

# 2017 BCCF Annual Report



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**Alabama:**

**Alabama Baptist Children's Homes & Family Ministries**

**Rod Marshall, President/CEO (since 2012)**

1. Opened a new Family Care Home in Mobile. Dedicated it on October 1 and had 50 applications by November 1.
2. Began a foster care ministry in Auburn, Alabama.
3. Goals were exceeded in church giving and Giving Tuesday (we raised \$329,298 on Giving Tuesday)
4. 22 professional of faith.
5. 34 adoptions and 85 reunifications.
6. We hosted our largest ever Camp of Champions with 83 campers.
7. Saw 31% growth in total children in care and 12% growth in foster care and 7% growth in counseling services.

**Alaska:**

**Birchwood Behavioral Health**

**David Banks, Executive Director (2017)**

1. We celebrate our 70th year in existence this year: established as an orphanage in 1948, adapted with the times to clinically treat traumatized youth.
2. Invited an Alaska Native pastor to serve on our Board of Directors. We serve a large percentage of Alaska Natives and are seeking to have our Board better reflect our clientele.
3. Renewed our accreditation with CARF.
4. Hired a new Executive Director who had a twenty year history with Alaska Baptist Family Services and Birchwood Behavioral Health.
5. Began exploration of outpatient services in the public schools.

**Arizona:**

**Arizona Baptist Children's Services**

**Steve Hanna, CEO (since 2009)**

1. Our New Life Pregnancy Center Ministry was blessed with three ultrasound donations in 2017. In Phoenix, a partnering obstetrician donated a new portable unit for our mobile ultrasound van that serves four centers. Our Wickenburg center received a used machine from the local hospital, and our Yuma center received a new machine from Life Options in Washington State.
2. We distributed over 16,000 Arms of Love Foster Care bookmarks to VBS camps at churches across Arizona. The bookmarks included profiles of five youth in the foster care

system waiting for adoption, and raised awareness for churches to be praying for children in foster care. By the summer's end, plans were in place for all five youth to transition to forever families.

3. Caring Ministries, one of our Community Resource Center hubs in Tucson, received several grants to install a new \$36,000 walk-in freezer to increase their storage capacity. Caring Ministries continues to be the largest faith-based agency partner of the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, rescuing and redistributing 4.8 million pounds of food in 2017 through ABCS Resource Centers and partnering churches.
4. The Diaper Banks in Southern Arizona and Central Arizona donated close to 370,000 diapers combined to ABCS in 2017. Their partnership has been a tremendous blessing, providing resources for clients throughout our pregnancy center, resource center, and transitional program ministries.

#### **Arkansas:**

### **Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes and Family Ministries**

#### **David W. Perry, Executive Director (since 1995)**

1. At the request of the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services, created Connected Foster Care Placement Ministry in Sebastian County. A county with more than 700 foster children, but less than 100 foster homes.
2. Opened the Springdale Family Care Home, our third such facility in four years.
3. Transitioned three Emergency Receiving Homes into Long Term Care Facilities.
4. Added Independent Living and Transitional Care licenses at our Arkansas Baptist Boys Ranch.
5. Executive Director David Perry announced his retirement date to be on, or between, December 31, 2018 and April 1, 2019

#### **Florida:**

### **Florida Baptist Children's Homes**

#### **Jerry T. Haag, Ph.D., CFP®, President (since 2007, 2012)**

1. Florida Baptist Children's Homes combined the **branding** of The Porch Light and Orphan's Heart, along with all of our non-campus care, under a new brand name that signifies what our primary focus has been for more than 100 years: One More Child. We will represent all of our services for children under Florida Baptist Children's Homes and One More Child. While we have a new look, new colors and an exciting new brand, we still have the same mission: to provide Christ-centered services to children and families in need.

2. Last year, Florida Baptist Children's Homes and One More Child impacted **200,524 children and individuals** in the loving and life-changing name of Christ! We were able to provide more than **5.5 million meals** to children and individuals in need. Locally, we are welcoming hope into the lives of children and individuals at **25 ministry sites** in **19 cities** around the state of Florida. Globally, the needs of children and individuals are being met in **13 countries**.

3. More than **1,500 volunteers** gave a total of **94,908 hours** of their time - the equivalent of 45 full-time employees! Also, God's people generously gave more than just their time as we received more than **240,000 donations of household items**. Also, because of amazing churches, businesses and other partnerships, we collected **667,332 diapers** during our 2017 annual diaper drive! These diapers will be used by foster families as they care for children, as well as children in need in the Malnutrition Center in Guatemala.

4. More than **30,000 days of residential care** and more than **7,000 days of childcare in our emergency shelters** were provided through our campus care ministries. Also, **1,270 children** were placed in loving **foster homes** as more than **150,000 days of childcare** were provided within Christian families.

5. More than **3,400 individuals** were impacted through advocacy, training and awareness through our Sanctity of Human Life program.

6. We provided **1,329 days of care** to victims of child sex trafficking in our safe home. Last year, One More Child's Anti-trafficking ministry broadened its reach by partnering with Voices for Florida and Open Doors Outreach Network to serve as a provider to deliver additional on-the-ground support to sex trafficking victims and survivors in Brevard, Orange, Osceola and Polk counties.

7. Last year, we met the needs of single moms and their children by providing **68 single mothers and their children** places to live, spiritual nourishment, mentors and other resources. A total of **11,230 days of childcare** were provided to single moms to help each one get on paths to self-sufficiency.

8. Through our global impact, we served **112,508 children and families**. With the help of **983 participants**, we met the basic needs of children and families in locations around the world. In places like El Carrizal, Dominican Republic, **80 homes** have been fully constructed and children and families are thriving! In Uganda, we celebrated the completion of the community dining hall on the campus of Genesis Primary School. Also, thanks to individual and group sponsorships, a total of **7,952 children** are now sponsored!

**Georgia:**

**Georgia Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries, Inc.  
Kenneth Thompson, President/CEO (since 2016)**

1. Continued partnership with Dunwoody Baptist church for mission trip to Jamaica training workers in orphanage
2. Entered into second year of implementing the Sanctuary Model of Care
3. Expanded Family Care Program
4. Developed new agency strategic directions plan for 2017 - 2020
5. Began planning for expansion of ministries to victims of sex trafficking
6. Began plans to expand development efforts and communications department
7. Expanded Matthew's Time weekend respite for youth with developmental disabilities

**Illinois:**

**Baptist Children's Home and Family Services  
Dennis (Denny) Hydrick (since 2016)**

1. New CEO/Executive Director as of January 16, 2017
2. Completion of 99 years of ministry – preparation for Centennial Celebration
3. Ended Safe Families affiliation & program
4. Significant technological infrastructure & data security issues addressed
5. Formation of an internal study group to self-evaluate residential program

**Kentucky:**

**Sunrise Children's Services**

**Dale Suttles, Chief Executive Officer (since 2013)**

1. Celebrated 57 adoptions this year bringing our total to 392 since 2010.
2. Provided 146,284 days of care during the year.
3. Invited to collaborate with the Commonwealth of Kentucky on revamping Foster Care.
4. Sold historical Glen Dale Children's Home property near Glendale, KY.
5. Began doing private Adoption Home Studies through our Foster Care Department.

**Louisiana:**

**Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries**

**Dr. Perry Hancock, President (since 2003)**

1. Completed final phase of 3 years cottage renovation project. The interiors of all child and family residential facilities were remodeled.
2. Established a new Granberry Counseling Center. The new center is located at the District Eight Missions office in Natchitoches.
3. Began construction of a child residential facility in Haiti. The facility will open in late 2018. Four cottages and a school will be located on the property.
4. Completed construction of a new family care apartment complex. The facility provides extended care for 4 families in the HomePlace ministry.

**Mississippi:**

**The Baptist Children's Village**

**Sean Milner, Executive Director (since 2016)**

1. On May 12, 2017, we celebrated 120 years of service to children and families in Mississippi.
2. Hired a full time Director of Human Resources. The primary duties of the DHR will include visiting with and ministering to house parents as well as recruiting new house parents by sharing the vision of the ministry with the people in Baptist churches and other mission minded persons throughout the state of Mississippi and beyond.
3. Our Deanash campus celebrated 35 years of service to children and families in Mississippi.
4. We continue to lead the state of Mississippi in faith-based houseparent training by co-hosting the annual Houseparent Training/Retreat with the newly formed Faith Based Coalition
5. Completed our first year under our new Executive Director and we are still here. Whew!

**Missouri:**

**Missouri Baptist Children's Home**

**Russell Martin, MBCH Children and Family Ministries,  
President (since 2014)**

1. Acquired The Branches at Brookline, a facility for developmentally disabled adults.

2. Explored partnership with the Baptist Union of Ukraine and with New Hope Ukraine. Hosted program staff from New Hope Ukraine in April and sent a team to Ukraine in September for further discussions on partnership possibilities.
3. Conducted a mission audit to ensure our policies, practices, and protocols are in conformity with our Christian faith-based mission.
4. Formed a church engagement task force to explore how we might better support the churches to respond to the needs of children, youth, and families in their communities.
5. Began promoting training in local churches on how to recognize and respond to the issues of child abuse and neglect.
6. Developed partnership with an association to open a shelter for female victims of human trafficking.

#### **New Mexico:**

### **New Mexico Baptist Children's Home**

#### **Randy Rankin, Executive Director (since 2011)**

1. Began partnership with State WMU to develop Christian Women's and Christian Men Job Corp sites. To date have five sites supported by NMBCH Site Coordinator in four different locations and seven additional sites up and running and throughout the state that were trained and certified through our program staff.
2. Began remodel of property in Estancia NM to open satellite child care facility. In January this year (2018) property was destroyed by fire. We were 85% complete on the project at the time.
3. In rebuilding process at the Estancia property.
4. We were given property in Southeastern part of State near Alamogordo, NM to open another satellite campus. Property had been an operating facility for many years. Will take little resources to begin operation, other than program planning and staffing.
5. Open additional counseling office in Clovis, NM.

North Carolina:

## **Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina, Inc.**

### **Dr. Michael C. Blackwell, President (since 1983)**

1. **Children's Numbers Scale New Heights in 2017** // The needs of North Carolina children remained great this past year as Baptist Children's Homes' (BCH) statewide cottage homes stayed full or near capacity. Children are now living at BCH for longer periods of time in a trend that has shifted from 2016. A rise in abuse and neglect, often due to the nation's growing opioid crisis, has resulted in children remaining longer in the safe, stable setting BCH offers. One measurement the nonprofit uses to analyze the need is called "days of care." A day of care is counted every time a child is safely tucked in bed at night. In 2017, that number reached a staggering 125,889 days. Also, BCH cared for 151 sibling groups. The ministry is one of the few providers in North Carolina with the ability to keep brothers and sisters together.
2. **President Celebrates Milestones** // Michael C. Blackwell celebrated multiple accomplishments in 2016. Blackwell was conferred the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC during its summer commencement ceremony on August 5 and presented the message to the graduates in attendance. On December 15, he was also awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Mars Hill University in Mars Hill, NC. Both universities lauded his achievements and his transformational leadership at BCH. In addition, Blackwell was named one of the Triad's most admired CEOs by The Triad Business Journal. Trustees approved the Emergency Care Cottage at Broyhill Home to be named the Michael C. and Catherine Kanipe Blackwell Cottage. On August 12, Blackwell and his wife, Catherine, celebrated 50 years of marriage. And in 2018, he will mark 35 years as BCH president/CEO, a position held longer than any BCH executive leader.
3. **First-year Ministry Reaches Thousands** // Greater Vision Outreach Ministry has quickly impacted the lives of community families throughout the state. In its first year, Greater Vision reached 9,393 individuals across North Carolina. The ministry's purpose is to strengthen working families, who struggle with poverty, by meeting their essential physical and spiritual needs. Greater Vision works in partnership with other organizations to provide food, resources, education, referral and preventive services. The ministry is made possible by BCH supporters Bob and Carolyn Tucker of Concord, NC, whose seed donation is funding the construction of Greater Vision's statewide headquarters in Thomasville. The building will be complete in mid-2018.
4. **Odum Home Celebrates 75 Years** // Odum Home in Pembroke, NC, BCH's third-oldest location, reached its milestone 75th anniversary. Community leaders, staff members, friends, and current and former residents came together on October 28, 2017 to celebrate the occasion. The day began at Berea Baptist Church adjacent to the Odum Home campus. Approximately 400 guests attended the service that included a time of worship, award presentations, personal reflections, and preaching. The day concluded with a free community event at Odum Home. Lunch was served, and the children enjoyed inflatable games.



5. **Orphanage Experiences Growth as Needs Rise** // Guatemala children continue to find refuge at the Good Shepherd Children's Home. The orphanage in Quetzaltenango consistently rescues boys and girls who are victims of the culture's impoverished environment leaving boys and girls abandoned and/or parentless. Opportunities are being explored with Christian churches in the region to provide long-term homes for many of the children. Some of the older children have received scholarships to a Christian school in the area to further disciple them while providing the best possible education. An additional cottage, through a matching gift donation from supporters Jay and Scarlett Westmoreland, is being built to serve more children.
6. **NCBAM's Influence Recognized** // North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) received both regional and international attention in 2017. The ministry received the 2017 Outstanding Community Service Award for North Carolina from the Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging. This award recognizes an agency that has made positive contributions in the lives of older people. In June, NCBAM's director, Dr. Sandy Gregory spoke at the 7th International Conference on Aging and Spirituality in Chicago. NCBAM also added new titles to the workshops it offers to churches and senior centers--now offering more than 40 enrichment workshops that address issues relevant to aging adults.
7. **Hurricane Recovery Continues** // Kennedy Home in Kinston is still undergoing renovations due to damage from Hurricane Matthew on October 8, 2016. More than 6,000 volunteers, some coming multiple times, have assisted with recovery at the campus since the storm. Kennedy Home is still needing skilled volunteers as well as donations to help with remodeling in children's cottages, tree removal, electrical work and shelving for the food locker.

#### **Oklahoma:**

### **Oklahoma Baptist Home for Children**

#### **Greg McNeece, President (since 2016)**

1. New leadership was put into place with the hiring of a vice-president of development, communications director, executive secretary, and administrator on the girls home campus.
2. The pregnancy center work continues to serve many. In 2017, over 8,200 clients were served.
3. The expansion of Children's Hope created the opportunity to serve single-mother families in the Tulsa metropolitan area.
4. A prayer garden was constructed and dedicated on the Owasso campus.

5. Funding was completed and construction began for a new 13,000 square foot double cottage on the girls home campus in Madill.
6. Three additional duplexes were built on the transitional living component of Boys Ranch Town.
7. The Foster care arm of OBHC referred a record number of families to be certified as foster parents.

#### **South Carolina:**

### **Connie Maxwell Children's Home**

#### **Dr. William Nicholson, President (2017)**

1. Connie Maxwell Children's Home celebrated 125 years of service to the children and families of South Carolina.
2. The 10<sup>th</sup> President of Connie Maxwell Children's Home was appointed in Aug. 2017.
3. Connie Maxwell Children's Home Foster Care Program received a \$350,000 grant from the Duke Endowment to implement an evidenced based model for foster parents to work with children who have experienced trauma called ARC/Reflections.
4. Rev. Doug Kauffman was named Pastor Emeritus of Connie Maxwell Baptist Church.
5. Julie Miner was hired as the new Director of Marketing & Communications.
6. Connie Maxwell Baptist Church hired its first Minister of Students.

#### **Tennessee:**

### **Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc.**

#### **Greg McCoy, President (2016)**

1. A new strategic plan was adopted by the Board of Trustees in December. As a part of this plan the following is projected:
  - a. Streamline residential care to 3 regional campuses
  - b. Increase foster care by tripling the number of children by 2020
  - c. Launch a Family Support Services initiative on June 1, 2018
2. TBCH received our largest Estate gift ever of 1.6 million dollars by a long-time faithful giver.
3. TBCH received our largest gift ever by a living donor of 1 million dollars.
4. TBCH celebrated the tenures of 3 30-year employees.

5. 20 TBCH children were adopted into their forever homes.

**Texas:**

**Buckner Children and Family Services, Inc.**

**Dr. Albert Reyes, President/CEO (since 2007)**

1. Successfully began the NextStep ministry in Dallas. NextStep is a supervised, independent living program that provides young adults transitioning out of foster care with the support they need to meet their educational, career and independent living goals to achieve self-sufficiency.
2. Entered into a collaboration with Star of Hope and New Hope housing to provide new Buckner Family Hope Center and Buckner Family Pathways ministries in Houston.
3. The Buckner Kenya NGO provided more than 100 children with permanency plans through adoption or kinship care.
4. Cared for a record number of children – 1,101 -- through domestic Buckner Foster Care, facilitating 153 adoptions.
5. Transformed the lives of more than 32,000 people in Texas through Buckner Children and Family Services, and served more than 337,000 total in Texas and through NGOs in Kenya, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras and Peru.
6. Began our 26<sup>th</sup> Buckner Family Hope Center in the seven countries we serve; the Buckner Family Hope Center at Bachman Lake (Dallas).
7. Implemented a systemic Strategic Plan for Buckner International and its subsidiaries.

*\*For purposes of understanding within the Baptist Coalition for Children and Families, all references are for Buckner Children and Family Services and non-retirement ministries and services.*

**Children At Heart Ministries**

**Todd L. Roberson, President/CEO (since 2011)**

1. Don Forrester retired as the Vice President for Programs and Services at Children At Heart Ministries after two significant stints of serving children and families through the Children At Heart family of ministries. Don was the President of Gracewood, Miracle Farm, STARRY, and Texas Baptist Children's Home at the time of his retirement. In retirement, Don has taken on the "part-time" role of Executive Director of CORE (the Coalition Of Residential Excellence) in Washington, D.C.

2. The Gracewood Board of Trustees named Jenny Rice as the new Executive Director.

3. Texas Baptist Children's Home implemented the Benevon model for sustainable funding throughout 2017 with raving success and reviews. The model brought over 680 community partners through mission specific, one hour, Heart of the Home tours and was capped off by a terrific, culminating ask event raising five year funding pledges.

4. Hurricane Harvey impacted the Houston area in so many ways it is hard to innumerate. Gracewood was blessed and spared any significant damage; yet we had staff, trustees, and donors who lost everything. Hurricane Harvey still wreaks havoc and damage on much of the greater Harris County area as its ripple effects continue to be felt in many significant ways.

5. Through attrition, Children At Heart Ministries eliminated two Vice President roles and redirected responsibilities among existing staff with the goal of streamlining our organizational structure.

6. Gracewood in Houston wrapped up the commitment phase for The Next Step capital campaign which raised 8.4 million dollars to double their service capacity in the Houston area. The Next Step campaign will build eight sets of duplexes, a community center and administration building, as well as, a volunteer center which will complete the buildout of the Elmview campus. At year end, infrastructure had been built out for the expansion, and the volunteer center was almost complete.

7. At year end, each Executive Director of Gracewood, Miracle Farm, STARRY, and Texas Baptist Children's Home became President of their respective ministry under new Bylaws adopted by each organization allowing this significant change. This new structure has enabled each Board to have a direct role and relationship with their respective President and has brought about much greater collaboration and accountability between the President and their Board of Trustees.

## **South Texas Children's Home Ministries**

### **Eron Green, President/CEO (since 2012)**

1. Expanding number and type of conferences provided including Marriage, Family and iCare conferences.
2. Continued the remodeling projects on the Homes for Children and Homes for Families campuses to allow us to serve more children and families and provide a better model of care. Plans are in process to move Homes for Families Phase III off campus.
3. Increased family counseling ministry to 19 locations and each ministry program has a counseling presence to better serve the program participants.

4. Jobs for Life and Faith and Finances programs continue to grow; we have multiple satellite sites and three hub sites. We had our first co-ed Jobs for Life class in 2017.
5. We continue to add new locations to our International program in the Dominican Republic as well as growing our Samuels Fund sponsor program and have added a College sponsorship program for Dominican students. We continue to add partners both from Dominican foundations/corporations as well as new ministry/program partners. We are entertaining offers to serve in Costa Rica and Peru.

**Virginia:**

**HopeTree Family Services** (DBA - Virginia Baptist Children's Home and Family Services)

**Dr. Stephen W. Richerson, President/Executive Director**  
**(since 2002)**

1. Opened 6<sup>th</sup> DDM group home in Greater Richmond – bringing total to 20
2. Began transition of both children's residential facilities licensure from Department of Social Services to the Department of Behavioral Health.
3. Decided to sell two campus locations and put them on the market. Glory Road facility (former girls' campus) and Camp HopeTree (former summer camp for ID individuals)
4. Consolidated all programs under one VP for Programs position, elevating Johnnie Nash from VP for Children's Programs. He now oversees DDM also.
5. Began expansion of Foster Care from 3 to 4 offices.
6. HopeTree Foster Care has become the largest TFC provider in the Richmond area.