

THERE ARE  
6,000 KIDS IN  
FOSTER CARE  
IN ALABAMA.



Alabama Baptist  
CHILDREN'S HOMES  
& Family Ministries



NOT EVERYONE IS CALLED TO FOSTER BUT

**everyone can do** *something.*

“ A Message from our CEO

## NOT EVERYONE IS CALLED TO BE A FOSTER PARENT, BUT EVERY FOLLOWER OF CHRIST IS CALLED TO **DO SOMETHING** IN DEFENSE OF HIS CHILDREN.

DR. ROD MARSHALL

I suppose you can blame it on Mrs. Nudo. I don't think I ever knew her first name. She was the music teacher at Annette P. Edwins Elementary School in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, my beloved hometown. From 1st grade to 6th grade, once every week, Mrs. Nudo would roll her portable electric keyboard into our class and teach us songs and music theory. She was confident, well-educated, and charismatic. She carefully selected songs for us to learn. I give her great credit for much of the joy in my life. Most of the time, there is a song in my head. It may be an old hymn (I am especially fond of Isaac Watts hymns), or it may be a song that was popular during my formative middle-school or high-school years. Sometimes it's an anthem that my church choir has been working on, and other times it may be one of the songs I

learned from Mrs. Nudo. It's almost like my life has a soundtrack!

Though I love music and love to sing, I do not have what one would describe as a "solo" voice. I have sung solos in the past, but I am rarely asked for an encore! I enjoy singing in a choir and even like singing in an ensemble.

When I was in high school, three of our county's high school choirs combined to sing the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah. There is something special about singing in a choir of 300 people! Several years later, I had the opportunity to sing both Vivaldi's Gloria and Rutter's Gloria in one night. Rutter's Gloria is in Latin and is one of the most challenging musical presentations I have ever been part of. I was

not sure it was going to come together, but, on the night of the concert, the orchestra was there, the choir was well-rehearsed, and it came together! Orchestras are quite interesting. Each instrument plays its part. From the loudest brass instruments to the tiniest woodwinds, from the delightful percussion to the ethereal strings, each plays a role in joining together to create symphonic bliss.

What does all this talk of music have to do with your Children's Homes? When it comes to caring for children from hard places, everyone can do something. You may not be the "soloist" or play the "loudest instrument in the orchestra," but every role is vital to our ministry's success. We are eternally grateful for our foster parents. They are the best in the world! We are also very grateful for the prayer warriors who defend these families from spiritu-

al warfare. If even one individual quits the orchestra or if someone in the choir stops singing, trained ears will notice. Without all of us working together, the song will not be as sweet! The 70s hymn, "I love you, Lord" has simple, yet profound lyrics:

I love You, Lord. And I lift my voice to worship You. O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what You hear. May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear!

When we all do our part, whatever that may be, to care for families in need, I believe God is able to hear every part of our orchestra as a symphonic offering of praise! We are truly better together. Not everyone is called to be a foster parent, but every follower of Christ is called to **do something** in defense of His children. Thank you for being in our orchestra! May our offerings be a sweet sound in His ear!



Rod Marshall

Dr. Rod Marshall  
President/CEO



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## HOW ONE CHURCH DID SOMETHING

Luke 4:18 Fellowship, a church in Mobile, collected household goods and filled the pantries of local Foster Care homes.

### A QUOTE FROM STUDENT PASTOR, MATTHEW JACOBS:

"If we are truly going to be **PRO-LIFE** as a family of God, we have to care for children in all stages of their life. These kids did not choose to be in the situation that they are in. Praise God they are in a situation where God is part of their daily rhythm, and may we as the church come alongside people in whatever ways we can to help love these kids as well as the adults serving them."

## THE IMPACT

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## PROVIDED MEALS FOR 36 KIDS

Kids sometimes enter foster care hungry due to neglect. They often live in survival mode, not knowing when they will have their next meal. Children have entered our care shouting with joy seeing a pantry full of food. Providing food for a foster child is more than just nourishment—it provides a feeling of **safety and security.**



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## HOW ONE BUSINESS DID SOMETHING

Wheat's Carpet One and Don's Carpet One donated 27 Day One Care Packs for children entering foster care at our new Tuscaloosa location.

### A QUOTE FROM GENERAL MANAGER, JAMIN CARTER:

"As a company, we wanted to find an area where we could **GIVE BACK** to our community. We wanted to make sure there was an immediate benefit specifically to the children around us. When our employees see the opportunity to help these children through the difficulty of fostering as well as help the families that are helping the children, it excites them."

## THE IMPACT

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## PROVIDED DAY ONE CARE PACKS FOR 27 KIDS

Children often enter foster care with very little. Not only that, they've been uprooted from everything they've known . . . their neighborhood, school, and family. Even though they're no longer experiencing abuse or neglect, their world feels out of control. Every child that enters our care receives a Day One Care Pack, providing them with items like clothes, diapers, and toys. This is more than just a backpack—it's a way to let a child know they are **safe by meeting their needs.**





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## HOW ONE GROUP OF WOMEN DID SOMETHING

This spring, Women of Compassion members rallied together to provide a new playground at our Dothan office, a shade to cover the playground, and a new gazebo.

### A QUOTE FROM WOMEN OF COMPASSION MEMBER, JULIE SMITH

"I don't know what could be more meaningful than joining together with other passionate women to bring **HOPE AND JOY** to the lives of children who have had so much taken from them. I imagine nothing could please the heart of God more, and I'm so thankful I get to be a part of this work. I saw the impact this collective group of women has in the lives of foster children in Alabama, and I knew God was showing me, 'This is your place.'"

## THE IMPACT

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## PROVIDED A PLAYGROUND FOR **55 KIDS**

When children enter foster care, our desire is for hope and healing for their families. That is why supervised visits with biological families are so important. Spending time playing together during these visits, like at the new playground at our office in Dothan, helps with our ultimate goal—**restoration & healing**



491

KIDS SERVED IN FOSTER, FAMILY, AND COLLEGE CARE

70

KIDS REUNIFIED WITH A FAMILY MEMBER

11

SPIRITUAL DECISIONS

40

ADOPTIONS INTO FOREVER HOMES

31

MOMS SERVED IN OUR FAMILY CARE PROGRAM

701

KIDS RECEIVED THERAPY FROM PATHWAYS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

75,323

DAYS OF CARE

3,578

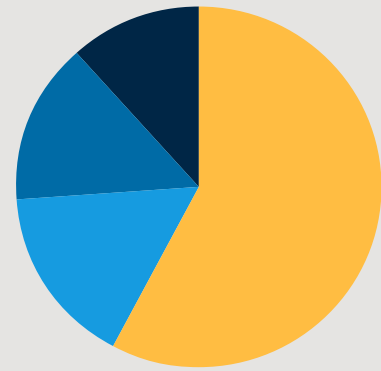
CLIENTS SERVED THROUGH PATHWAYS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING



## TOP 25 GIVING CHURCHES

Our ministry cannot survive without generous churches caring for hurting children and families in Alabama. Because of their partnership, lives are being transformed by the gospel.

- Hunter Street Baptist Church (HOOVER)
- Decatur First Baptist Church (DECATUR)
- Athens First Baptist Church (ATHENS)
- Trussville First Baptist Church (TRUSSVILLE)
- The Church at Liberty Park (VESTAVIA)
- Christ Fellowship Church (HOMEWOOD)
- Pell City First Baptist Church (PELL CITY)
- Shades Mountain Baptist Church (BIRMINGHAM)
- Henagar Baptist Church (HENAGAR)
- Lakeside Baptist Church (BIRMINGHAM)
- CrossPoint Church (TRUSSVILLE)
- Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church (CROPWELL)
- The Church at Brook Hills (BIRMINGHAM)
- Fairview First Baptist Church (CULLMAN)
- Brookwood Baptist Church (MOUNTAIN BROOK)
- Green Valley Church (HOOVER)
- Silver Run Baptist Church (SEALE)
- Shoal Creek Baptist Church (DECATUR)
- New Salem Baptist Church (OWENS CROSS ROADS)
- Highlands Baptist Church (HUNTSVILLE)
- Central Baptist Church (DECATUR)
- Mt. Olive Baptist Church (COKER)
- Winfield First Baptist Church (WINFIELD)
- Huntsville First Baptist Church (HUNTSVILLE)
- Crawford Baptist Church (MOBILE)

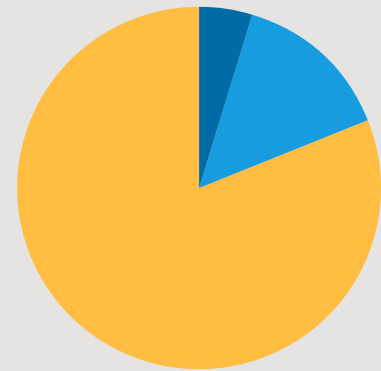


**2022 INCOME**

- 58% FUNDRAISABLE
- 16% PROGRAM SERVICES
- 15% ENDOWMENT & TRUSTS
- 11% ESTATES & OTHER

■ Individuals	\$3,363,691
■ Churches	\$3,142,520
■ Businesses	\$837,953
■ Foundations	\$515,654
■ Cooperative program	\$418,504
■ Foster Care	\$1,344,590
■ Counseling Services	\$949,406
■ Endowment & Trusts	\$2,099,918
■ Estates & Legacy Gifts	\$1,583,505
■ Other Income	\$57,039

**TOTAL INCOME \$14,312,780**



**2022 EXPENDITURES**

- 81% PROGRAMS
- 14% ENGAGEMENT
- 5% MANAGEMENT

■ Foster Care	\$6,903,342
■ Pathways Counseling	\$2,630,515
■ Family Care & Aid	\$917,529
■ College Care	\$136,960
■ Engagement	\$1,873,880
■ Management	\$621,657

**OPERATIONS EXPENDITURES \$13,083,883**

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURES \$243,712**

The 2022 totals are unaudited and generally reflect cash received and cash spent during the calendar year 2022. A copy of the complete 2022 independent audit will be available when finalized.

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**Where Christ  
creates healing  
for kids & families  
from hard places.**

## ONE STATE. ONE CAUSE.

ABCH employs over 100 people across the state including licensed, trauma-informed social workers and therapists. Our social workers come alongside foster parents and support them with resources and training. Our professional therapists are skilled to help children and families work through trauma and find hope and healing. We are committed to serving Alabama's foster children and the community in need.

**Eight  
Locations**

AUBURN, BIRMINGHAM, DECATUR, DOTHAN, MOBILE, MONTGOMERY, OXFORD, TUSCALOOSA.



**You can do something.**  
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FOR NEXT STEP

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**ALABAMA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES** is the largest faith-based foster care provider in the state. We seek to protect, nurture, and restore Alabama's foster children every day. Our hope is to turn generational brokenness into generational hope by seeking restoration in each family. We serve kids and families in Auburn, Birmingham, Decatur, Dothan, Mobile, Montgomery, Oxford, and Tuscaloosa.

