Good News Bustin’ Out All Over

It’s so much fun to be able to share good news with you, and this is a newsletter where we are going to be able to do that abundantly.

We are thrilled to have welcomed two great couples to our campus and our ministry to children the latter part of last year. God has really blessed us with Michael and Amanda Adair (with Kameryn, age 3, and Avery, age 5 months), and Greg and Crystal Smith (with Lawson, age 12, and Ozzie, age 6). We now have our full compliment of houseparents, and this is enabling us to accept more children.

One of our truly happy surprises is that we have accepted two little boys under the age of 5, and they are really a joy to all of us. We formerly had a policy of accepting children age 5 and above because of the extra care that the little ones require. They occupied so much of a houseparents time that we couldn’t accept as many older children. Last fall, we accepted one 3-year-old because he had older siblings who were already living here. Then we accepted a 4-year-old, and both of these little guys have proved to be bright, independent, talented, and great additions to our family.

As the community of Albuquerque has come to know ACCH better, more opportunities for publicity keep “finding us.” Director of Development, Dave Jenkins, was invited to speak at a meeting of the New Mexico Broadcasters Association in December, and that has resulted in several opportunities to talk about ACCH on radio and TV programs. KASA-TV, channel 2 (a local Fox Network affiliate) did a wonderful 4-minute feature on ACCH that was aired on February 26. We encourage you to view this great piece on your computer by going to our new website (the same old address: acch4kids.org) and scrolling down the home page to the “Blogs,” then click on the article and click on the link in the article. Or you can also type http://youtu.be/0FRyZyDDTrU in your Internet browser to take you directly to the YouTube video of the broadcast.

Speaking of our new website, we hope that you will take a look at our “new look.” Web designer Noel Green of ParkEast, Inc., and Jason Varley, our Board Vice President, did a really nice re-design of our “Internet face,” and we are very pleased with the results. The sample here is just a partial screenshot with more below, plus there are other pages and sub-pages for you to browse. As with all websites, this will be a constant work in progress, so visit us often online.
Wow! Did you see all of the good news on the first page of this newsletter? That is only part of all the ways that the Lord has been blessing us recently. I am excited when I look back over what God has been doing with this ministry to children over the past 43 years, but particularly what He has done over the past couple of years.

We have three wonderful houseparent couples who are bringing the love and kindness of Jesus to our kids. Plus, all of them have a great spirit of adventure and willingness to take the kids with them to share in these adventures. It is fun to see all of the enthusiasm.

Ever since our walk-in refrigerator/freezer “died” four years ago, ACCH has become more well-known in New Mexico than it ever was previously. And, it has been a geometric progression as exposure in one form of media leads to opportunities in other media. During the past year, ACCH has appeared in print, on radio, and on TV through media organizations with whom we have had no prior contact. I do hope that you will go to our updated website and view the really nice feature that KASA-TV, Albuquerque channel 2 did on us at the end of February (go to the Blog heading and click on the link).

Of course, every good thing comes with its new set of challenges. A full complement of houseparents means that we can accept more children. More children, in turn, need more food, more clothing, more activities, and--sometimes--have more problems (based on how difficult their backgrounds). We hope that you will keep all of us in your prayers and in your plans for giving all through 2013. It is through your generosity that we can help more children who so desperately need a safe, loving place.

Everett White,
Executive Director

**Upcoming ACCH Events**

- **Spring Dining Out Fundraiser, April 2nd**
  People are already asking when we are going to do another Restaurant Fundraiser, so here is the first one of 2013. Flying Star at Paseo del Norte and Wyoming is the place and 5:00 to 9:00 pm is the time. No flyer needed! Just show up and enjoy the great food and award-winning coffee and desserts, and Flying Star will donate 10% of all sales during those hours to ACCH.

- **Summer Dining Out Fundraiser, June 18**
  California Pizza Kitchen in ABQ Uptown has been one of our “fans” favorite locations for our restaurant fundraisers, so we are going back there on Tuesday, June 18. CPK manager Bob Resor has been so good to us each time, and he has some ideas for an even better event this year (details to follow). CPK has fabulous pizzas, but they also have great salads, sandwiches, and entrees, plus a wide variety of beverages. And, don’t miss out on the desserts! All day - 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. You will need a flyer--available at your church, online, or call 898-5520 and we will send one.

- **More Summer Workgroups Coming**
  We currently have five church and Eagle Scout groups scheduled to do projects on our campus during the summer. They will be from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and even Pennsylvania. Greatly appreciated!

- **Y'all Come! Annual Barbeque and Open House, Saturday, July 27th, 11am - 2pm**
  Come join the fun, food, music, car show, and activities for the kids at our annual Barbeque and Open House on our campus. This is always a fun event that draws a large and happy crowd. Meet our kids, tour our facilities, chow down on delicious food, visit with friends, and enjoy bluegrass and gospel music from the Lost Howlin’ Coyotes. 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. Room for everyone under the big tent. One week earlier this year to avoid the “Tax Free Weekend.”

- **THE BIG ONE: The 26th Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction, Saturday, November 16**
  Help us celebrate the 43rd Anniversary of Albuquerque Christian Children’s Home caring for kids, and the 26th anniversary of our biggest fundraising event. Our 2012 Auction was a record-breaker for attendance and income, and we are already working to make the 2013 Auction even bigger and better. Mark your calendar now, and plan to be a part of the festivities.
Spring Dining Out Fundraiser

on Tuesday, April 2
from 5:00 to 9:00 pm

Flying Star
Paseo at Wyoming ONLY

Benefitting
Albuquerque Christian Children’s Home

No flyer is necessary for ACCH to receive credit for your visit

Join us for an event
Where Giving Won’t Just Feel Good
It’ll Taste Good, too!
to benefit
Albuquerque Christian Children’s Home

Tuesday, June 18, 11am to 10pm
California Pizza Kitchen
ABQ Uptown

California Pizza Kitchen will donate 20% of your total bill (less tax and tip) to Albuquerque Christian Children’s Home

The Pancake Breakfast was Yummy!

Our second annual Pancake Breakfast was held on Saturday, February 23rd. The city’s weather had been rather nasty before that morning, and turned nasty again the following day, but we could not have asked for a more beautiful day for the event.

We added a tent (with a heater) in front of the Vo-Tech this year to prevent overcrowding or long waits to be served. The tent was never completely full, but there were times that we had quite a few people dining “semi-al fresco.” Meanwhile, the tables inside the Vo-Tech Building were pretty much full the whole three hours.

Attendance was up about 30% from last year, and from the happy sounds and smiling faces, it seemed that everyone was having a most enjoyable time. If you missed the fun (and the food) this year, we hope you will make it in 2014. As the old saying goes, “The more the merrier.”

We had help from many sources to make this event successful. Albertson’s furnished everything but the pancake mix. The Arrows Christian Youth Group cleaned the Vo-Tech before and after the event. The Cadet Girl Scouts of Troop 47 pre-cooked all of the bacon and sausage, Montgomery Blvd. Church loaned us chairs and tables, our energetic staff got everything ready, the “Alcon ladies” were our incredible pancake flippers once again, and volunteers from all 3 Kohl’s stores helped serve, bus tables, and made sure that all of our guests had all the good stuff that they wanted to eat and drink.
Mama’s Got New Shoes (Almost)

Returning our tractor to full service

Many years ago, Joe Rose donated this Ford diesel tractor to ACCH, and it has been worth its weight in gold for all of the jobs that it can perform on our semi-rural property. From grading to trenching to plowing to hauling a large trailer, it has been able to do whatever we ask of it... until recently.

For the past year, we have been having a tire problem with our faithful tractor. If you are “city-folk” like your editor, you probably didn’t know that the big tires on a tractor are filled with a liquid calcium carbonate mixture rather than straight air. The liquid provides substantial extra weight which, in turn, provides substantial extra traction. Our tire problem came from the “calcification” of the inflation valves. As the tires slowly went flat, we couldn’t pump them back up again. And, since one side was going flat faster than the other, the tractor no longer operated “on the level”--a bit of a problem when you are trying to grade a level area.

Jim Palmer, our head maintenance man, has been fretting about this problem, and he recently found a sympathetic ear. Walter Elliott, who attends the Riverside Church with Jim, heard the complaint and offered to fix the problem for us. He took the two large tires to a repair shop and had them de-mounted, cleaned out, new tubes installed, re-mounted and refilled with the proper liquid mixture. Now our tractor is again standing straight and ready for duty.

Thank You Walter for getting us “on the level”

A Dear Friend of ACCH Passes On

It was in our Summer 2012 issue of the ACCH Newsletter that we honored the life and service of Frances Crawford. Now, we are saddened to announce that Frances passed away on Christmas Day, 2012.

Frances--along with her husband Don--was one of the earliest and longest-term supporters of ACCH, even serving on our Board of Directors after Don passed away. We were blessed by her loving spirit, her perpetual cheerfulness, and her financial support for all of the 43 years that ACCH has been in existence.

In additional to her support and service, Frances took a personal interest in the children who lived here. While looking through some old pictures recently, we found one of Frances teaching the children “table manners” which she firmly believed everyone should know before going out into the world.

Remember to Save the Dates

- **Tuesday, April 2** - Fundraiser at the Flying Star, 5:00 until 9:00 pm
- **Tuesday, June 18** - Fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen, 11 - 10
- **Saturday, July 27** - Barbeque and Open House, 11:00 until 2:00 on the ACCH campus
- **Saturday, November 16** - Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction at the Embassy Suites Hotel
1st Baptist Westside Student Ministry Spends Spring Break Working to Remove Winter Debris from Campus

Thanks guys & gals for all of your hard work March 11 - 14

It’s so easy to help a child
• Take a coin can home
• Drop in your change each day
• When it’s full, bring it back
• Your pockets are lighter and so is your heart, knowing you have helped a child have a better life

For more information, go to acch4kids.org, or call 505-898-5520

YOUR CHANGE can HELP CHANGE a Child’s Life
Memorials:

Charles Annett
Betty Annett

Audie Brown
Jean Puckett

Mickey Brown
Cheryl Jane Hedrick
Dave & Chris Jenkins
Richard & Doris Jones
Mountainside Church of Christ
Everett & Deandra White

Jeff Bryson
Allan & Diane Steinle

Dolores Campbell
Allan & Diane Steinle

Frances Crawford
Charles & Norma Batte
John & Jennifer Bird
James & Jan Browning
Carlisle Plaza Mobile Home Park
Ron & Barbara Chitwood
Tom & Anna Cole
The Crawford Family:
  Pat & Penny Crawford
  Mike & Kathleen Crawford
  Ron & Carole DeArman
Dr. Max & Lynn Chennault
Thomas & Glenda Davis
William & Donna Estes
Cheryl Jane Hedrick
Alice Hicks
Robert Homer & Associates
Sue Hunt
Royce & Barbara Hunter
Dave & Chris Jenkins
James & Doyce King
Steven & Rosemary Koffman
Karen Malone
Carol Minyard
Janice Neal
Pacesetters Class – Preston crest Church of Christ
David & Jeanne Peeler
Phil & Sharon Phillips
Prestoncrest Church of Christ
Joseph & Anne Rose
Everett & Deandra White
Marilyn Willey
Doug Winter
Robert Wooldridge
Gale & Bob Yancey
Larry & Carolyn Yurcho
Beverle Zirbel

Pat Decker
Tim & Rhonda Peterson

Asa Farrington
John & Doris Palmer

LaVerne Gerrells
Mountainside Church of Christ

Wanda Heffington
Netherwood Park Church of Christ

Wallace Heitman
Collins & Collins, P.C.

Bert Henley
Betty Annett

Grace Huddle
Jeff Matics
Mountainside Church of Christ

Lucy Bell Hunnicutt
Gerald & Mary Ann Hunnicutt

Marlin James
Betty Annett

A.J. Leatherwood
Tom & Anna Cole

Dottie Morris
William & Gloria Baker

Susie Lowe
Mountainside Church of Christ

Pauline Moyer
The Hallmark Family
Netherwood Park Church of Christ

Jack Parks Nail
John & Kay Dahl

Mildred Tucker Nicholson
Gerald & Doris Bofman
Joyce Henley
James & Jarolyn Preston

Nick & Idell Nicholson
Louis Nicholson

Bettye Palmer
Betty Annett

Sue Pardue
Richard & Doris Jones

Pete & Margaret Richards
Judy R. Bouldin
Margaret R. Duffy

Joe & Winnie Rozell
William A. Ross

Sandy Hook, CT Children and Teachers
Patricia Freund

Marta Lynn Shonrock – A precious child of God
Mary Lafler

Betty Stevens – For the Don & Betty Stevens Cultural Fund
William & Deborah Cain

George Stoner
Alice Hicks

Roy Leon Streetman
Wayne & Patricia Williams

Jesse Stringham
Mountainside Church of Christ

Carolyn Rae Thompson
Sheryle Cavasos Kuhnley
Wanda Cox
Alice Hicks
Al & Cluzecilia Martin
Netherwood Park Church of Christ
Donald & Mable Reed
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Robertson
Mr. & Mrs. Randy Smith
Everett & Deandra White

Yvonna Thrift
Joe & Anne Rose

John Trodden
John & Carol Graham

Norma Vargas
Richard & Doris Jones

Harvey & Pauline Varley
Steve & Rhonda Varley

Earl Waldroop
Robert Carpenter

George R. Wright, Jr.
Thomas & Glenda Davis

Trella Yates
Netherwood Park Church of Christ

In Memory of Our Parents
William & Donna Estes
Honors:

J. Don Baldridge
David & Amy Baldridge

Olivia Boland
Mike, Paula & Olivia Boland

Judy Brown
Bill & Gloria Baker

Novella Burrus – Happy 90th Birthday
Ruth Oldham

Beth & Lee Butler
Scot & Paula Ruska

Jim & Frances Cooper – Happy New Year
William & Gloria Baker

Kent & Melanie Cravens
Jennifer Culver

Kathy Flores
Mickey Landon

Jacob Lee Gray - Happy Birthday
Wesley & Glenda Gray

Vicki Hopper
Bill & Gloria Baker

Marty & Chic Lang
Andy & Janet Vogt

Martha McCardell
Scot & Paula Ruska

Richard M. Netzer – Happy Birthday
Wesley & Glenda Gray

Keith & Loveda Miller
Rhonda Peterson

Doug & Maureen Ruska
Scot & Paula Ruska

Kenon Ruska
Scot & Paula Ruska

Newell & Frances Tate
Mark & Teri Tate

Mark Stevens
Mary Gadeken-Donation
made to Don & Betty Stevens Cultural Fund

You can help to make this a really fun summer for all of our kids by making a donation to the Summer Fun Fund via mail or our secure website
You’re going to be looking for fun activities for the kids all this summer. Here is a great suggestion that will also help ACCH!

- Purchase your Cliff’s Tickets online
- Get $27.95 combo tickets for $22.00
- Help support ACCH at the same time

Here’s how you do it:
- Go to Cliffsamusementpark.com
- Click on Buy tickets (red tab in the upper right corner of the website)
- Go to CLICK TO USE YOUR PROMO OR FUND CODE
- Type in ACCHOME
- ACCH will receive a portion of every ticket sold