



Take Heart! In Matthew 14:27, Jesus appears to the disciples in the midst of the storm, and speaks these words: ***“Take Heart, Do not be afraid, it is I.”*** Just as He was there for His disciples, Christ has been there for Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina (BCH). For our caregivers, staff, members of the BCH Board of trustees and, most importantly, for every person that we have served or will serve, Jesus is there to say, “Take heart, do not be afraid, it is I.” Jesus is the great **“I”** of the storm.

In 2023, we arrived at the end of a season. It has been one of heaviness but it has also been one where God's faithfulness and provision have shone brilliantly. We've celebrated numerous boys and girls as they have accepted Christ as their Savior. There have been more children adopted by caring, Christian couples than the year before. We have dedicated a new family foster home in Western North Carolina that will allow us to serve even more children. And we have opened Emmanuel Home, our new home that will minister to birth mothers who have chosen adoption for their babies.

Thank you for your messages of encouragement, prayers, as well as volunteer and financial support during this difficult season. God has honored the faithful support of NC Baptists and friends of the organization because we have seen Him continuing to change lives now and for all eternity. We humbly ask for your continued prayers and support as we minister to those in our care today and those who will turn to us in the days ahead -- **your involvement has never been more important.**

Just as one season for Baptist Children's Homes ends, a new one begins — it is a season ripe with hope and expectation because of the friendship we share with you and, most of all, the grace, mercy and love of the Heavenly Father we all serve together. **Thank you.**

GAYLA FREEMAN | CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TAKE HEART

MATTHEW
14:27

Thank You!

Every photo you see below shows a child, a special needs adult, or even an entire family who has experienced transformation through the many ministries of Baptist Children's Homes (BCH). In some instances, these are the faces of those who have answered the call to serve others through the ministry. Most importantly, these lives represent God's faithfulness to restore hope and bring families together for the sake of His kingdom. None of this would be possible without your unwavering dedication to pray, support, and be involved in the BCH mission. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of partnering with you and serving alongside of you as we minister together to the "least of these" through the grace, mercy, and providence of God.



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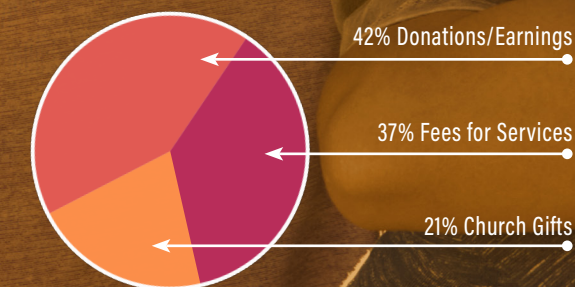
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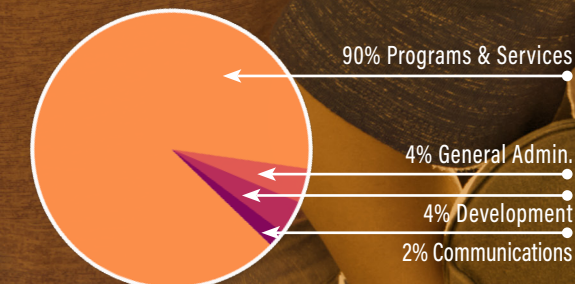
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Operating Revenues



Operating Expenses



Outreach Numbers 2023

Children & Families	
Children Served 1,337	Family Members Served 3,887
Children Adopted 89	Expectant Mothers Counseled 255
Days of Care 122,643	

Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities	
Residents Served 52	Family Members Served 100

North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry	
Clients Served 4,787	Call Center Calls 14,624

Greater Vision Outreach Ministry	
Lives Impacted 84,029*	
*Household members served through GV's self-sufficiency ministry plus meals served through food distribution.	

Evangelism & Outreach	
Lives Impacted 23,319	

Decisions for Christ	
316	

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