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Methodist Children's Home is grateful for our faithful friends who help create special Christmas memories for the 1,300 children and youth in our care.

The Joy of
Christmas



You are an important part of this ministry as you help change the lives of children and youth through your support.

Faithful supporters help bring joy to the lives of our children at Christmas

The last issue of *Sunshine* featured a story about the contributions of the Perkins and Prothro families to the ministry of Methodist Children's Home. Their legacy of love and generosity has helped the Home bring joy to the lives of countless boys and girls, especially at Christmas.

As our staff prepared for Christmas in recent months, I was reminded of the impact our benefactors, volunteers and other friends make on the lives of at-risk children and youth. Methodist Children's Home is grateful for friends like you and the many other individuals, churches, Sunday School classes and volunteers who support the Home during Christmas through financial resources, time and prayers. Your support enables the Home to create unique and special Christmas memories for the 1,300 children and youth in our care.

For many of these children, this is the first time they have had an opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of this special season and anticipate opening the gifts under their Christmas trees. For our staff, the weeks leading up to Christmas have provided special opportunities to talk with our children about the birth of Jesus and the reason we have hope through Him. I trust that God will provide many blessings for our children, staff and friends this Christmas.

In addition to preparing for Christmas, our children and staff have been busy with school and other activities. In this issue of *Sunshine*, you will read about recent accomplishments of our youth and special events in the life of this ministry, including the annual Commissioners meeting. We had an excellent Commissioners meeting in October, and we remain grateful for the commitment of these men and women who share good news about the Home in their churches and communities. We also included a story about a group of girls from our charter school who became the first students from the Waco campus to participate in FFA and show animals in the Heart of Texas Livestock Show. We are extremely pleased with the success of our charter school and the smooth transition our Boys Ranch students made to the campus school this year.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. You are an important part of this ministry as you help Methodist Children's Home offer hope to children and youth in Texas and New Mexico. Please pray for our children and staff in the coming year.

For His children,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Bobby Gilliam". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bobby Gilliam

MISSION STATEMENT

Methodist Children's Home offers hope to children, youth and families through a nurturing, Christian community.



The MCH Bulldogs celebrate their first state flag football championship with family and friends Oct. 31. The Bulldogs, led by head coach Berry Benson (far left), defeated Hampton Prep 25-6 in the championship game. The girls' volleyball team finished as state runner-up.

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**Thank you for helping us celebrate
the peace and joy of Christmas.**

From the children and staff at Methodist Children's Home

What I enjoy most about Christmas at MCH ...



"I love all of the lights, candles and smells of Christmas. And I love singing Christmas carols."

Kyra

"I just like to see the smiles on everyone's face at Christmas."

Mariah



"My favorite part about Christmas is eating tons of food and opening presents."

Terri



"I enjoy all the parties and gifts and eating amazing food all the time."

Iram



"Christmas is great because there's a lot of food and I get to spend time thinking about the birth of Jesus."

Tyrell



PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WILL BE FEATURED IN THE SPRING 2010 ISSUE OF *SUNSHINE*.



Learning beyond the classroom

For the seven girls in the Ag Science class at the Methodist Children's Home charter school, the personalities of the goats they are working with this year vary as much as their names.

While some of the girls describe their goats as sweet or cute, others think their goats are lazy or stubborn. The names of their animals range from Corey and Matt to Picasso and Ace Patches.

The seven girls – Ashley, Sarah, Lauren, Kathleen, Vanessa, Linda and Kandaja – are the first students from the Home's Waco campus to work with animals through FFA, which is part of a new Ag Science curriculum at the University Charter School.

This fall, students from the Boys Ranch began attending the

THIS FALL, SEVEN GIRLS BECAME THE FIRST STUDENTS FROM THE WACO CAMPUS CHARTER SCHOOL TO RAISE ANIMALS AND PARTICIPATE IN LIVESTOCK SHOWS THROUGH FFA.

charter school. This move strengthened the educational opportunities for students on both campuses. Boys Ranch residents are now able to take classes not previously offered at

the Ranch, and they can participate in athletics and other extracurricular activities. Students who live on the Waco campus and attend the charter school can now take Ag classes and participate in FFA.

Ag classes, which include woodworking, welding and animal science, are taught by Steve Kruse and John Kuretsch, who were teachers at the Boys Ranch school. Students attend classes on the charter school campus and at the Boys Ranch.

During the summer, Kruse and Kuretsch worked with charter

ABOVE: Steve Kruse, right, and John Kuretsch, teachers at the University Charter School, let students in their Ag Science class select the goats they will work with and show in FFA competitions this year.

“As I was standing there, I saw a goat that was staring right at me. We didn’t take our eyes off each other. I knew right then he was the one for me.”

— LINDA, a student in the Ag Science class at the University Charter School



John Kuretsch works with Lauren, Vanessa, Kandaja and Ashley (from right) as they begin to train their goats for their first livestock show. While the girls are enjoying their Ag Science class, they admit that it takes a lot of patience to work with their animals.

school administrators to develop the curriculum. They knew that if the program was going to be successful at the charter school, they needed to attract the interest of a wide range of students, the majority of whom have never been around farm animals or worked in a shop.

“We expected to have a mix of boys and girls in our classes, but we were surprised, to say the least, when we saw that the Ag Science class was made up of all girls,” Kruse said.

While boys enrolled in some of the classes, the seven girls in the Ag Science class are the only Waco campus residents who are working with animals to show in area livestock competitions. In early September, Kruse and Kuretsch took the girls to the Ranch so they could choose the goat they would work with this year.

When Kruse backed his truck up to the barn to unload the goats, the girls immediately swarmed the truck to get their first up-close look at a farm animal. Linda said she will never forget that morning.

“As I was standing there, I saw a goat that was staring right at me,” she said. “We didn’t take our eyes off each other. I knew right then he was the one for me; I could just tell I was meant to have that goat.”



Ashley tries to coax her goat, Matt (right), to get close enough to eat out of her hand during its first day at the Boys Ranch. Students in the Ag Science class go to the Boys Ranch in the mornings to care for their goats and prepare for livestock shows.

After giving it much thought, Linda named her goat Ace Patches, due to its color markings.

Kruse and Kuretsch selected goats as the first animals for the girls due to their gentle and inquisitive behavior.

“Goats are docile and they easily connect with people,” Kruse said. “They’re a lot like dogs and they’re easy to take care of. We thought the girls would do well with them.”

Kruse and Kuretsch have been surprised at how well the girls have worked with their goats. The girls get out to the Ranch by 7:30 a.m. most school days to feed and exercise their goats and to prepare for livestock shows.

In October, the girls participated in the annual Heart of Texas Livestock Show in Waco. Denise Warren, student events coordinator at MCH, helped the girls shop for clothes for their first competition. While the girls appreciate the support of the Home, they had a difficult time adjusting to Western shirts, jeans and boots.

“I’ve never worn boots like this before,” said Kandaja. “I’m not used to these clothes yet, but I think we look nice.”

A few of the girls also showed initial resistance to the 6 a.m. departure time to head to the show complex the day of their competition. However, Linda woke up at 3:30 a.m. and was ready to go an hour later.

“I was really nervous,” she said. “When I woke up, my first thought was about doing a good job at the show.”

While Kruse and Kuretsch want their youth and animals to do well in competition, they emphasize the importance of keeping things in perspective.

“I told the girls that when they entered the show ring, I wanted them to keep their eyes on the judge, be mindful of the way they set up their animal and have fun,” Kruse said. “And then, when they walked out of the ring, they would all be winners.”

Sarah, one of the first girls to show her goat, said the actual
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Kathleen is among the first group of students from the Waco campus who are participating in FFA.



Pictured during the Heart of Texas Livestock Show in October are, l-r, Ashley, Kandaja, Linda and Sarah. The girls are students in the Ag Science class at the Home's charter school.



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competition was not as bad as she anticipated.

"I pictured my goat running away from me when we entered the arena," she said, referring to her goat, Picasso. "I think he was as nervous as I was, but he cooperated with me. I was proud of him and myself."

Ashley, who had never been around animals before this fall, admitted that she could not sleep the night before the competition as she wondered how she and her goat, Matt, would react in their first show.

"I was nervous that I would mess up and that Matt would get loose," she said. "But I felt good because he didn't jump on me or run off. I think we both did a good job."

Kruse said the girls did an "outstanding job" and were positive representatives of Methodist Children's Home. He said he always emphasizes to youth the importance of their behavior and work ethic at livestock shows.

"The girls were really excited after the show," Kruse said. "John and I talked to them about their results and about how proud we were of them. We wanted them to know that the experience they gained and the things they learned are more valuable than where they placed."

The girls are learning some of their most important lessons during the early morning hours at the Boys Ranch. As they work with

their goats, they often face a battle of wills.

Kandaja said some people see similarities between her personality and that of her goat, Corey.

"Corey is usually lazy, so it takes a whole lot of work to make sure he stands right at the show," she said. "I've had people tell me that they think Corey reminds them of me."

Sarah said one of the greatest challenges she faces is trying to deal with Picasso's stubbornness.

"I love Picasso but he can be disobedient," she said. "He does what he wants to do. He has an 'it's all about me' personality. The goats are just like us when we don't want to do something."

Kruse admits that it did not take long to notice the difference between the way girls and boys work with their animals. He said that the girls, in general, are more nurturing and get upset more easily when their goats get sick or injured.

As Ashley began working with her goat, Matt, she was afraid he would forget her before she was able to get back to the Boys Ranch the next day. One morning, she brought a stuffed animal to leave in Matt's pen.

"This was her prized possession," Kruse said. "She wanted Matt to have it so he could remember her scent when she came back the next day. These girls take this seriously and they love their animals. We are very proud of them."

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— STEVE KRUSE, Ag Science teacher, University Charter School

Feeling at home

After spending most of her life in transition, Mikaela is enjoying stability and healthy relationships at MCH.

Imagine feeling completely alone in the world, with no family or friends. That is exactly how Mikaela felt when she arrived at Methodist Children's Home last year.

Born to young parents who could not care for her, Mikaela's early childhood became a blur of transitions to different foster homes in an attempt to find a good match. Unfortunately, each new home brought a new set of challenges, and Mikaela was abused and mistreated in more than one placement.

Finally, at the age of six, Mikaela was adopted along with her brother. Due to her difficult past, trusting a new family was challenging, and it quickly became obvious that the adoption was not what everyone had hoped.

Mikaela was then placed in several homes, which caused her to become a frustrated, wary and obstinate teen. She did not trust authority and had no desire to build relationships. Mikaela felt alone in the world, and who could blame her?

Finally, through the work of the MCH Houston outreach office, Mikaela came to live on the Waco campus.

"When Mikaela first came to the Home she was very hesitant to trust anyone," said Julie Spiech, unit manager in Mikaela's home. "She was street smart, self protective and pushed everyone away."

Mikaela remembers her frustration as she discovered that the Home differed from her previous placements.

"I didn't want to be here," Mikaela said. "The staff was so attentive and they had a lot more rules than other placements I had been in."

It took time, but eventually Mikaela began to see that the rules and attention were for her benefit, not to make her feel trapped. Through relationships with Annette White, Tequesta McGhee and Sharon Walker, as well as other staff members in her home, Mikaela softened and began to change.

"I realized that the people here really care about me," she



Mikaela is gaining confidence and emerging as a leader in her home on the Waco campus.

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— MIKAELA, MCH resident

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Now an emerging leader in her home, Mikaela has reached advanced levels of responsibility and privilege through her dedication and hard work. A member of the volleyball team, she is learning what it means to be part of something larger than herself, and a newfound confidence and peace are flowing into all parts of her life.

"I'm gradually learning how to trust people," Mikaela said. "I've had to realize that I can't make some people love me if they don't want to. I just need to stay strong and prove to myself that I can be successful."

In a little over a year, Mikaela's life has been transformed from hopelessness, anger and loneliness to expectant hope for her bright future.

"I guess it was eye opening being here," Mikaela said. "Honestly, if I were not here I don't know where I would be."

Flag football, volleyball teams add to trophy case

MCH enjoyed a day of achievement and celebration during the state flag football and volleyball playoffs Oct. 31.

MCH hosted the playoffs for the Texas Charter School Academic and Athletic Association, and the Bulldogs took advantage of playing in front of their home crowd.

The Bulldogs defeated Hampton Prep 25-6 in the football championship game, capping a perfect 10-0 season. The girls volleyball team finished as state runner-up. They went 8-0 during the regular season.

The Home's charter school began offering competitive athletics last year.

Pictured: MCH athletes, cheerleaders and fans enjoyed the state playoffs.



Going the distance: Austin excels on cross-country team

Austin was once a lonely teen who struggled to overcome ADHD and develop friendships with his peers. Today, he is vibrant and engaging, full of encouragement and always smiling. He is quick to explain the change.

"Being at Methodist Children's Home has been a huge blessing," Austin said. "I never knew how to focus in school until I came here."

Success in school flowed directly from Austin's participation in athletics. As a member of the MCH cross-country and track teams, he has an outlet for his energy, a place to channel his mental focus and a source of joy and pride.



Austin won three medals in cross-country meets this fall.

When Austin signed up for athletics, he planned to be on the soccer team. When he learned that the track team would practice immediately after soccer, he decided on a whim that he would join the track team as well.

"I didn't know I could run," Austin said. "At first I was al-

ways out of breath, but I just kept running."

Soon Austin was one of the team's strongest distance runners, and he chose to join the cross-country team this fall.

"I found that I really love to run," Austin said. "It was actually a huge surprise."

Now, Austin runs three to six miles a day and enjoys trying new running courses. His cross-country season was very successful. In four meets, he competed against hundreds of athletes from large high schools, and he earned first place in two of those meets.

Austin believes his success came from refusing to give up. "When I first started it was

very hard," Austin said. "In fact, even now I sometimes hit a point around mile four or five where I want to give up. But I keep reminding myself that I made a commitment to my coaches and I don't want to let them down."

Even now, in the off-season, Austin runs every day. He hopes that one day his running will earn him a scholarship to an area university.

"I really want to go to school to be a social worker or work in medicine in some way," Austin said. "Being at MCH has really opened me up to a lot of things, not just running. I found my true potential here, and that is better than any award."

Serving children throughout Texas and New Mexico

With 13 outreach offices across Texas and New Mexico, it is sometimes difficult to keep up with all of the good things happening throughout this area of Methodist Children's Home. Community services offices provide case management to children and families in an effort to strengthen the family unit. Below are five examples of ways Methodist Children's Home offers hope through foster care, family preservation services and other community services. The names of children were changed to protect their privacy.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
 Staff members provide parenting support and other services through their Workshops for Effective Education (WEE). Classes allow MCH staff to serve individuals who were previously beyond their reach. The relationship between MCH staff and the Santa Domingo Native American Pueblo has grown especially strong.

WACO
 Vera was placed at MCH three days after her birth. Four days later, while Vera's foster mother was feeding her, Vera stopped breathing. The foster mother, who is also a trained police officer, performed CPR on Vera while they were driven to the emergency room. Vera was later diagnosed with neonatal seizures. Vera's foster mother now administers anti-seizure medication to Vera twice each day and Vera continues to thrive with no further seizures. The foster mother's quick reaction and CPR training likely saved Vera's life.

TYLER
 Cynthia entered foster care when her grandmother could no longer care for her. Her grandmother had been Cynthia's primary caregiver since her mother and father's substance abuse. While in foster care at MCH, Cynthia has done well in school and matured into a well-spoken and respectful teenager. She will remain with MCH until she graduates from high school.

SAN ANTONIO
 Matthew was a troubled little boy when he entered the MCH foster care system. Because of his past, it was difficult to find the perfect foster care match, but he eventually found his home with an MCH foster family in San Antonio. Matthew is now flourishing and has been fully accepted into his new "forever" family. He now uses his experience to show care and love to new foster children placed in the home.

CORPUS CHRISTI
 This summer, an incarcerated mother gave birth to her daughter, Phoebe. Phoebe's mother is due to be paroled to the Corpus Christi area after serving her sentence. Thankfully, an MCH foster family in the Corpus Christi area opened their home to Phoebe. This placement means that Phoebe's mother can stay involved in Phoebe's life once she is paroled, making the reunion between mother and daughter a smooth transition.

Location of Services

To receive information about serving as a foster care family or to learn more about the services provided through MCH outreach offices, call the office located near you.

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A winning combination

Teamwork is helping Jordan achieve success and personal growth on and off the playing field

Jordan admits that his patience has been tested since he came to the Boys Ranch in June.

Like most youth at Methodist Children's Home, Jordan has discovered that living away from home and in a house with eight teenagers can be challenging. However, Jordan's greatest test is coming now as he waits to receive a ring for the state championship his MCH flag football team won in October.

"I really want that ring and everyone I know is going to see it," Jordan said with a smile. "I'm going to wear it all the time, and when I look at it, I'm going to think about our team."

Jordan is part of another team that is helping him achieve success off the playing field. Jordan's homeparents – Phil and Mae Smith and Robert and Amelia Hood – form a strong support group that has challenged Jordan to restore his relationship with his mother, DJ. Although they had a strong relationship for much of his life, decisions Jordan made while in 10th grade caused their relationship to deteriorate.

"It was a tough time because I began to use drugs and alcohol and hang out with the wrong crowd," he said. "I didn't want to be at home and I failed two classes. I spent most of my time focusing on my friends."

Deep down, Jordan realized he needed help, so he talked with his brother, Jered, who graduated from the Boys Ranch in 2008. Based on their discussions, Jordan decided to come to the Ranch.

"It was a hard decision because I knew I would be leaving my friends and hometown," he said. "I didn't want to come here, but I knew I needed to."

When he arrived, the Smiths and Hoods quickly began focusing their efforts on helping Jordan improve his relationship with his mother.

"They talked about it all the time, and they didn't sugarcoat it," he said. "They told me things I didn't want to hear."

Mae Smith remembers Jordan's reluctance to talk about his mother.

"I told Jordan early on that this was the only mother he had and that she will always be his mother, so he needed to rebuild that relationship," Smith said. "At first, he resisted and said he would never try to make things better. I told him to 'never say never.'"

Over time, Smith said Jordan began to "come out of a deep shell" he was living in. He gained self-confidence through athletics, activities at the Boys Ranch and relationships with his homeparents and other staff.

Today, Jordan understands the important role the Smiths and Hoods have played in his life.

"I really appreciate all they've done for me," he said. "They've challenged me and helped me to see that I need my mom."



Since coming to the Boys Ranch in June, Jordan has developed self-confidence and strengthened his relationship with his mother. He credits much of his success to the support he receives from his homeparents – Phil and Mae Smith and Robert and Amelia Hood.

Smith said that within two months, Jordan's relationship with his mother had improved significantly. They often talk by phone, and she attended Jordan's state championship game in Waco. Jordan bought his mother a dozen roses for her birthday.

Jordan's mother recently wrote a letter to the Smiths and Hoods, expressing her appreciation for the support and encouragement they have provided her son.

"I knew Jordan would respond to the loving structure of the Ranch, but I had no idea just how remarkable his progress would be," she wrote. "And I have to tell you how thankful I am for the incredible guidance and love that Jordan's homeparents, the Hoods and Smiths, have given him. These four people have saved my son."

As Mae Smith sat at the dining table in her apartment at the Boys Ranch, she held a copy of DJ's letter and reflected on her opportunity to help Jordan.

"This has certainly been a team effort," she said. "It has taken Jordan and the four of us to see this much improvement. Jordan is a good boy and he has so much potential. We are very proud of him. And now, he realizes that he needs his mother. He knows she is his best friend."

Commissioners gain insight into MCH ministry

Commissioners from throughout Texas and New Mexico gathered for their annual meeting on the Waco campus and Boys Ranch Oct. 13-14.

The theme of the meeting was "How Firm a Foundation." Each activity during the meeting centered on sharing the rich history of MCH, which is built on a firm foundation of faith in God.

The meeting began with a dinner and program in the new Boys Ranch Recreation and Activities Center, which opened in August. During the program, youth from the Boys Ranch shared how their lives have been impacted by MCH.

Chris was one of the youth who spoke, and he gave a moving testimony of the way FFA helped him release some of his anger. He shared with Commissioners the feelings he had when he began his first woodworking project last year.

"It seemed like as I worked on it, pieces of my anger, hate



Bobby Gilliam, MCH president, welcomes Commissioners to the Home for their annual meeting. The dinner and program were held at the new Recreation and Activities Center at the Boys Ranch.

and frustration left me to be forever embedded in that wood," he said.

Commissioners heard updates from staff members at the Ranch and MCH administrators. At the close of the program, Rev. Travis Franklin, pastor of Salado UMC and a former MCH chaplain, encouraged Commissioners to provide light in the darkness for youth in need of guidance and support.

The meeting continued on Wednesday morning with

session with staff members.

A highlight of the morning program was a performance by the Home's charter school choir, directed by Lorye Carter-Reed. The meeting concluded with a luncheon, where Commissioners were joined by members of the MCH Student Leadership Team.

Commissioners are clergy and laypersons who serve as liaisons for the Home. They are nominated by MCH development staff members or benefactors, and they help raise funds and promote MCH in their churches and communities during the Christmas season and throughout the year.



Members of the MCH charter school choir share their talents with Commissioners during the Wednesday morning program.

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hands-on experience

The new school year at MCH's Charter School has brought along some new experiences for youth from the Waco campus. Several youth from the school have chosen to participate in this hands-on Animal Sciences class. The class is taught by Steve Kruse and John Kuretsch. Kruse and Kuretsch teach a variety of agriculture and vocational education classes through the school. Their classes give students from both the Ranch and Waco campus an opportunity to work with their hands and learn to care for something beyond themselves. They also serve as advisers for the FFA club.

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The Ward Box Family

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Endowment gift
in memory of
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SHOW SEASON
Ryan, a resident at the Boys Ranch, leads his lamb past the judge at the Heart of Texas Livestock Show in October. He earned 8th place in his class.