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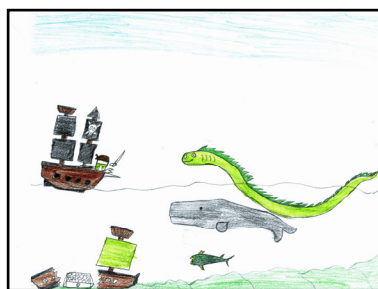
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Children's Art Projects



"High Seas Adventure!"
by Elvis, age 16

Elvis said, "I was creating a pirate scene with their loot lost at the bottom of the sea."



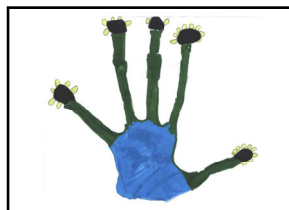
"Panda" by Aariah, age 9

She said, "I wanted to draw a picture of a panda!"

"Fancy Vase"

by Nathan, age 10

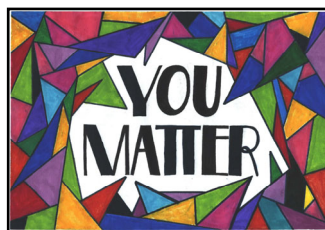
He said, "I wanted to make a fancy vase, and I used my handprint to create it!"



"You Matter!"

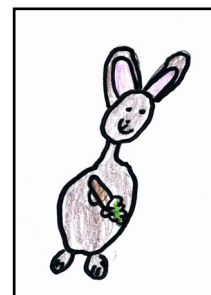
by Ava, age 15

Ava said, "I wanted to make something colorful and geometric, and I also like to include inspirational messages."



"Highland Cow"
by Mae, age 14

She said, "I just LOVE Highland cows. I wanted to draw a picture of one."



"Bunny" by Emmie, age 7

Emmalyn said, "I was learning how to draw a bunny, and chose this one to try!"

Alpha House Residence Announcement!

We are delighted to announce that Dean & Brittani Krause will be joining our team to become home parents in our Alpha House residence! They have been serving as volun-

teers with the youth ministry at the Lawrence Heights Christian Church in Lawrence, Kansas, and will be transitioning to full time ministry with Alpha in June!!



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Celebrating the Kids

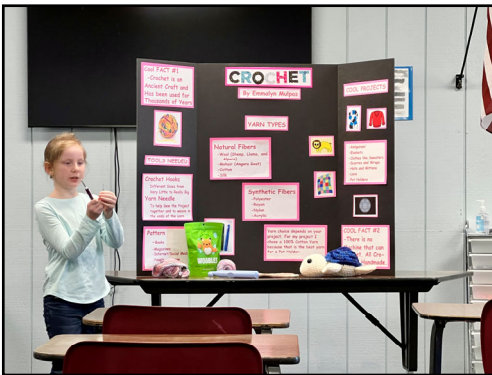


We finally got enough snow to play in this winter, yay! Possibly the only occasion that Elvis might get excited to have ice-

crusted hair, ha! Tubing and snow-ball fights galore ensued ASAP out in the yard and field areas!!



The children are participating in their local 4-H Club again this year. They attended their local Club Days competition event recently where they pre-



sented project talks in front of a presentations judge! Emmie was making a presentation about her crochet projects in this photo.



center's Amaryllis plant finished its service to God through us. She had students view the parts of flowers with a microscope for this science project. What a wonderful way to get a close-up look at those microscopic details that God created; our microscope really magnifies well!!

Elvis gave Mrs. Kincaid a hand with yard work when she was needing ACL reconstruction surgery; he was so very much appreciated!



Mrs. Sims shared photos about how the learning



We were treated to an amazing Monday afternoon outing recently! Jacob Tharp, who is a Southwest Airlines pilot, and a son of our dear



friends, Jay and Allison Tharp, gave us rides in a rented airplane from the Lawrence Municipal Airport!! He took us up and circled around the entire city of Lawrence, and then headed north to circle Alpha's rural campus. The weather was perfect for this that day, and the kids (and adults) relished their time in the air with him! Thank you, Jay & Allison, and Jacob for this very special treat for the children!! Video is on FB.

Mae took the aerial photo to the right with Mrs. Kincaid's phone!

2024 Volunteering At Alpha



For over 50 years, Alpha has been built and expanded from the ground up with the generosity and hands-on work of our amazing and beloved volunteers! We are always deeply grateful for each and every person who offers a helping hand at our peaceful haven in the woods, tackling projects ranging in size from yard clean-up work or small repairs, to building completely new structures.

For 2024, we are excited to announce that our GROUP Volunteering calendar is already com-

pletely booked up for the entire year!! We have multiple projects in mind that these wonderful



[Aerial Photo Of Alpha's Campus]

groups will be tackling this year to continue to improve and expand our campus facilities for the kids.

We will not be able to schedule any additional group volunteering trips to Alpha for 2024; however, we DO plan to arrange a Saturday WORK DAY once each quarter which will offer a volunteering day on our campus for anyone who would like to come out and give a helping hand! Liking/Following our FACEBOOK page is a great way to become aware of any upcoming Volunteer Project Work Days that you might be interested in!

<https://www.facebook.com/alphachristianchildrenshomeandschool>

Memorial Gifts & Gifts Given In Honor

Given IN MEMORY Of:

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Duane & Joyce Argo
Lynn & Marilyn Behrends
Jay & Carol Boyer
Lee & Tanya Christensen
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Mission Pantry Needs

- Butter, 2% Milk
- Fresh Fruits & Veggies
- Breakfast Cereals
- Shredded, Block, & Sliced Cheeses, String Cheese Sticks
- Snack Packs, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes
- Snack Crackers
- Single Serving Packed School Lunch Items
- Canned & Dried Fruits
- Canned Chicken
- Chicken Broth
- Pasta Sauces
- Brown Sugar & Powdered Sugars
- Honey / Peanut Butter
- White Vinegar & Apple Cider Vinegar
- Dishwasher Pods
- Kitchen Size Trash Bags
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Native/Dove Deodorant
- Gold Bond Healing Lotion, Cerve Lotion
- Cantu Kids Curl Cream Shampoo & Conditioner
- Argon Oil of Morocco Hair Oil

Special Needs

- Bunk Bed Construction Materials—\$500 each
- Flooring for Alpha House Basement Remodel —\$2,000
- New WiFi Network for School Building—\$600
- Exterior Paint For School Building, Faith & Grace House
- Small Tractor—\$15K

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.

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