



Arms of Hope™

# Reaching Generations



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## Letter from the President and CEO

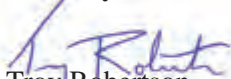


Dear Friends,

Three very normal but deeply meaningful thoughts help guide my days: past, present, future. Maybe a fourth would be, “Did my children really just say that?!” If you’re like me, you can’t help but think of memories from the past. God is so good with memories. He uses the bad memories as gentle reminders/lessons in wisdom of praising Him even during storms when turning to our Father in times of need. The good memories flood in with vibrant colors and details.


This year, Arms of Hope celebrated the beautiful past and amazing 100 year history of the Boles Campus, which is a place that has made eternal differences and has given opportunities for abundant life to thousands of children and single mothers. We also praise God for our present blessings. Arms of Hope is a ministry where God is in charge through a dedicated and servant-led Board of Directors, over one hundred full-time employees, 1,000 volunteers serving every year, and an incredibly passionate donor base. A ministry that presently serves 250 children and single mothers every day on our three campuses and more than two thousand in desperate need at our Family Outreach Centers. As always, this publication presents our most current annual report. Please take a close look. It truly is phenomenal how our residents receive spiritual and educational opportunities that you’ve provided for them through Arms of Hope. Our God is also a God of excitement for the future! With the addition of our new location in Bastrop, Arms of Hope will be blessed to share the gospel of Jesus to even more families who we are so honored to serve. When you add God’s vision with the generosity of his people, the possibilities are truly endless. Thank you so much for being part of our past, present, and future. Your prayers are coveted, your giving is never taken for granted, and your return on investment at Arms of Hope is high. May God bless you and your family! “Our God is able to do exceedingly above all we ask or think.” Ephesians 3:20

Sincerely,

  
Troy Robertson  
President & CEO

Arms of Hope is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit Christian organization that was formed by the consolidation of Medina Children’s Home (est. 1958) and Boles Children’s Home (est. 1924). In addition to Arms of Hope’s residential facilities, Family Outreach Centers in San Antonio, Dallas, Denton, and Houston assist individuals and families in need throughout Texas. Arms of Hope offers residential and outreach programs for children and single-mother families who are fleeing poverty, homelessness, abuse, neglect and human trafficking.



  
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## How can you help?

**General Donations** - All general donations support the programs of care provided by Arms of Hope and can be one time gifts or can be scheduled to automatically recur monthly, quarterly or annually.

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**Honors & Memorials** - Donations can be contributed as a memorial or to honor a friend or relative. The donor and the recipient or family will receive an acknowledgement.

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**Gift-In-Kind Donations** - Your gifts of gently used clothing and household items are either used in our programs or sold, dependent on current needs. Proceeds from the sale of donated items help fund Arms of Hope programs. To schedule a pick-up or identify drop-off locations, please visit [RecycleForChildren.org](http://RecycleForChildren.org).

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**Stock/Equity Gifts** - Make a gift of stocks or equities and learn how you can gain even greater tax advantages with these gifts.

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**Matching Gifts** - Ask your employer to determine if matching funds are available. This is a great way to make your gift go even further with no additional personal cost.

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**Planned Giving** - Discover new ways to make a gift that also takes into consideration your personal circumstances and the needs of your heirs including Wills, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Lead Trusts, etc. Explore the value of charitable gifts that require a little thought, but pay off in big benefits to you, your family and Arms of Hope.

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**Scholarships** - Many of the children and single-mother families we care for have the desire, ability and need to further their education. You can help Arms of Hope make certain no one in Arms of Hope's care is ever deprived of quality education by providing funding for scholarships for our residents.

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**Sponsor a Child or Family in Our Care** - Sponsorships may include Christmas gifts, a birthday surprise or simply taking care of essential needs like clothing, food, school supplies and household items. Arms of Hope children and families benefit immensely when you show you care by financially supporting the procurement of essential items. Sponsorship programs are available for all giving levels.

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**Livestock Donations** - Livestock may be processed for food or converted to cash.

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**Vehicle Gifts** - Donate a running vehicle that is in good condition. We can use everything from cars and minivans for the transportation of the children and families in our care to trucks and trailers for use in the maintenance and upkeep of our facilities and operations.

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**Wish List** - Check out our wish list at [ArmsofHope.org](http://ArmsofHope.org) for gift ideas based on our current needs including food, personal care items, household furnishings and other essential items necessary for providing for the children and families we serve.



# *Boles Campus 100 Year Celebration*



In stark contrast to what is pictured as a cold and barren groundbreaking ceremony with Mr. and Mrs. Boles in 1924, November 16, 2024, was bright, sunny, and beautiful. Arms of Hope – Boles Campus spent the day celebrating God's providence over the place that has served the "least of these" for one hundred years. The event was attended by over 300 people, including past and present residents, board members, staff, and local politicians attending to express support for the good work

done through the years. A new memory room, created in the administration building at the front of campus, was quickly packed by the former residents thumbing through pictures and laughing with the memory of bygone days. The time of fellowship was followed by lunch and a ceremony at the Chapel of Hope. Graham Sweeney, Master of Ceremonies and a long-time supporter and former superintendent of Boles ISD, welcomed the crowd and introduced the speakers. Troy Robert-

son, Arms of Hope CEO, discussed how Arms of Hope – Boles Campus currently serves those in need. Joel Derrough, Executive Director – Boles Campus, discussed the history of Boles Home. Randa Upp, current Arms of Hope Board Member, shared a memory of her father, Randy Nicholson, who lived at Boles Home as a child. There was a special acknowledgment by Jill Dutton, Texas House Representative, who presented a flag flown over the Capitol building in Austin and shared





*“See what God hath wrought through the instrumentality of Christians and friends of the Home. Surely our dreams have come true!” - Mrs. Boles in 1931*



**1924 Boles Children's Home Groundbreaking**

her thanks and memory from volunteering as a child at the Boles Campus. The famed Bel Canto Chorus provided the highlight of the day, coming together once again in an impromptu lifting of voices to God in praise of all He has provided these many years. The gift from Mr. and Mrs. Boles in their 60th year of life was a dream of helping children have a place they could call home. That dream is more alive than ever. Joel Derrough recalled the words from Mrs. Boles in 1931, as she saw

the impact of that gift, “See what God hath wrought through the instrumentality of Christians and friends of the Home. Surely our dreams have come true!” Joel expanded on this praise by asking those in attendance to consider what “the chances were” of Boles Home after all these years. He said, “The chances weren’t long my friends, the chances of Boles existing, thriving, and serving for over 100 years wasn’t a chance at all, it was God ordained and I pray for God’s blessing for another 100

years.” A few days later there was also special acknowledgment from Keith Self, Representative of Texas to the United States Congress, recognizing Boles’ 100 years of service. We thank each of you who has walked with us on this journey, supporting Arms of Hope-Boles Campus through your prayers, sacrificial labors, and generous gifts. We praise God for, and pray God’s best, for those ministered to so far and those we seek to reach in future generations. ■



# Congratulations to Arm



*Marisol*

Marisol did it! This amazing mom of three precious daughters on the Boles Campus graduated with her master's degree.



*Crisha*

Crisha graduated from Texas Tech with her Bachelor of Science in Education with highest honors and is now teaching elementary school in Kerrville.



*Shalissa*

Shalissa on the Medina Campus graduated from Northwest Vista College with her associate's degree and has now started the nursing program at Schreiner University.

## *Educational Accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2024*

6 High School Graduates  
19 GEDs & Educational Cert.  
1,832 completed college hours  
7 Associate's Degrees  
3 Bachelor's Degrees  
1 Master's Degree



*Leah*

Leah graduated from St. Philip's College with her Associate of Science degree.



*Delissya*

Delissya worked so hard and completed her manicurist license from Vogue College.



*Jennifer*

Jennifer on the Medina Campus graduated from Cosmo College of Cosmetology.



*Bekah*

Bekah graduated from Christian Women Job Corp and we are so proud of her hard work.

*To contact us about supporting our educational programs,  
please e-mail: [Scholarship@ArmsOfHope.org](mailto:Scholarship@ArmsOfHope.org)*



# Arms of Hope's Graduates



*Kimberley*

Kimberley on the Medina Campus completed her GED and is now attending Texas State Technical College to work on her associate's degree.



*Faith*

Faith began her extended education journey by graduating from Christian Women's Job Corp and we are so excited for her future.



*Sarah*

Sarah on the Boles Campus worked hard and graduated from Texas A&M-Commerce with a bachelor's degree.



*Anthony*

Anthony graduated from Medina High School and is doing great at Schreiner University in our College & Career Program.



*Danielle*

Danielle graduated from Texas State Technical College with her Associate of Applied Science specializing in Chemical Dependency Counseling.



*Cherie*

Cherie worked hard to earn her Associate of Applied Science degree and now has achieved a Bachelor of Arts from UTPB.



*Garrett & Caydence*

Garrett & Caydence are 1st cousins and graduated from Boles High School as Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Garrett is now enrolled at Texas A&M studying Astrophysics and Caydence is attending Texas A&M-Commerce studying to become a pediatric nurse.



*Kristi & Hannah*

Kristi & Hannah put in the hard work and graduated from Christian Women's Job Corp. We are so excited about their next educational steps.





## *Resident Spotlight - Bayley*

***“Working with my counselor, case manager, and house parents, I have found true relationships and learned to trust adults with my well-being.”***  
***- Bayley***

## *Residential Child Care Program*

My name is Bayley and I am a 17-year-old junior at Boles High School. I was raised by my mom in Trinidad, Colorado, along with my three younger siblings. At the time, my mom struggled to raise the four of us while working. She did the best that she could, but she needed help and I needed more guidance in my life. When I was in kindergarten, I was held back. I had started late in the school semester because my mom didn't have the means to send me to school when I was supposed to go. We basically lived in a shed for that year of my life. As I got older, I had to help raise my younger siblings while my mom worked odd hours during the week. I was not able to be a kid and have a normal childhood. Due to the stress of having to be a “parent” when I was 10 years old, I started to smoke weed and involved myself in other bad habits to cope with my anxiety. The bad habits got out of control around age 14 and I became reckless and carefree, not wor-

rying about the future or understanding the consequences of my actions. Due to my poor attitude and because I was worried for my future, my mom contacted Arms of Hope where both her step-mom and sister, Shelby, worked. I came to Arms of Hope at the beginning of my sophomore year to begin the necessary measures to get out of the rut I was in mentally as well as to work on my addictive personality and bad habits. I struggled to understand why certain things were implemented but soon learned that they were normal and for my safety. Working with my counselor, case manager, and house parents, I have found true relationships and learned to trust adults with my well-being. I still struggle with impulsiveness but know that talking through ideas and fleshing out details helps me understand the big picture. I received the help I needed in school and have been on the A/B Honor Roll my entire Junior Year, an accomplishment I

would have never thought possible had it not been for Arms of Hope and Boles ISD. I am actively involved with the Student Council and FFA at Boles, I even competed last year across Texas with my metal work project, a two-person bench, which is now located at the Chapel of Hope on the Boles Campus. At Arms of Hope, I am learning to be more self-aware of my feelings and triggers and how to properly cope with the stress and anxiety that comes with life. Arms of Hope has also helped me with following my passion and I am currently working with the Cash Volunteer Fire Department to see if I want to pursue a career as a first responder after I graduate next year. I will obtain my driver's license on my 18th birthday this April and am excited to get a job, earning money towards a vehicle. Arms of Hope has helped me become a responsible and better person and I'm so thankful I came here. ■





## *Resident Spotlight - Patricio*

*“They have helped me achieve financial stability, helped me grow as an individual, and the staff are true friends that I now see as my family.” - Patricio*

## *College & Career Program*

My name is Patricio and I am a sophomore psychology major at the University of Notre Dame. I was born in Santa Clara, California and I had a great childhood until 2010, when cartel violence escalated. During this difficult time, my uncle was murdered by the cartel, and my family and I were forced to flee to Dallas, Texas. It was a difficult transition, we didn't have much money and I was forced to grow up quickly so that I could be helpful to my mother and younger siblings. In my senior year of high school, my family and I attended Skillman Church of Christ, and our dear friends Ken and Linda Henry informed me about how Arms of Hope supports college students that come from families in poverty. I was so excited to be accepted into this program. During my

first summer in the program in 2023, I was offered an opportunity to go to summer camp with everyone from the Boles Campus. I was baptized that week with my Arms of Hope family around me. I was presented with another fantastic opportunity in the summer of 2024. I joined a team of residents from Arms of Hope that would be traveling to Zambia with an organization called Living Water International. It was one of the most meaningful experiences in my life to help dig a water well. I was reminded of my purpose in life while providing basic needs for the people of Zambia and teaching them about God, who watches over us all. I have always believed that the unexpected usually stimulates the most growth in our lives. I never knew that Arms of Hope existed

before attending Skillman Church of Christ. I never saw myself traveling to Africa at 19 for a mission trip. Arms of Hope has provided me with so much. They have helped me achieve financial stability, helped me grow as an individual, and the staff are true friends that I now see as my family. My program consists of working closely with my Arms of Hope counselor and case manager to keep me emotionally healthy and focused. I have over a 3.0 GPA. I attend a great church and participate in amazing spiritual activities in the summer. With all the help received from these wonderful people, I have understood more about who I am and who God is. I am living a secure life for which I will be forever grateful. ■





# Together Program

## Together Program Spotlight- Natalie

***“I am beyond grateful for my Arms of Hope family!” - Natalie***

My name is Natalie. I am a mom of three and we are all survivors of domestic violence. Growing up in a single-parent home wasn't easy on me emotionally, however I always had my mother and Lita (Grandmother). A little over 5 years ago, I lost both of them. I began to blame myself for their loss and things became worse in my marriage. The relationship was abusive from the beginning. Both of us were using drugs and alcohol and after I lost my mom, the abuse at home became worse. There were several times I would walk around with black eyes, hoping no one would notice. I had a plan to leave but, like most women stuck in a domestic violence situation, I had a hard time executing that plan. One particular incident lasted two days and ended with the police directing me and my boys to a family violence center. I allowed the man back in. Afterwards, the violence increased significantly and the Department of Family Protective Services became involved and put a safety plan in place. Two weeks later, two of my children and I were assaulted

by a family member, resulting in my youngest having to call the police. I remember sitting outside, crying and praying, thinking that we had no safe place to go. We fled again to a family violence center and then we found Arms of Hope. It's amazing how God can orchestrate everything in exactly the right way and answer your prayers, connecting you with individuals who truly care. The boys and I have been at AOH for two years and are doing so well! As a family, we have attended a Family Camp and campus-wide events, AOH holiday parties, and campus-wide worship. I have completed a “Breaking Free Class” led by strong women and “Love and Logic” parenting classes. I've attended the Heart of Motherhood Retreat, the Kerrville Church of Christ Women's Retreat, domestic violence classes, and weekly devotionals. I attend Abilene Christian University Online and am working on my Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, while the boys and I continue weekly therapy sessions. Recently, the boys and I received news that their father,

my abuser, had died from a heart attack due to his drug use. This took a heavy emotional toll on us. Our Arms of Hope family was right there. Our therapists were literally at our house within 25 minutes of receiving the news. The program director drove with me to Austin to pick up his cremated remains, the campus minister sent us scriptures, others lifted us up in prayer, and the entire community rallied around us. I have no words to describe the love and support we received. I attend recovery meetings three times a week to make sure my recovery remains a priority. I also drive new moms to recovery meetings because I remember being in their same position and it is a way for me to do service work and contribute to our AOH community. I know what a dark place I have come from and what addiction can do to families and I know there is a better way. God is good! My boys continue to excel in school and sports. The healing and growth we have experienced is completely amazing, and we are not done yet. I am beyond grateful for my Arms of Hope family! ■





# Family Outreach Centers

## FOC Spotlight- Cassie

***“Having the support of Arms of Hope spiritually, emotionally and financially was a huge stepping stone to where my children and I are now.”***

***- Cassie***

My name is Cassie and I am so thankful for the ministry at the Arms of Hope Family Outreach Center. Three years ago, my three young children and I were able to leave an abusive situation because of the help from Arms of Hope. At the time, my ex-husband and I had already separated and gotten back together, mainly because I did not have the resources to leave with my children. I had been a stay-at-home mom for ten years, and did not have any family support. When I first came to the Arms of Hope Family Outreach Center I was scared, anxious, sad, depressed, and angry. I felt so overwhelmed and wasn't sure if I would be able to handle all that was on my plate by myself. Luckily, I did not have to. The support and encouragement I received from the start at Arms of

Hope was enough to get me through. After getting into therapy for myself and my children, we were able to work through all the grief that came with the divorce. My oldest daughter was able to participate in horse therapy, and my son did play therapy at a local ranch. My kids greatly benefited from therapy during this tough time. Having the support of Arms of Hope spiritually, emotionally, and financially was a huge stepping stone to where my children and I are now. We started off in a little two-bedroom apartment where we first called home and our family of four made it work. I was a special education paraprofessional that year and would eventually be offered a position teaching Kindergarten full time at the school my children were attending. The following year, the kids and I moved into

a brand-new apartment, and I was able to get the lease fully in my name. After living there for two years, working on my finances and closely following the budget that I learned to create at Arms of Hope, the children and I recently were able to move out and into a four-bedroom house. This has been such a tremendous blessing for us! We lived in a two-bedroom apartment for three years, and now all of my children have their very own bedrooms, a backyard, and a safe neighborhood to ride their bicycles. I'm thankful for God's faithfulness in providing for my family and for opening doors for us. Without the support and dedication of the staff at Arms of Hope, I am not sure my children and I would be where we are today. ■



# Annual Report



## ORGANIZATIONAL Goals

*Every bunny needs some bunny  
and we need you!*



Arms of Hope is a 501(C)(3) not-for-profit Christian organization that was formed by the consolidation of Boles Children's Home (1924) & Medina Children's Home (1958). This partnership holds 167 years of combined experience in caring for the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs of children and single-mother families. Although both organizations were originally created to serve as homes for orphans, Arms of Hope has expanded to serve the growing needs of at-risk children and families. Arms of Hope offers residential and outreach programs for children and single-mother families who are fleeing poverty, homelessness, abuse, neglect and human trafficking.

The Board of Directors of Arms of Hope operates with a high level of commitment to provide leadership, guidance and finances for the organization. Under the mentorship of the board, Arms of Hope's leadership team is in constant pursuit of improving program quality and increasing the number of poverty stricken children and single-mother families served throughout the state of Texas and beyond. All employees are committed and directed to limiting administrative expenses and follow a detailed and well thought out line-item budget to ensure that every donor dollar is spent to best benefit our residents.

Arms of Hope's annual budget for FY24 was \$8.75 million and the organization depended almost entirely on private monetary and clothing donations from generous individu-

## MISSION STATEMENT

*To transform the lives of disadvantaged children, youth and families by providing hope and support in a nurturing, Christian environment.*

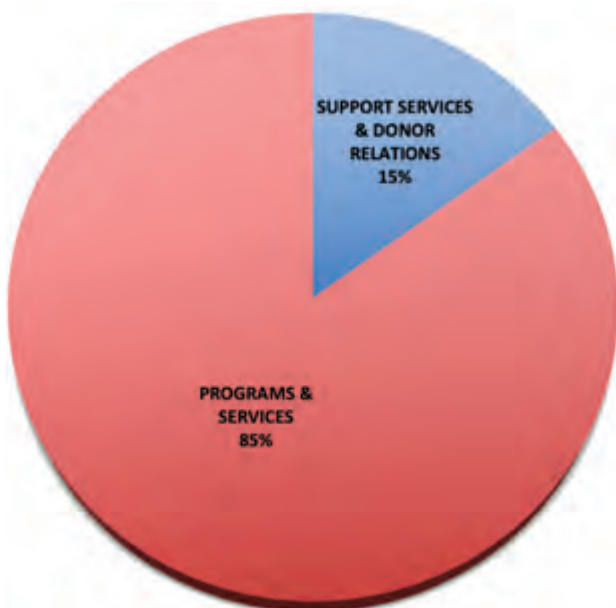
## VISION STATEMENT

*Reaching generations by helping children and families find a future with hope and promise.*

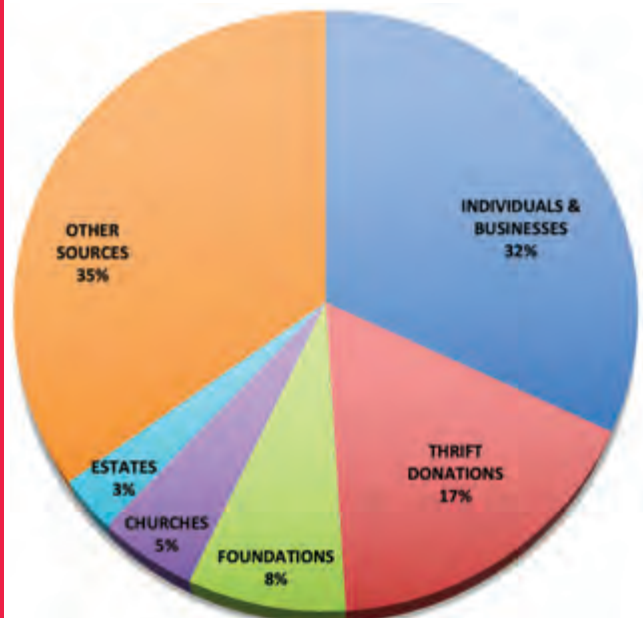
## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jerry Cox, Chairman - Houston  
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 Kevin McDonald - Bryan  
 Alex Shootman - Austin  
 Randa Upp - Abilene  
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## PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS



## INCOME SOURCES





als including donations of mineral rights, businesses, private foundations and churches to provide these invaluable services.

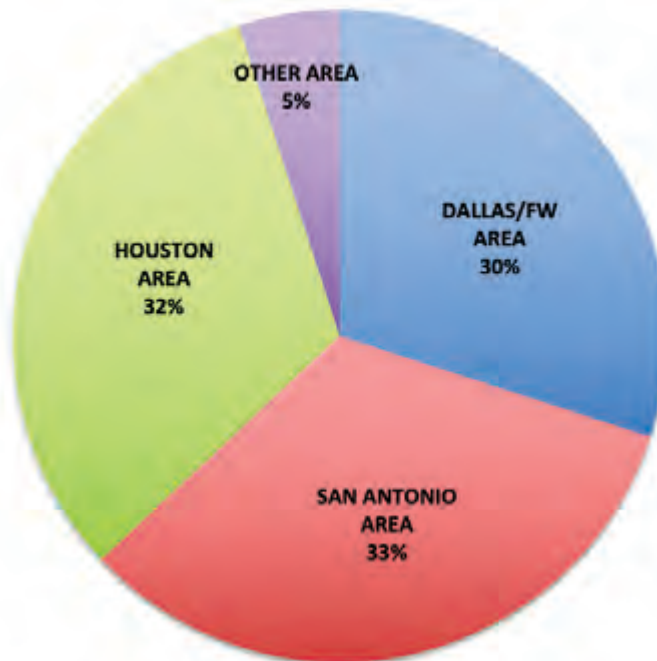
Almost all of the residents in Arms of Hope's programs are from Texas and 95% come from the urban areas and contiguous counties of Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston and San Antonio. The children and single mother families we serve are almost exclusively from three ethnic backgrounds with 42% being Hispanic, 34% African-American and 24% Caucasian. Children and young adults participating in Arms of Hope's programs range in age from birth to early twenties. The largest population of children in Arms of Hope's care were twelve years old and younger with 42% being 5 and under. Less than 3% of Arms of Hope residents come from homes with two parents. Most placements are a result of extreme poverty, failed adoptions, family members who can no longer take on parental responsibility, homelessness and all forms of abuse. Arms of Hope helps each resident succeed by having an in-depth "Plan of Service" that measures a variety of different areas in their life such as health & wellness,

emotional stability/counseling, social skills and education. 88% now receive better grades in school than when they first arrived in our care with an amazing 38% who are now on the Honor Roll. Extra-curricular activities are participated in by 85% of our school-aged children thanks to the support of our staff and resources provided by our programs.

Through our Christ-centered environment, 67% of all Arms of Hope residents have either experienced positive reunification with their families or graduated from one of our programs. Arms of Hope is truly making a difference for those impacted by adversity and loss of hope by providing programs offering physical, emotional & spiritual transformation.

*22 Arms of Hope program participants became new followers of Christ this year.*

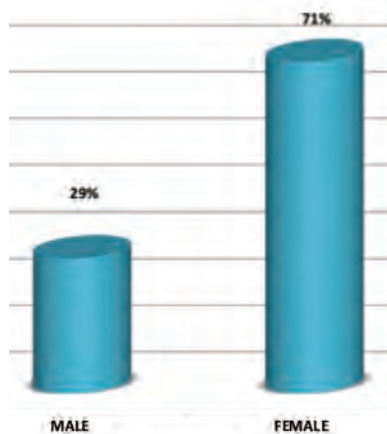
## ARMS OF HOPE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS COME FROM VARIOUS LOCATIONS



## ETHNICITY OF PARTICIPANTS



## GENDER OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



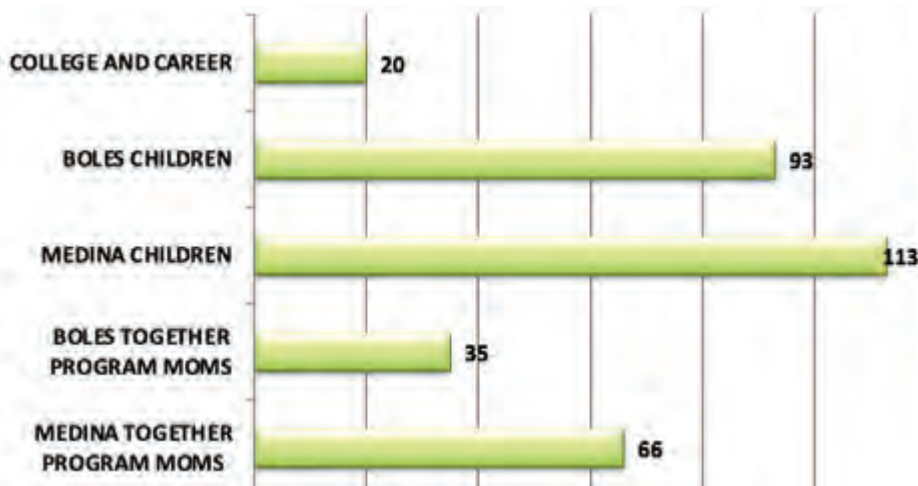




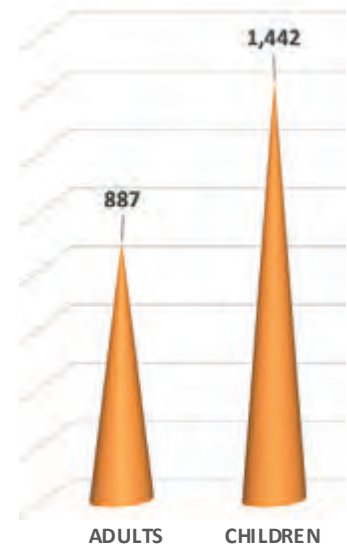
*All campus residents receive professional therapy. In Fiscal Year 2024, 5,428 hours of professional therapy were utilized by Arms of Hope residents.*

## NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024

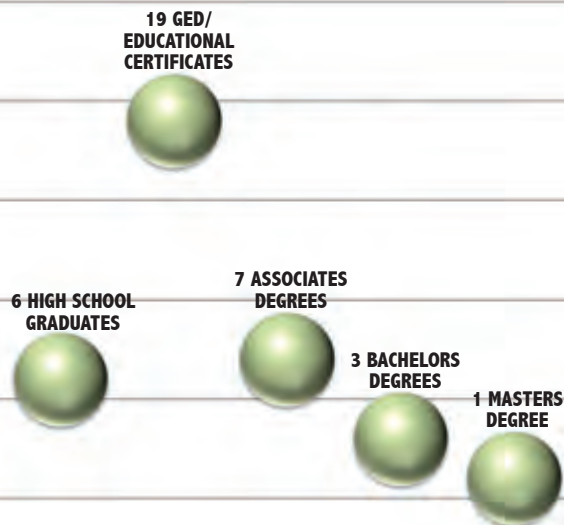
### RESIDENTIAL CARE



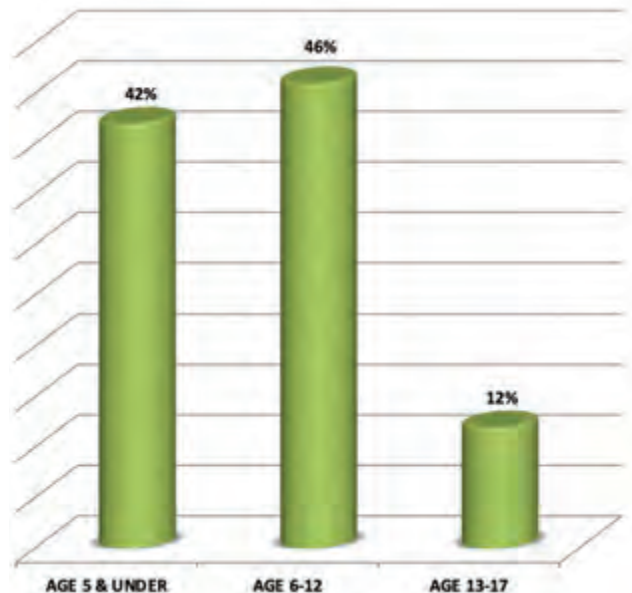
### FAMILY OUTREACH CENTERS



## EDUCATIONAL GAINS AMONG PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



## AGE OF CHILDREN IN AOH CARE





*Programs Offered on Arms of Hope’s Three Residential Campuses and in its Urban Family Outreach Centers Include:*

RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAM

The Residential Child Care Program meets disadvantaged children’s physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs in a family-like atmosphere, where house parents function as mother and father figures. Residents range in age from 5 to 18 and live in cottages with six to eight children. Arms of Hope provides for children’s basic daily needs including shelter, food, clothing, counseling, supervision and education.



TOGETHER PROGRAM

The Together Program helps motivated single mothers and their children transition into successful, independent futures by providing counseling, accountability, parenting skills, career training and a home in a peaceful and safe environment. These mothers are fleeing homelessness, domestic violence, human trafficking, abuse or have lost sustainable support when a death, incarceration or divorce have occurred and there are no other means of provision.

COLLEGE & CAREER PROGRAM

The College and Career Program provides assistance for Arms of Hope high school graduates with support through college, trade school or into their first job and often includes accommodations for graduates, who have not yet found a place to call home.

RIGHT START PROGRAM

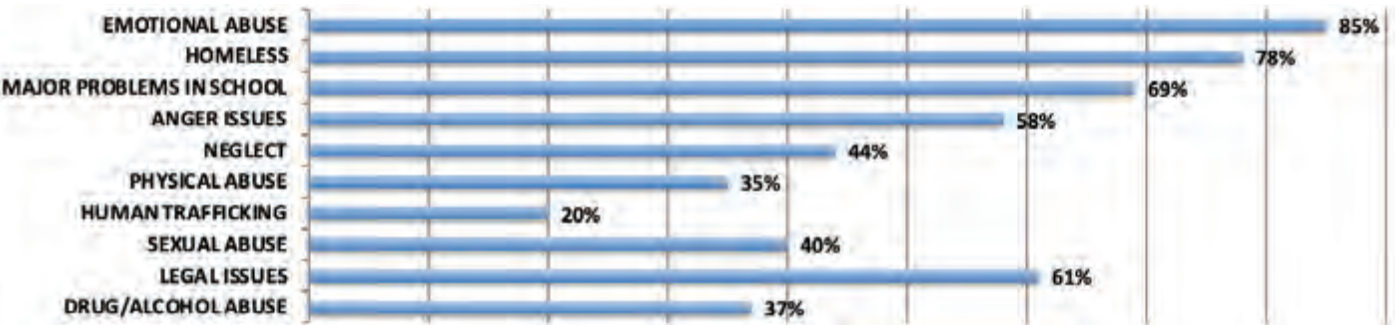
The Right Start Program helps expectant single mothers prepare for motherhood, while providing shelter, necessities and skills needed to care for their newborn babies. It serves as an entry point for women coming into the Together Program, who desire to be a parent and learn how to establish a healthy family environment for their children.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

Family Outreach Centers provide physical, emotional and spiritual assistance to underprivileged children and families in their own neighborhoods, which are some of the most financially distressed urban areas in Texas including Dallas, Denton, Houston and San Antonio. Arms of Hope provides short-term immediate assistance to prevent homelessness, hunger and disconnected utilities. Invaluable long-term resources are also offered to help change a person’s future, such as in-depth case management, needs assessments, counseling and family workshops. All clients receive prayer, Bible study and church referrals. For those suffering from extreme abuse, Arms of Hope residential campuses become their new home.

*Arms of Hope strongly believes in evangelism and discipleship. Through spiritual opportunities including regular church services, campus devotionals and Christian camps, 22 participants in our Residential Child Care, Together and Family Outreach Center programs became new followers of Christ in Fiscal Year 2024. All residents are given daily opportunities to grow in their faith by encountering house parents, case managers and counselors that show unconditional love and respect. Each campus has a dedicated minister specifically for residents’ spiritual needs and the ministry team oversees all spiritual activities and devotional curriculum.*

PROBLEM AREAS UPON ADMISSION TO RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS





## How You Can Help

**Volunteer** - Arms of Hope welcomes over 60 groups per year for week long mission trips and weekend retreats. To bring your group to Arms of Hope, please inquire online at [ArmsofHope.org](https://ArmsofHope.org).

**Monetary Donations** - All general donations support the programs of care provided by Arms of Hope and can be one time gifts or can be scheduled as recurring gifts. Donate online at [ArmsofHope.org](https://ArmsofHope.org).

**Planned Giving** - Discover new ways to make a gift that also takes into consideration your personal circumstances and the needs of your heirs including Wills, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Lead Trusts, etc. Explore the value of charitable gifts that require a little thought, but pay off in big benefits to you, your family and Arms of Hope. Send inquiries to [PlannedGiving@ArmsofHope.org](mailto:PlannedGiving@ArmsofHope.org).

**Scholarships** - Many of the children and single-mother families that we care for have the desire, ability and need to further their education. Sometimes the only missing ingredient is the necessary resources. You can help Arms of Hope make certain no one in our care is ever deprived of a quality education by providing funding for scholarships for our residents.

**Sponsor a Child or Family in Our Care** - Taking care of needs like clothing, food, school supplies and household items is essential. The children and families in our care benefit immensely when you show you care by financially supporting the procurement of items essential to them. Sponsorship programs are available for all giving levels.

Learn more about how you can help at [ArmsofHope.org](https://ArmsofHope.org)

*In Fiscal Year 2024, Arms of Hope hosted 55 different volunteer groups, 1,239 volunteers and 21,820 volunteer hours! Volunteers are an invaluable asset to Arms of Hope whose manual labor and ministry truly make a difference in the lives of our children and single mothers.*

### ***Do You Want to Make A Difference by Volunteering?***

To bring a group of your friends to Arms of Hope, please inquire online at [ArmsofHope.org](https://ArmsofHope.org)

***Please consider remembering your family and friends by sending memorials and honors to Arms of Hope.***



## *Organizational Goals for 2025*

- ❖ Begin remodeling existing homes on the campus in Bastrop (The Refuge Ranch) to serve and minister to additional single-mother families.
- ❖ Complete remodeling of the Relief Cottage on the Medina Campus to serve boys and girls in our Residential Child Care Program.
- ❖ Expand and grow existing Family Outreach Centers in Houston, San Antonio, Dallas & Denton to serve more families in need of physical, emotional & spiritual resources.





# *Sacrificial Service to America*

The lives of military veterans have typically personified personal sacrifice, courage, and resilience. For a particular group of veterans, in addition to these traits, their journeys shared something else in common: growing up at Boles Children's Home. As part of the 100th year celebration for Arms of Hope's Boles Campus, Board Member Randa Upp began identifying the names of former residents who had served in the military. One hundred sixty-five veterans were found to have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Merchant Marines, or the Coast Guard. This group spanned three major conflicts: World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam.

The following notable experiences and honors were found: one veteran fought in the Battle of the Bulge, one was present at Normandy on D-Day, three veterans were recipients of the

Bronze Star, one received the Distinguished Flying Cross, six were awarded the Purple Heart, one was a Prisoner of War, one died in a non-battle accident, and one was killed in action in Japan. One veteran is honored at the Naval Air Museum in Pensacola and also has the main boulevard at the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in Alabama dedicated to him. All of these veterans made invaluable contributions to our country, and their service remains a testament to their bravery, sacrifice, and dedication.

Arms of Hope would like to expand this project by creating a comprehensive document that honors the lives and service of all individuals who have been a part of the AOH family and later served in the military. If you or someone you know was a resident at the Boles or Medina campus and

served in any branch of the armed forces, please share your story. Your submission will help preserve the legacy of those who not only overcame the challenges of their early years, but also made significant contributions to our nation. Please send us the campus where the veteran lived, dates of residence, military branch, dates of service, photos, and any personal memories or achievements to:

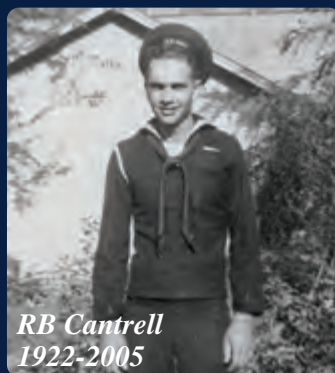
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Each veteran's contribution is invaluable, and every story is a vital part of our shared history. This project will serve as a reminder of the gratitude we have for those who served and a celebration of the strength that binds us together in community. Thank you to all veterans for your service, sacrifices, and enduring impact." ■





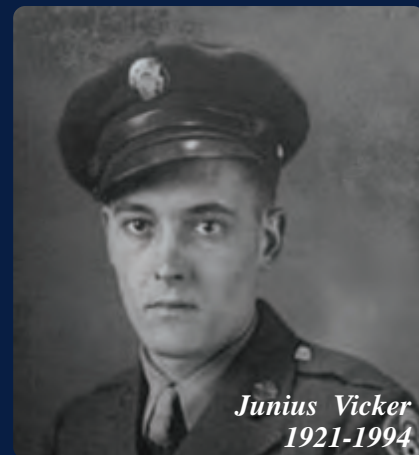
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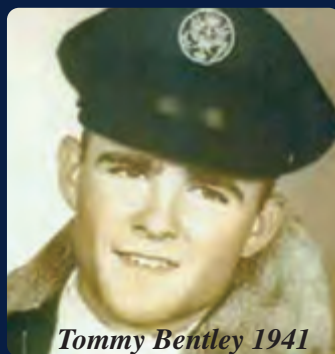
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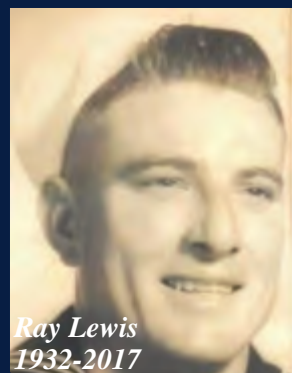
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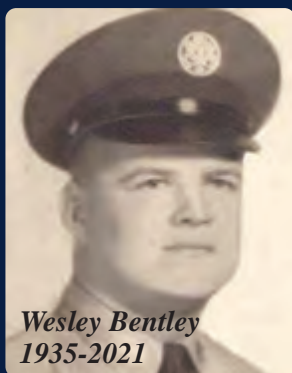
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# Where Are They Now?

## ANDREW



*"I walk in joy and am always thinking of how..."*

My name is Andrew and I'm 26 years old. I'm married to the love of my life, Haley, and have two beautiful boys, Abius (four) and Bentley (one). I've worked in Facilities at Arms of Hope for five years, but my journey with Arms of Hope being my home and life saver started when I was five. Growing up, my family was extremely poor. My mother didn't have money to take care of us and my dad was in jail. I know that his name was Paul, but I still don't know any other facts about him. We moved around from one dirty and small

motel to another. I remember being scared all of the time and so hungry that I couldn't sleep. We didn't own a car and had run completely out of money. I don't remember exactly what it was, but one night something very bad happened and my grandmother took me in, but she was unable to take care of me long term. I was surrounded by drugs and strangers, but my grandmother gave me the best opportunity at a new life by sending me to Arms of Hope-Medina Campus. I remember there always being plenty of food, clothes,

friends, and activities. I remember the discipline of hard work and the joy of succeeding at showing my lamb at the Bandera County Livestock Show. Most important, I remember being loved dearly by my house parents, counselors, and ministers on campus. When I was 11 years old, I gave my life to Christ and my house dad, Mr. Lacy, baptized me in the chapel on campus after attending an amazing Christian camp. High school was a great time for me. I remember the sports I was blessed to play, the summer activities, the summer volun-





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- Andrew

*...I can show others the same love shown to me.”*

teer groups, and what I remember the most is how the staff of Arms of Hope always rallied around me in good times and bad. High School was also instrumental as I met my future wife! I knew from the start that she was the one. I graduated high school and did really well working construction for 3 years, but something kept drawing me back to my home. I wanted to be a part of the change in other children’s lives the way my life was changed. When a position opened up in the Facilities Department, I knew I could use my skill set and

experience to truly help change lives. I have such satisfaction knowing I get to help provide an amazing and safe home for single mothers and children as well as the opportunity of speaking about life and encouragement every time I’m around the residents. God blessed me with my beautiful wife and boys along with my extended family at Arms of Hope. I know for sure I am the father, husband, and friend I am today because of the help from this ministry. Sometimes I think about where I’d be without Arms of Hope. I probably

wouldn’t have finished high school or met my wife. I might even be in jail. The great news is that because of your support and love, that didn’t happen! I walk in joy and am always thinking of how I can show others the same love shown to me. A huge thank you to all the supporters who make this ministry happen. You are truly making a difference. I’m living proof. ■



# *The Refuge Ranch*

## *A New Arms of Hope Campus*

God has blessed Arms of Hope with a new campus for single-mother families in Bastrop, Texas! This ministry is strongly committed to Christian principles and the spiritual development of the children and mothers in our care. Over the past 15 years, the Together Program has shown that commitment by helping motivated single mothers and their children transition into successful, independent futures by providing parenting skills, career training, and a home in a peaceful and safe environment that is constantly partnered with the love of Christ. Arms of Hope currently ministers to 70 single-mother families on the Boles and Medina Campuses. God has recently provided the incredible opportunity to expand that number to 80 families in desperate need. Through the guidance and direction of our Board of Directors, we have partnered with The Refuge Ranch to open a wonderful new campus that is implementing this voluntary placement program for an additional 10 single-mother families. Through God's blessing, Arms of Hope has an accomplished history of a multi-generational vision of offering healing for mothers while also preventing children from entering the foster care system. Our holistic approach of keeping families together by providing the love of Jesus, case management, counseling, and education has produced time-tested results for families fleeing domestic violence, homelessness, and trafficking. Arms





of Hope gives thanks for the opportunity to use the gift of this additional resource in Bastrop to bless even more families for the greater good of communities throughout Texas. Arms of Hope Board Member Bruce Barnard, and avid supporter of The Refuge Ranch, says it best: "It has been a wonderful blessing to be a part of God's miracle in bringing together two ministries with similar missions of serving young women and children through life's struggles in the name of Jesus! My wife, Julia, and I have been supporters of both of these wonderful entities and know the like-minded motivation and hearts of the leadership. We believe God is pleased and will richly bless mothers and children at The Refuge Ranch - A Ministry of Arms of Hope!" Thank you for your generosity and help as we reach generations by providing children and families the opportunity to find a future filled with hope and promise. We couldn't do it without you! ■





# Summer Ministry



Because of the incredible generosity of our donors, summer is always an amazing time for our residents at Arms of Hope. Summer of 2024 truly was magical! The children participated in life changing mission trips, VBS experiences, outdoor adventures, and became closer to Jesus at top notch summer camps. Camp is a time for our children to make new friends, experience discipleship, and for many, a time to give their life to Jesus in baptism! In the summer of 2024, 150 residents received the blessing of attending camp. Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to see what God is going to do in the summer of 2025.





# Christmas Blessings



Year after year, we couldn't have a Merry Christmas without you! Visiting groups and churches make our children so happy during the holidays. Your heart-felt gifts of toys, hosting a Christmas party, or organizing a Giving Tree at your congregation or business truly makes a difference for our residents. To help bring joy to a child for Christmas of 2025, please email: [givingtree@arm-sofhope.org](mailto:givingtree@arm-sofhope.org).





# Arms of Hope is thank

*Aggies For Christ - Boles*



*Cypress Creek Church - Wimberley*

*Johnson Street Church of Christ  
- San Angelo*



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- Duncan, Oklahoma*



*Memorial Road Church of Christ  
- Edmond, Oklahoma*

*Cornerstone Christian Academy  
7th Grade Class - Sugar Land*



*Cornerstone Christian School  
- San Angelo*



*Cornerstone Christian Academy  
- Sugar Land (Medina Campus)*



*Weatherford Church of Christ  
- Oklahoma*



*Cornerstone Christian School  
- San Angelo*



*Westhill Church of Christ - Cleburne*



*Grace Bible - La Vernia*





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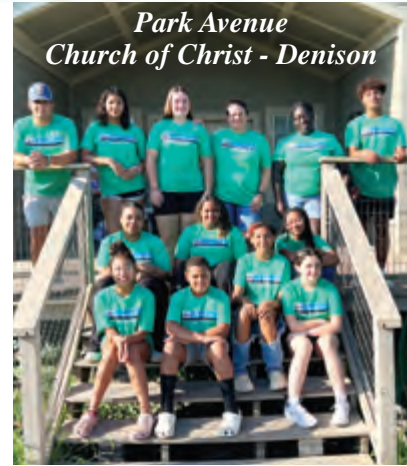
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Church of Christ - Denison*



*Southeast Church of Christ - Friendswood*



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*To contact us about volunteer opportunities, please e-mail:  
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*Fort Bend Christian Academy - Sugar Land*



*First Colony Church of Christ  
- Sugar Land*



*Aggies For Christ - Medina*



*Woodland Oaks  
Church of Christ  
- The Woodlands*





# Arms of Hope Happenings



Preslee & Adrian at The Refuge Ranch in Bastrop did their part for "Crazy Hair Day" at school.



Olivia on the Boles Campus earned All-Tournament Honors and is a force for the Boles Lady Hornets.



Our College & Career students do a wonderful job showing love to our younger residents in the Learning Center.



Hannah, Leah, and Natalie on the Medina Campus have all been accepted to Abilene Christian University. Thank you ACU for your incredible partnership.



We love the partnerships between our Family Outreach Centers and partner churches.



We have a star on the Medina Campus. Leylah played Little Fiona in a production of "Shrek the Musical."



Thank you to all the groups and churches that supported our Family Outreach Centers at Christmas.



So thankful for house parents like Michael on the Medina Campus. He has truly made a difference in our precious children's lives.



Yesenia is an amazing single mother of five children and it is our honor to help her through our Family Outreach Center.



Thank you to the Ladies Group at Greenville Church of Christ for their wonderful donation of diapers and crafting supplies.





Children on the Medina Campus experienced the joy of a San Antonio Missions baseball game. Thank you donors and Missions baseball for blessing our residents.



Alfie, Mari, and Henri are a wonderful set of siblings on the Medina Campus who love to cheer on the Fight'n Bobcats at the football games.



Way to go Andrew from the Medina Campus. He worked so hard and won 1st place in his division at the Bandera County Livestock Show.



Wendy, Miriama, and Molly on the Boles Campus were awarded scholarships from the Rockwall Soroptimist Club.



Thank you Reckless Love Ranch for providing an incredible Equine Experience for the single mothers in Bastrop.



Chasity on the Medina Campus was a beautiful Duchess at Homecoming.



Residents and staff from the Boles Campus gathered with other students and adults for a time of worship and thankfulness at Fields of Faith.



What do the children on the Boles Campus do when school is closed? Enjoy the fun of snow!



Moms on the Boles Campus took advantage of beautiful spring weather and made bouquets of flowers for their homes.



Congratulations to Jason and Bayley on the Boles Campus for winning the blue ribbon in the Boles ISD Ag Mechanic show.



Kariselle is one of the youngest residents on the Boles Campus and brings such joy to our supporters.



# Kerrville Golf Tournament



The 2024 Kerrville Golf Tournament once again didn't disappoint with a fantastic day of golf and raising funds for the children at Arms of Hope! The Comanche Trace Golf Course was a wonderful host for AOH friends and family. The golfers stayed after their round for a lovely dinner, where they heard stories of hope and redemption from residents. A big thank you to our sponsors for helping underwrite this special day of fun and fellowship!





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## Medina Hospitality Remodel



Thank you to our dear friends, Dale (AOH Board Member) and Amy Harbison, for their generous donation to extensively remodel the Hospitality Center on the Medina Campus. This beautiful and well utilized building has been a place that church groups, volunteers, and guests have called home for decades when visiting campus. Our volunteers are truly the life blood of this ministry. Work projects are completed and most importantly, eternal differences are made each year because of our volunteers' service and love they show our residents! New floors were installed, walls were torn down, bathrooms updated, new columns placed on the outside, new windows and doors, and a fresh coat of paint throughout. The Hospitality Center has three bunk rooms and four hotel suites to accommodate all sizes of visiting families and groups. The Boles Campus is also blessed with a beautiful hospitality facility for visitors and if you or your group would be interested in staying on one of our campuses to help us change the lives of those in need, please email [twickham@armsofhope.org](mailto:twickham@armsofhope.org).



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## Carol Dillard (1935-2024)



Carol Gayle Jenkins Dillard was born on April 2, 1935, in Salt Lake City, Utah to William Gayle and Myrtle Lone Johnson Jenkins. Upon graduating from Salt Lake City High in 1953, Gayle attended Abilene Christian College before transferring to Drums Business School, thereafter assuming a position with the Texas Railroad Commission in Austin. During this time she met a fellow young UT student, Max Murray Dillard, who ultimately became her husband and the love of her life. Married December 28, 1957, Gayle and Max were together for 67 long and happy years. Gayle loved the Lord dearly, with her faith serving as a constant and positive guiding influence throughout her life. She taught Sunday school, attended bible study, cooked meals for church members and the community at large, and sang joyfully at every church service. In equal measure, Gayle was a tireless volunteer who gladly dedicated her time, energy, and resources to charitable causes close to her heart, including Lifeline Chaplaincy, Arms of Hope, Kanakuk, Abilene Christian University, and the Salvation Army to name a few. Gayle was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and devoted friend who found delight in entertaining and serving others. She is survived by her husband Max Dillard; her children: Denise, Pam, and Julia, their spouses, nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She is also survived by her younger sister, Annette. Gayle truly was a pillar of faith. ■

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 Poyner, Joynny  
 Lee & Iris Hatfield  
 Presley, Enos & Nellie  
 Enos Presley Jr.  
 Purl, Rebecca  
 Scott & Julie Stumbo  
 Reasonover, William Edward  
 John & Eileen Hudson  
 Gloria Kent  
 Reed, Jerry  
 Don & Sandy McDonald  
 Reeves, Marilyn  
 Terry Barnett  
 Robert & Leila Lauderdale  
 Rheudasil, E.C. & Jane  
 Mark Rheudasil  
 Riley, Jay  
 Karla McGowan  
 Roane, Wanda  
 Warren Roane  
 Roane, Wilbur E.  
 Grady Ebensberger  
 Brandy Mann  
 William Murch  
 Roane, Wilbur and Wanda  
 Warren Roane  
 Roberts, Joanie  
 Karla McGowan  
 Roberts, Kenneth  
 Mickey & Paula Ray  
 Roberts, Ron  
 Karla McGowan  
 Robertson, Harold  
 Karla McGowan  
 Ross, Marjorie  
 Gary Amaon  
 Royal, Marcella  
 Dale & Amy Harbison  
 Ron Holy  
 Ruckel, Cary & Lane  
 Dolores Hodge  
 Schenkel, Pete  
 Harlin Dewayne & Claire Hale  
 Scioli, Eugene Rubin  
 Mickey & Paula Ray  
 Shackelford, Bobby  
 Karla McGowan  
 Shepard, Micah Theron  
 Joel & Phyllis Shepard  
 Shuknecht, Nichole  
 Mickey & Paula Ray  
 Simpson, Dempsey  
 Robert & Barbara Chandler Jr.  
 Sitler, Maj. Gary Nelson Ret.  
 Emma Sitler  
 Donna Mae Zehner  
 Starks, Marian  
 Leonard & Myra Kent  
 Steed, Linda  
 Karla McGowan

## Bruce Foith (1943-2024)



Bruce Foith, age 81, passed away June 11th, 2024 in Rockwall, Texas. He was born and raised in Alliance, Ohio, to Peter and Ruth Walters Foith. Bruce graduated from Alliance High School in 1961, and received his bachelor's degree from Wayland Baptist College while serving in the Air Force. Bruce and Lorna were married September 21st, 1963, and have 2 children, Lori (David) Lord of Lavon, Texas, and Scot (Paula) Foith of Flower Mound. Bruce joined the Air Force in 1961 and he served for 28 years. His career took him many places where he made many friends. When he retired from the Air Force, he went to work for the State of Texas Prison System and worked there for 10 years. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents and brother Gary, all of Alliance, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Lorna and children, Lori and Scot. He is also survived by his sister Connie of Idaho and brother Randy of Deerfield, 4 granddaughters, 2 grandsons, and 11 great grandchildren. Current Arms of Hope Board member and Bruce's son, Scot, proudly remembers, "He loved his family dearly but he also loved serving his country. God bless those that serve." ■

Stella, Betty  
 Barbara Cooper  
 Prestoncrest Church of  
 Christ  
 Stinson, Elvin  
 Todd Sanders  
 Lilburn & Stephanie Schulz

Jr.  
 Streadl, Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Sr.  
 Brenda Sawyer  
 Suchomel, Charlie Anderson  
 Viva Whittington  
 Teague, Rebecca  
 Linda Lee Timmons



## Gerald Harrill (1941-2024)



Arms of Hope-Boles Campus lost a former family member and avid supporter in Gerald Harrill. From the age of three, he was raised at Boles Children's Home where Gerald credits his strong Christian faith. Gerald passed away at 83 years old in New Jersey. He was born in Quinlan, Texas to William and Ollie on September 5th, 1941, both who proceeded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Inez, who he adored as well as two children, Galen & Nawana, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Gerald attended Abilene Christian University where he earned his bachelor's degree in education. He married Inez in 1964, having met at Camp Shiloh, a place for inner-city children. In the fall of 1964, Gerald began his 37-year teaching career at the Tabernacle Township school district in Tabernacle, New Jersey. After retiring, he continued to work in education as a substitute teacher. It is safe to say there is almost no one in Tabernacle between the ages of 15 and 60 that Gerald did not teach. His way with junior and senior high-age kids is baked into the lore of the community and while they will long remember 'frayed knots, Texas flyswatters, and "questions, comments, Ajax," his real legacy is the education they received both in curricular content and character development. He brought out the best in each student and many thought of him as the only Dallas Cowboy fan they not only liked, but loved. Underlying every aspect of his life was his faith, believing he had a charge to keep for as long as he lived. He was a dedicated member of the Tabernacle Church of Christ, serving in whatever capacity needed with humility, humor, and commitment, and making every visitor feel welcome. Although missed, we know Gerald is now in the arms of Jesus. ■

Terry, Sandy  
Lynn & Alene Turner  
Tindall, Lee  
Leonard & Myra Kent  
Tindle, Sherman Douglas  
Sharon Clingman  
Trapp, Linda  
David Shelton  
Tucker, Sheldon Lee  
Rae Tucker  
Tyner, Wally  
Jimmy & Betty Prather  
Vulner, Doris  
Gary & Ellen Owen  
Vickers, Jerry  
Lee & Iris Hatfield  
Vickrey, Dixie R.  
Joel Green  
Villegas, Aram  
Agathi Poulialis  
Wachtel, Robert  
Maggie Wachtel  
Waller, Suzanne Holland  
Gerald & Linda Burrow  
Webster, Gary  
Walter D. Lindsey  
Weeks, Wayne  
Jim & Carol Hudson  
Weisner, Bonnie  
Nelson Anderson  
Whitaker, Diane  
Glenda Houston  
Wicks, Willa Lue  
Kimberly Paschall  
Glynn & Francis Starnes  
Williams, Eddie  
Jackie March  
Williams, Ricky  
Gerald & Linda Burrow  
Wilson, Bill & Mary  
Gerald & Linda Burrow  
Wilson, Catherine  
Seagraves Senior Class of '75  
Wilson, Ty  
Jim & Sherry Cattan  
Williams, Noel E., Jr.  
N.H. Williams  
Womack, Bryan Ray  
Dana K. Hoog  
Womble, Glendon  
Brenda Womble  
Woodridge, Judy Ann  
Chuck & Shannon Boyer  
Wooten, Gerald  
Helen South  
Wright, Beryl  
Danita Leese  
Wright, Linda  
Chris Hostettler  
Young, Louise  
Sharon Mitchell

## Honors

100th Anniversary Boles  
Alonzo Threats Sr.  
Aces for Christ  
AOII Tau Mu Finance  
Allen, Kaitlin  
Fred & Pamela Allen  
Amis, Kelli  
Style Studio Interiors  
Anderson, Frank  
Nelson & Karla Anderson  
Baboo & Pawpaw

## Leon Huddleston (1936-2024)



Long-time Arms of Hope friend, Johnny Leon Huddleston, went to be his Savior in May of 2024. Leon was born August 15th, 1936 in Snyder, Texas to Aubrey and Velma Huddleston. He attended Ira schools and participated in all sports and extracurricular activities. Leon married the love of his life, Darla, in 1958. They made their home in southwest Scurry County where he farmed cotton, raised cattle, and worked at Texas Electric for thirty-six years. Leon was an elder and song leader at the Ira Church of Christ and served as president of the Ira Lions Club and coached little league baseball. He truly was a giant in his community. Leon continued to make eternal differences as he was instrumental in blessing Arms of Hope with the proceeds when the Ira Church of Christ closed its doors after decades of doing the Lord's work. Leon is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Donald. His amazing family survives through his wife, Darla, children: Kathy, Cindy and Kevin (former Arms of Hope employee), their spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Leon had countless hobbies and interesting collections including knives, marbles, belt buckles, and more. His greatest collection is a lifetime of family, friends, and memories. ■

Elizabeth Vest  
Bennett, Jo  
Duane & Suzanne Mock  
Bozeman, Brian  
Thomas & Patricia Bozeman  
Brock, Mary Ann  
Broad Street Church of  
Christ  
Brock, Vaughn & Jeri

Barry & Susanna McBee  
Cadena, Audrey  
Dale White  
Chadwick, Grace Joree  
Claudia Hall  
Crisp, Don & Carol  
Deborah Christian  
Data Analysts LLC  
William Maner



## Sharen Kirksey (1952-2023)



Sharen Ann Kirksey was born in Dayton, Texas to Sara Depuy Kirksey and Turner Kirksey on September 3rd, 1952, on her only sibling's 6th birthday. She joined her parents and her brother again on December 20th, 2023. Sharen graduated from Dayton High School and The University of Texas at Austin, where she was a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority. She also graduated from Parsons School of Design in New York City. Sharen worked successfully for Ethan Allen for many years and then she started her own firm, Designs by Sharen. With her husband's help, Sharen kept up a very successful design practice working commercial and residential design throughout the country. She was an amazing daughter, wife, second mother, puppy mom, and an absolute loyal friend to so many. She was a faithful member of Westgate Church of Christ, a member of The Rotary Club of Beaumont, and a Board member for Lamar University's Friends of the Arts. She was also a devoted member of The Junior League of Beaumont. Sharen and Leonard loved to travel and entertain, she never met a stranger, always put everyone else before herself, dedicated herself to helping anyone in need, and truly believed one of her favorite sayings, "the giver always gets the best gift." Sharen was preceded in death by her loving mother and father and is survived by her loving husband, Leonard, children Jill and Brian, daughter-in-law, Tracy, granddaughter, Stella, beloved aunt, Betty, cousins Joel, Melvin, Dwayne, Renae, and Michelle, and a host of very special friends, including lifelong friends Lois Ann, David, and Connie. ■

Dauphin, Richard  
Jenny Brooks  
DeDear, Wayne & Judy  
Blyth Road Church of Christ  
Fain, Avery  
Harold Roberts  
Fullerton, Lucy  
Cliff Fullerton  
Green Sisters  
Joshua Riewe

Hall, Tyler Chadwick  
Claudia Hall  
Hart, Detective Benjamin K.  
Charles Hart  
Hawkins, O.S. & Susie  
Mickey & Paula Ray  
Herd, Jacob & Family  
Bonnie Barthold  
Huddleston, Kevin  
James Cummings Jr.

Huddleston, Leon  
Kristi Bryan  
Jackson, Cody & Lindsay  
Fred & Pamela Allen  
Jackson, Cody  
Pam Allen  
Jackson, Kaitlin  
Fred & Pamela Allen  
Jaksa, Al & Melanie  
Mickey & Paula Ray  
Jesus Christ  
Mark & Kathy James  
Lance Oliver  
John Lee Family  
Sarah Oxford  
Lewis, Sue  
Tuggle & Russell LLC  
Loyd, Gary & Elizabeth  
Sarah Oxford  
Lozano, Victorina  
Charles Schneider  
Lucado, Max & Denalyn  
Jerry & Randa Hollon  
Lucas, Ellen Virginia Erlund  
April Lucas  
Mahan, Conrad & Charlotte  
Clay Bassham  
Mascio, Robert & Kelli  
Heather Snider  
McClendon, Bill  
Luther Miller  
McHargue, Richard & Dolores  
Diane Gunn  
McNamara, Janis  
Timothy McNamara  
Morin, Mary  
Mark Morin  
Myers, Arthur & Helen  
Valarie Myers Ramsey  
Parkey, Peggy  
Gary & Elicia Dodd  
Perkins, Billy & Tana  
Mickey & Paula Ray  
Pesak, Shelly  
Pesak's Smokehouse  
Query, Jim & Estelle  
Jay Chris Petersen  
Ray, Bill & JoLynn  
Mickey & Paula Ray  
Rheudasil, E.C. & Jane  
J. Mark Rheudasil  
Riley, Billie  
Alicia Riley-Pfund  
Rutledge, Pud & Jeri  
Lisa Murphy  
Teofilo Sanchez Family  
Dr. Teofilo Sanchez  
Stinson, Elvin  
Todd Sanders  
Strother, Brandon  
Pam Allen  
Taylor, Sarah  
Doug & Doris Lillard  
Mary Lynn Schroeder  
Wall, J.C. & Dorothy  
Rodney & Jeanette Wall  
Wilks, Wayne & Pat  
Keith Bickham Jr.



## Summer 2024 Campus Interns



Pictured (left to right): Caleb, Rachel, Taylir, Riley, Janae and Landry

Arms of Hope Interns did an amazing job in the summer of 2024! These phenomenal servant-hearted young adults come to us from multiple great schools including: Abilene Christian University, Lubbock Christian University & Oklahoma Christian University. They led devotionals, organized field trips, worked with visiting church groups and showed the love of Jesus everyday to our children. ■



***Our children are on the move and we need vehicles to transport them! Please consider a tax-deductible gift for your trade-in or consider donating towards the purchase of a van.***

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830.522.2203**

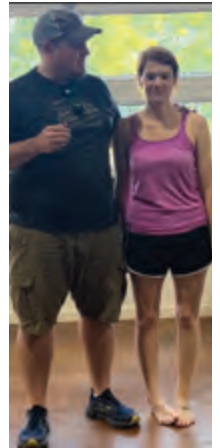
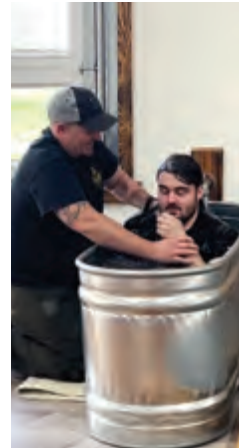


# AOH Births & New Births in Christ

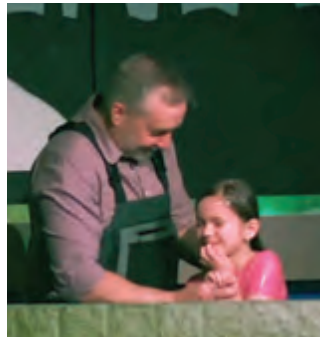
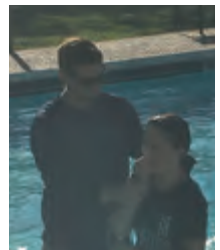


*In Texas, one in three children are born to single mothers and 40% of single-mother families live in poverty. Arms of Hope works to change generations and break the patterns of the past.*

Arms of Hope is honored to walk alongside single mothers who enter the Together Program with a new baby on the way. Instead of these mothers having to experience the anxiety and hardship of homelessness, pregnancy, and labor alone, they now have a team of support who love them and are excited to hold their hand and celebrate the joy of new life!



Sharing the Gospel and love of Jesus with all of our children and single mothers is the number one priority at Arms of Hope. In Fiscal Year 2024, we rejoiced with the angels over 22 new followers of Christ! Your kind giving truly changes lives on earth and in heaven!



*22 Arms of Hope program participants became new followers of Christ this year.*



# ***Fund-A-Need***

## ***Daily Needs for Arms of Hope Residents***

*Includes food, clothing, shelter, school activities, loving house parents, medical/dental care and other necessities. 150 Children per year on the Boles and Medina Campuses  
\$75 per day per resident, \$2,000 per month, \$25,000 per year*

## ***Counseling for All Program Participants***

*Christian Licensed Professional Counselors  
\$70 per session (reduced rate), \$280 per month / \$2,700 per year*

## ***Daycare***

*Arms of Hope's Boles & Medina Campuses have 125 children in both state licensed daycares each day, which allows our single mothers to attend college or technical training. The 20 full-time staff members follow a Christian Curriculum and each child participates in devotionals. They receive meals and snacks each day.*

*\$500,000 Per Year Total Operational Cost*

*Cost Per Year Per Child - \$4,000*

*Cost Per Month Per Child - \$350*

*Cost Per Week Per Child- \$80*

## ***Family Outreach Center***

*Support a family's physical needs in one of Arms of Hope Family Outreach Centers in Dallas, Denton, Houston or San Antonio. Needs range from rental assistance, food, utilities, school supplies, etc. - \$1,500 a year / \$125 a month  
Counseling and Case Management - \$500 per family per year*

## ***Summer Camp***

*Over 125 Arms of Hope children participate in week-long, quality Christian Summer Camps each year.*

*Activities include rock climbing, rappelling, zip-lines, Christian devotionals, etc. Arms of Hope residents attend with nine churches (300 children) from across Texas. Each year, many Arms of Hope children are baptized at camp. Lifelong memories, friends and connections are made and camp is truly an experience of a lifetime.*

*Cost - \$450 Per High School/Junior High*

*Cost - \$150 Per Elementary School Child*



# *Leaving A Lasting Legacy*



Abilene Christian University (ACU) and Arms of Hope proudly announce a transformative partnership aimed at empowering education and fostering hope for disadvantaged children, youth, and families. This innovative collaboration signifies a shared commitment to providing academic opportunities and support to students, administrators, and staff of Arms of Hope across their Boles and Medina campuses.

At the heart of this partnership lies a deep alignment in mission and values. Arms of Hope, a renowned not-for-profit Christian care organization,

is dedicated to providing a nurturing, Christian environment to transform the lives of vulnerable children and single-mother families. Likewise, ACU is committed to educating students for Christian service and leadership worldwide, providing pathways of access to empower individuals to discover their vocational purpose.

"We are thrilled to join hands with Arms of Hope in this monumental endeavor," said Stephen Johnson, chief executive officer of ACU Dallas. "Together, we aspire to establish the 'ACU – Arms of Hope College and Career

Academy,' offering a transformative educational experience that equips and uplifts individuals to reach their fullest potential for a future filled with hope and purpose."

Troy Robertson, Arms of Hope chief executive officer and president, echoed this sentiment, stating, "This partnership embodies our shared vision of providing hope and support to those in need. By offering collegiate educational pathways for the single mothers and children in our care, we aim to equip generations with the tools they need to build a brighter future."





*“Arms of Hope’s partnership with ACU will leave a lasting legacy along the educational journey of those we serve.”  
- Troy Robertson*



The centerpiece of the collaboration is the establishment of the ACU – Arms of Hope College and Career Academy, which will provide Arms of Hope residents with access to fully online ACU degree programs. Through this initiative, residents will benefit from waived application fees, personalized admissions support, academic resources, and a dedicated scholarship fund.

Additionally, Arms of Hope administrators and staff will have the opportunity to pursue fully online ACU degree or certificate programs, furthering their professional development with exclu-

sive resources and benefits, including tuition discounts.

“This partnership represents a significant milestone in our collective efforts to uplift communities and empower individuals through education,” remarked Robertson. “Together with ACU, we look forward to unlocking new opportunities and transforming lives for generations to come. Arms of Hope’s partnership with ACU will leave a lasting legacy along the educational journey of those we serve,” stated Robertson.

On July 15, 2024, in Quinlan, Texas

and July 18, 2024, in Medina, Texas, partnership signing ceremonies were conducted to formalize the ACU and Arms of Hope alliance. The events brought together key leaders from both organizations and served as a symbol of the power of collaboration in creating positive change and fostering hope in the lives of those in need. As both organizations continue to uphold their commitment to excellence and service, the future holds boundless possibilities for growth, empowerment, and transformation. ■





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