The Presbyterian Home for Children reports on its 150th year of transforming the lives of children and their families.
GOING HOME
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

In the summer of 1868, the first two orphans, a brother and sister, came into the care of the Presbyterian Home for Children. Loving members of the Presbyterian Churches of Alabama had been working for several years to build a home for children like these. They saw a need and felt called to meet that need.

150 years later, the many friends of the Presbyterian Home are still responding to the needs of children.

Recently one of our young residents was skipping down the sidewalk as only a child can do. Just a few weeks before, this young man and his mother had been homeless, but now they have a place of their own in our Secure Dwellings program. It was a fine afternoon and everyone seemed to be looking for an excuse to be outside, but this young man was making the most of his walk. When he was asked “why are you so happy today?” his reply was priceless: I’m going home.

What a simple statement for most of us, but for him it was a thing of joy. “I’m going home.” This is his home. A place of safety and security, of love and hope.

Throughout 2018, we celebrated the legacy of love that connects that young brother and sister 150 years ago with the skipping boy in our care. They, like so many others, have found a home thanks to the generosity of people like you.

This was my first full year as President of the Home and it was been a wonderful, sometimes exhausting, always fulfilling, year. I’ve had the opportunity to meet hundreds of our supporters across the state and quite a few from out-of-state. I’ve met many of the men and women who grew up at the Home in years past and have heard their stories of the role the Home played in their lives. As you look through this Ministry Impact Report, you’ll read stories of lives being changed and of volunteers coming together to serve others.

And now we enter this next era –the next 150 years—with a full house, a balanced budget, a tremendous Board of Trustees, and many, many partners in this ministry. Most of all, we have a commission from God to serve the children who need us most. Thank you for joining us in that great mission.

Peace and blessings,

[Signature]

ON THE COVER: Joyful residents enjoy the rare Alabama snow in January, 2018
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Medical Director & Consulting Psychiatrist

The Presbyterian Home for Children is a Christian
caring community for children
and families in need; serving
children and families regardless
of race, color, creed, gender, national
origin or disability. The ministry is governed
by a Board of Trustees elected in part by North
Alabama Presbytery, the Presbytery of Sheppard
and Lapsley, and South Alabama Presbytery.
The Home is recognized as a tax-exempt 501(c)3
nonprofit by the State of Alabama and the IRS.
Children’s identities may be disguised to protect the privacy of the individual.

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CELEBRATION OF 150 YEARS

The whole year 2018 was a special event as the Home celebrated 150 years of service to children from across Alabama. While the Home was organized even earlier, it took in its first children in 1868 and has served the needs of orphans, foster children, and now homeless children continuously since then. The first children arrived in the summer, so the annual summer gathering of alumni was a particularly meaningful time in the year to remember the legacy of love and the thousands of children who have passed through the doors of the Home.

CAMPUS RENOVATIONS PREPARE FOR FUTURE

On a campus with most buildings more than 50 years old (and a few nearing 100 years old!), renovations are a fact of life. 2018 saw an old elementary school building renovated to host volunteers and renamed Hope Lodge. Thanks to this project, volunteers now have a dedicated space to stay on campus, making youth and other small group trips easier to arrange. An empty high school building was renovated at the end of the year to house a family in the Secure Dwellings program. This building was renamed in honor of former PHFC President the late Myron Uptain. By housing a previously homeless family, Uptain Cottage continues his legacy of service to children in need of safety and security.

TRANSITION TO ADULT LIVING ADDS SPIRITUAL RETREAT TO PROGRAM

In addition to meeting the physical needs of the Transition to Adult Living (TAL) girls, the Home seeks to find way to bring the clients in our programs into the presence of the Lord. In April, Director of Spiritual Life Leeann Scarbrough led a spiritual retreat for the girls at a beautiful lake house provided by a friend of the Home. It is likely that most of these young ladies have never been in a situation with time set aside for nothing but spiritual conversation and reflection where their views were heard and their needs addressed. The weekend closed with Sunday morning worship at First Presbyterian Church of Huntsville and that church’s great hospitality.
INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT

Doug Marshall, who took the leadership role at the Presbyterian Home in November 2017, was officially installed as the 16th President of the Home on February 5, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church of Talladega. The service included a worship service led by The Rev. Jonathan Yarboro of First Presbyterian Church of Wetumpka and participation of Board Members, staff members, and business leaders. A highlight was special music provided by the Ascension Leadership Academy Choir.

SCHOOL RENAMED ASCENSION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

For the previous two academic years, the Home’s education program has operated under two names – Ascension Leadership Academy for K-8 and Hope Academy for 9-12. For the 2018-19 school year, the school was renamed for all grades and became Ascension Leadership Academy. All classes moved to the educational facility made possible by our partnership in ministry with First Presbyterian Church of Talladega. In recognition of this change, a new logo was introduced that reflects the ideals of the school: Truth, Excellence, Knowledge, and Compassion.

In May, Hope Academy graduated five seniors, including three from the Home’s residential programs.

NEW PLAYGROUND FOR ASCENSION LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The development of a playground for Ascension Leadership Academy was notable not just because it provided a safe, fun, environment for the children, but because of the many friends and partnerships that came together to make this happen. The property next to the school was a vacant lot owned by First Bank of Alabama. Chad Jones, President of First Bank, arranged for a favorable long-term lease. An Amish workman built and installed a playground Ark and others helped with a beautiful pavilion, landscaping, and sod. Volunteers from Faith Presbyterian Church in Huntsville created our “People Fence” and built the fence and platform for what is now the “Music Wall” and “Mud Kitchen.” The playground is now a showpiece, much admired in the community and by all who contributed to make it a success, and loved by our children.
2018 FOUNDATIONS, TRUST, AND BEQUEST GIFTS

FOUNDATION GIFTS IN 2018
Alabama Civil Justice Foundation
Alabama Institute for Deaf & Blind Foundation, Inc.
Alabama Power Foundation, Inc.
Edwin and Elizabeth Skelton Foundation
Sandra and John Haley Charitable Fund
Montague Family Foundation
Mike and Gillian Goodrich Charitable Foundation
EL Spencer Jr. Foundation, Inc.
Charles Herschel Crow and Jenny Beams Crow Foundation
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The Moses Foundation
Southminster Presbyterian Church Foundation for Ministry

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS
Benevity Community Impact Fund
Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham
Community Foundation of West Alabama
Community Foundation of Greater Memphis
Community Foundation for Northeast Florida
Community Foundation of South Alabama

TRUST FUND GIFTS IN 2018
Covington Memorial Foundation Trust
Cecile C. Craig Charitable Testamentary Foundation
Helen Mohns Dunaway Trust
Priscilla Johnson Trust
T. S. Huff Testamentary Trust

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Louise Maytag Smith Trust
Barclay A. Storey Trust Fund
Mary Sands Sturgeon Trust
Mattie A. Styles Charitable Trust
Sylvia and Rip Williams Charitable Foundation
Oresta Lee Wood Trust

BEQUESTS IN 2018
Helen Hudgens, Birmingham, AL
Barbara Scarbrough McGill, Cumming, GA
William H. Simpson, Gadsden, AL

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For more information on how you can leave a legacy of support for the Presbyterian Home, please contact Jonathan Ahern at 256-368-8109, or email at jahern@phfc.org.
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FY 2017-2018

SOURCES OF FUNDS

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CHURCHES $199,112
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS $448,691
CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BUSINESSES,
FOUNDATIONS & TRUSTS $323,180
TUITION AND GRANTS $36,949
PROGRAM SERVICE FEES $9,044
THRIFT STORE $55,952
MISCELLANEOUS $574

TOTAL CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS $1,073,502

MEDICAID $298,472
STATE DHR PAYMENTS $181,418
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION $306,953

TOTAL GOVERNMENT SOURCES $786,843

OPERATING INCOME ** $1,860,345

TRANSFER OF INVESTMENT FUNDS
TO BE UTILIZED IN OPERATIONS 659,366

OPERATING REVENUE ** $2,519,711

USE OF FUNDS

CHILD CARE $1,863,333
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE $316,334
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT $286,297

OPERATING EXPENSE $2,465,964

EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER
SUPPORT OVER EXPENSES ** $53,747

** EXCLUDING INVESTMENT INCOME, GAINS/LOSSES ON PLANT ASSETS, AND NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS.
WELCOME VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers in FY 2017/2018

Volunteer Hours Worked in FY 2017/2018

364

598

The Presbyterian Home For Children offers a profound mission experience for your church’s youth and adult groups—right here in Alabama! Come for a day, weekend, or a week and experience the spiritual benefits of doing God’s work together.