our friends and 'Secret Santas', we provided a wonderful Christmas for 20 children and B.K.
- The girls' home attended a Valentine 'tea party' complete with fancy hats hosted by the Rivers of Justice and the ladies of Clemson Presbyterian Church.



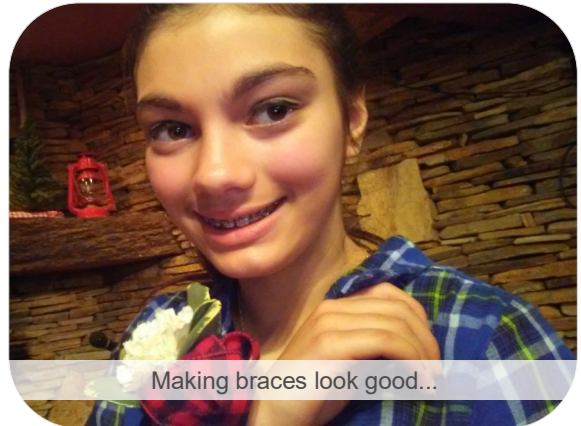
- Our staff and older residents were invited to attend the viewing of "Caged No More" presented by Rivers of Justice at Anderson University. This is a movie warning about the dangers of sex trafficking. After the movie, they had a speaker that works with victims in Atlanta. She shared the dangers of being lured by someone on the internet, "friends" at school and those that fall into this by running away from home. She reported that after years of being forced into this industry how hard it is for girls to get out.
- The Butterfly Ministry helped us welcome in our sweet little 6-year old with her very own American Girl Doll and Bible. What a blessing it was to see this sweet little face reunited with her two sisters at Collins Home.

What a Difference You've Made | Thank you!

Over the last four months, we've have a number of groups come to our campus to help with our ongoing yardwork needs. Thank you all so much, your servants 'hearts' bless us far more than we can put into words.

And special thanks...

- To a generous donor and Dr. McInnis for providing braces and orthodontic care for one of our young ladies.
- Earle's Grove Youth for providing lunch for the entire campus and for doing much-needed lawn care.
- Kaitlyn Keeler for giving each of our children a Thirty-One sling bag with treats included.
- Mary Boswell for making and dropping off the cutest little lady bug tic-tac-toe games and candy...the kids had the best time playing with them.
- Lydia Group for hosting your annual Valentine Spaghetti Dinner for House Parents and children at Collins Home...there were lots of happy tummies!
- Chickasaw Pointe Women's Club for the opportunity to speak to your club and for putting together Valentine's bags for each of our kids...they loved their personalized card, candy treat and snuggly stuffed animal.
- Sandvik for the awesome tickets to the Columbia Zoo...the kids are very excited about going this Spring.
- Utica Baptist Church for supporting Collins Home through your mission ministry...the boys' room comforters, the yardwork and prayers.
- Clemson Presbyterian Church for giving our Director, Alena Pelfrey the opportunity to speak during your Sunday morning service...AND for the 600+ of canned food items.



Making braces look good...



Good food makes for happy tummies...

An answered prayer...



The boys' home is so happy with their new van...

Our Boys' Home will be riding around town in comfort and style, thanks to generous donations from the John Ben Snow Foundation, Seneca Rotary Club, All-In Foundation and our late Solicitor, Chrissy Adams....and a great deal from Edwards Auto Sales.

Knowing both mini vans in the boys' and girls' homes would eventually need to be replaced, we've been saving and working on grant requests with the hope of replacing them at the same time. However, when the 'blue' van at the boys' home had to go to the shop AGAIN, we knew it was truly on its last leg. When Eddie Adams showed up with a check his late wife, Chrissy asked him to deliver, a prayer was answered.

Memorials & Honorariums |

10/15/16—02/15/17

Memorial Gifts —*Thank you for celebrating a memory...*

William C. Acton, MD

Mr. & Mrs. James Acton

Mr. & Mrs. Lew Beck

Ms. Karen Dobson

Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Durham

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The Terry Gilstrap Family

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Ron & Irene Hinson

John & Sylvia Petes

The Harle Family

Mr. & Mrs. Danny Moore

Tom & Cathy Holmes

Mr. & Mrs. Ken Glasgow

The Ihlenfeldt Family

Mr. & Mrs. Danny Moore

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Juel

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Brown

Ms. Margaret King

Mr. & Mrs. James Acton

Ms. Shannon Lee

Ms. Eva McLeod

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The Salzar Family

Mr. & Mrs. Danny Moore

Mr. & Mrs. Don Sawyer

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Brown

Ms. Diane Schmidt

Ms. Susan Sayrs

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Sherman

Mr. & Mrs. Byron Yancey

Ms. Judy Simpson

Bob & Barbara Head

Honorarium Gifts — *and for honoring a friend, family or associate*

Mrs. Chrissy Adams

Hon. & Mrs. Tim Cain

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jackson

Mr. & Mrs. James W. Penn, Jr.

Ms. Susan Stamey

Stancil Cooley Estep & Stamey

Mr. Earle Ambrose

Mrs. Betty Ambrose

Reverend Jeff Bost

Barbara & Betty Young

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Mr. Charles Edward Lee

Coyann Gray Lee

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Dr. Gordon L. Eckert

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City of Seneca

Janice & David Comer

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Ford Motor Company

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Mrs. Susan Macaulay Smith

Mr. & Mrs. George Hannah

Mr. & Mrs. Duane Thompson

Mr. Ray Stamm

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Albrecht

You can honor someone special by designating a gift in their honor or memory.

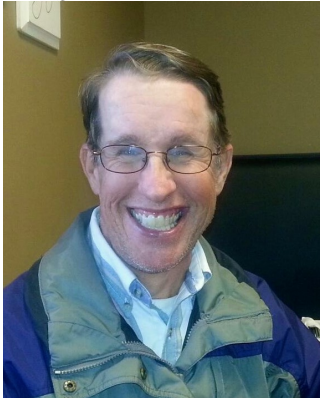
Honor a birthday or holiday! We'll send a letter or card to the person you tell us to contact to let them know how thoughtful you have been.

The person will also be honored in our next newsletter. The amount of the gift will be kept confidential.

For information on how you can support Collins Home through our Memorial—Honorarium program, give us a call at 864-882-0893.



B.K.'s "50th" Birthday Bash



Please join us to celebrate
Brian Keith (B.K.) Seabolt's
50th birthday

**April 1, 2017
2—4 PM**

**Bounty Land Baptist Church
Recreation Building**

*Give Tina a call if you can help with
decorations, finger foods, cokes, etc.
864-882-0893*

Collins Children's Home: "Transforming lives of children for better tomorrows"

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facebook 

We have 2 Facebook opportunities for you to like and share:

- Collins Children's Home—Est. 1980
- Collins Children's Home—Thrift Store

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