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Easy Ways to Help Alpha's Kids:

- Save Campbell's UPC Symbols for Alpha to redeem for needed school supplies & equipment.
- Save General Mills Box Top Symbols for Alpha to redeem for cash—10¢ each! This helps purchase school curriculum for the kids and other needs.
- Save Best Choice UPC Symbols for Alpha to redeem for cash—3¢ each.
- Link your Dillons Plus Shopper Card to Alpha's Charity number—19764.

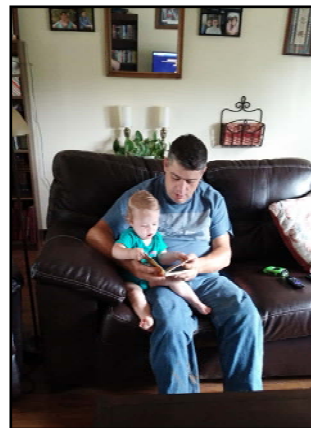
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Celebrating the Kids

This issue is all about celebrating what you have made possible for the kids here at Alpha, and the wonderful things they have been able to experience and accomplish due to your friendship and kindness on their behalf!

Our mission at Alpha is all about offering safety and stability in a loving, nurturing home environment to children who are in need of a place to go, while coming alongside of their families as they work to overcome the short- or long-term challenges that they face. We unashamedly share the healing message of Jesus Christ as we serve them daily, and offer hope and healing



Above: Chuck Plant (Hope House Dad) tenderly cuddles Jaden as they read a book together.

from whatever the circumstances are that brought them to us. We also work to prepare them for the future in the home and

through our school, whether they plan to return to their family once challenges have been overcome and healing has taken place, or they have a need to stay with us until they graduate and start life on their own, pursuing higher education, military service, or trade school training.

We welcome children ages infant through teenage years into our families and homes.

The children experience so many wonderful things here at Alpha, from the beautiful homes in which they live and share with others, to the amazing rural ranch setting that allows them to participate in edu-

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New Charitable Program from Dillons

Dillons Grocery Stores (a.k.a. Kroger) started a Community Rewards charitable program in February which contributes a portion of your purchases to your favorite charity.

We are excited to report that Alpha's kids

received \$203.40 for the first quarter of this year from this program!

If you are a Dillon's shopper, you can join dozens of others who have signed up to support Alpha's kids this way. You can find more details on how to get your shopper card linked

to Alpha's charity number at this web address: www.dillons.com/communityrewards.

The charity number that Dillons has assigned to Alpha is 19764.



cational animal programs and nature walks. Alpha is just a great place to grow up and experience all the dynamics of family and friendship!



The children have opportunity to participate in animal programs (including equine lessons here on the ranch) and 4-H activities throughout the year. Each of the homes on our



campus currently raises chickens, so there are plenty of eggs to be had for meals! Many of the children also raise & train meat goats each year to show at the county 4-H fair at the end of summer. *There are so many*

valuable life lessons to be learned as the children work with their animals every day & then reap the rewards of their hard work at the fair!



The kids decided to get creative with their goat shelter and hay feeder; they painted cheerful happy faces on them as they prepared their faci-

ties for the arrival of their baby goats this spring.

Other 4-H activities that the kids have chosen to get involved in have included art, cooking, photography, and shooting sports. Some passed a gun safety course and have been learning how to shoot BB Guns, Air Rifles, and Archery Bows through their 4-H shooting sports club. The kids who



are participating in BB Gun sports are completely thrilled to have qualified to compete this summer in the 50th Annual Daisy National BB Gun Championship held in Rogers, Arkansas, in



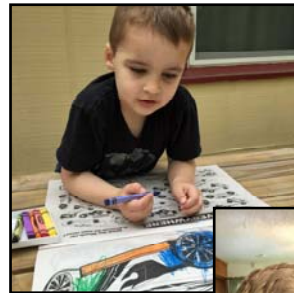
July! It has been fun to see how each of the children gets excited about the activities that they choose to get involved in, and a joy to cheer them on as they learn, grow, and succeed!



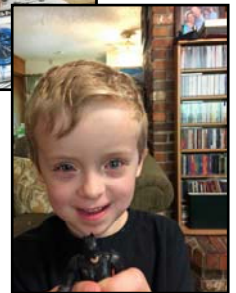
We have been so blessed this year to be able to offer an art program to the children as Jim Fehlauer teaches them so many ways to create!



ALL of the children who attended Alpha's private school achieved Honor Roll for the final trimester of the 2014-15 school year! Several of them were able to achieve Honor Roll for the entire year, and they were awarded medals for their hard work and achievements.



From facilitating coloring in a coloring book, to physically



and emotionally supporting a young child through a needed eye surgery, or listening to a child's heart as they first come to understand the real meaning of the gift of salvation, our amazing home parents and teachers are the feet & hands of Jesus to these kids. **THANK YOU so much for making this peaceful haven at Alpha possible for them!**



New Roof for Alpha House– Funding Complete!

Guess what? ... You DID IT!! We want to thank each and every one who sent a special gift this spring to help cover the cost of materials that will be needed to re-roof the Alpha House residence for children. Each gift that was offered combined with others' gifts to meet this need, and we are thrilled to announce that this project is completely funded!!!



We have had extremely rainy weather in our area this spring which has prevented us from tackling the project, so we are now looking at scheduling in the fall to get the job done.

On behalf of the kids, we thank you for adopting this special need and abundantly providing financially for it. You've made a real difference for them!



Gifts Honoring Loved Ones

In Memory Of:

Patricia Ballard

By: William & Beverly Ballard
 Patty Chesney
 James & Donalee Circle
 Melvin & Wanda Davenport
 Bill & Jodi File
 Betty Jane Humes
 Michael & Glenda Jirak
 Jerry & Sandi Kinser
 James R Nothern
 Darel & Shirley Olliff
 Robert & Suzanne Peters
 Harry & Willardene Purdum
 Shawn Reed
 Sandra Rogers
 Art Slaughter
 Rebecca Staley
 Leon & Margaret Welker
 Stan & Juanita Whitlow

George Joseph Dibble

By: James & Sherry Dibble
 Lucille Dibble
 Max Dibble
 Keith & Marsha Doane
 George & Mary Lou Dugan



George Joseph Dibble, Cont'd

Paul & Veneta Ediger
 Glenn & Carol Fogo
 Herbert & Sue Lyn Glidden III
 Elden & Mary Hatzler
 Dr. Larry & Barbara Hays
 Jay & Carolyn Herren
 Ila Belle Hoar
 Raymond Marcel
 Edna Taylor McCall
 John & Laura McClure
 Evelina Moore
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 Scott Siggel
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Margaret G Doel Bol

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Donald G Farley

By: Bonnie Farley
 Amanda Farley
 Trevor Hilden

Christine Gustason

By: Beulah Mae Carter

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By: Beulah Mae Carter
 Patrick Johnson

Kent Johnson

By: Beulah Mae Carter
 Patrick Johnson

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By: Sarah's Circle of Northland
 Christian Church, Topeka, KS

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By: Linda Browne

Thelma White

By: Ethel Whipple



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Mission Pantry Needs

- Fresh Fruits & Veggies
- Shredded or Block Cheeses
- Lactose-Free Whole Milk
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Juice Boxes for Lunches
- Peanut Butter
- Alfredo Sauce, roasted garlic flavor
- Prego Spaghetti Sauce
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Medium Salsa
- Seasoned Black Beans
- Lysol Bathroom Cleaner
- Clorox Wipes
- Free & Clear Laundry Soap
- Zote Laundry Bars
- Nite Pants for Boys Size S/M (Diapers)
- Size 4 & 5 Diapers



Special Needs

- Slide for Learning Center Playground
- 3 New Garage Doors and Openers for Shop & Recreation Center
- Insulation for Multi-Purpose Building Attic
- Lawn Tools & Equipment

NOTE: If we should have any amount of funding left over from your support for a particular project, we will absolutely use it toward the many other needs of the children.

Call us at

785-597-5235

to schedule a tour
 or a speaker
 for your gathering!



2015 Totals

Campbell's Points: 22,249

General Mills Box Tops:
 17,024 x 10¢ each = \$1,702.40

Best Choice UPC Symbols:
 10,000 x 3¢ each = \$300