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- Save General Mills Box Tops—Scan Receipts with Box Tops App! Each Box Top credits 10¢ to Alpha's school via the App. This helps purchase school curriculum for the kids.
- NOTICE: Amazon.com recently discontinued their AmazonSmile charitable donation program.

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Children's Art Contest Winners!



"Thanksgiving Turkey" by Ariaah, age 7

She said, "This is my

Thanksgiving turkey. I colored its feathers red, one of my favorite colors."

"Faith" by Ava, 13

She said, "I saw feather art on a YouTube tutorial that inspired me to create this piece."



"Longneck" by Nathan, age 9
He said, "Emmie wanted me to draw a dinosaur."

"Stitch" by Lucas, age 10
He said, "I drew the movie character, Stitch."



"Tree Delivery" by Mae, 13
She likes vintage trucks!



"Unicorn" by Emmalyn, 6

She said, "I like Unicorns and wanted to draw one!"



"Keeping Warm" by Maggie, age 9

She said, "When it gets really

cold outside, I'm grateful to have a warm house!!"

Alpha House Residence Needs

We are now prayerfully looking for a Christian married couple to join our team and minister as PARENTS for children in our Alpha House residence!

Would you pray with us for this need, that God will provide at the right time? You can pray for

wisdom and discernment as we look for just the right fit for the children, and also help spread the word about this to others!



In the meantime, we hope to take advantage of the temporarily empty status of this 50-year-old house to work on several areas that are in desperate need of updating or repair,

and perhaps replace worn flooring throughout the residence where needed.

You can find a list of needed Alpha House improvements with this QR Code:

Give us a call if you'd like to sign up to help give this house new life for the kids to come!

Project Needs

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Celebrating the Kids



The kids were treated by good friends to an amazing field trip to Union Station's Holiday Reflections event in Kansas City over the



holidays. The kids had sooooo much fun taking in all the gorgeous Christmas lights and decorations, as well as multiple amazing model trains, train stations, & city-scapes!!



Meet Rapunzel (blond Boer breeding doe on the left) and Moonshadow (blue roan Nubian dairy goat) who were snuggling up in their shelter on a cold, windy day!

They were wondering if we had any snacks to offer as we passed through, ha! It is now kidding season, and the



does are beginning to give birth to the babies that our children will choose from to raise for their 4-H animal projects over the spring & summer months.

Some of the children are taking private riding lessons, and are truly enjoying them!



If you would like to sponsor lessons for a child, let us know!



Jay Tharp has been coming over weekly on his lunch break to give beginning musical instrument lessons to any of the children who are interested! They started with drums, and will also



be learning bass & electric guitar. He provided the guitars, electronic drums, and an earphone option for practice if desired, yay!!

Jay & Allison also teach a weekly music class for all the children in our school!



The children's 4-H activities are in full swing again for the year! Pictured above are Aria, Ava, and Elvis who were selling concessions at one of the local Junior Kaws Basket Ball Games events as a fund-raiser for their 4-H club on a cold, rainy, January day. This is one of the many community service opportunities that they get to participate in as active members of 4-H.

Grace House (Phase 1) Building Construction Now Complete!



We are CELEBRATING the completion of *phase one* of our Grace House construction project! We have been so blessed by all of your wonderful support throughout the process of planning, fund-raising, and constructing/finishing this house, and because of you, we were able to get all of this accomplished debt-free!!

Thank YOU for all of the donations and matching donation funding that you offered to help us cover the cost of building *phase one* of this house! With the help of SO many gracious and willing profes-

sional and layman volunteers who came out to give us a hand with needed projects as the work progressed, and with materials that were SO kindly donated (including flooring and kitchen cabinets), we were able to keep the building costs within the budget of the donated funds that were raised last year in spite of high inflation rates



that our country is currently experiencing! We could not have pulled all of this off without YOU, Friends ... Thank you so very much!!

We are now preparing to help the children's beloved school teacher, Patricia Sims, move into this house

from the basement of the Alpha House residence. She will live here during her years of ministry to the children. Someday down the line, when God indicates that it is the right time, we will initiate *phase two* planning to build a large children's wing addition onto the east side of the house to convert it to a residence for children in need.



One thing that remains to be done for Grace House this spring is lawn & landscape work. Let us know if you can help!!

Memorial Gifts & Gifts Given In Honor

Given In Memory Of:

Marjorie Botkin

By: Philip & Sandra Gordon
Tomball TX

Bob Cash

By: Anne Cash
Hiawatha KS

Grandma Jocinda Hays

By: Marilyn Aikins
Springfield MO

Duane V Jenkins

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Margery Reed
Topeka KS

Eugene & Lottie Polk

By: The Sims Family

Yvette Polk

By: Patricia Sims
Perry KS

Robert & Delphine Shockley

By: William & Elizabeth Heins
Emporia KS



Given In Honor Of:

Orville & Liz Brill

By: Marilyn Aikins
Springfield MO

Virginia Opperlander

By: Paul & Yvonne Markt
Oregon, MO

Patricia Sims

By: Gertrude Max
Overland Park KS

Jay & Allison Tharp

By: Michelle Kincaid
Perry KS



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Mission Pantry Needs

- Fresh Fruits & Veggies
- **Breakfast Cereals**
- Shredded, Block, & Sliced Cheeses, String Cheese Sticks
- Parmesan Cheese
- Snack Packs, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes
- Canned & Dried Fruits
- Canned Chili
- Cream of Soups
- Broths
- Pasta Sauces
- Ranch Dressing
- BBQ Sauce
- Granulated & Powdered Sugars
- White Vinegar & Apple Cider Vinegar
- **Toilet Paper & Paper Towels**
- Clorox Wipes
- Gain Original or Free & Clear Laundry Detergent
- Dishwasher Pods
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Native Deoderant
- Gold Bond Healing Lotion
- GoodNites Size L/XL

Special Needs

- Gravel Funding for annual spring Road Maintenance needs on our Campus—150 tons (\$40/ton) which runs about \$6,000. Inflation has hit the quarry industry, too!
- Alpha House update repair project adoption! **See front page.**
- Grace House Lawn & Landscape volunteers & materials!

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.

Give us a call to find out how to connect with Alpha's mission!
(785) 597-5235



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