# Write from the heart

Southeastern resident's writing earns honors

Also ...

COA accreditation granted

**Benefit auction** 

Brooke: Resident of the quarter



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# **United we stand**

... when you give to SECH through employer, United Way

### **By Philip Murphy**

**Development Director** 

Southeastern Children's Home is listed as a certified charity with most United Way county organizations. If you want to give to Southeastern Children's Home through United Way, please be sure to specifically designate Southeastern Children's Home as your charity of

**choice.** This designation often requires some additional paperwork, but it's extremely helpful to SECH.

If you have questions about your specific United Way giving program, please feel free to contact us, or check with your local United Way representative.

Also, many employers

programs are a great way to multiply your gift to a great charity! ..."





naming Southeastern Children's Home as the designated recipient. Gift matching programs are a great way to multiply your gift to a great charity!

"...Gift matching



Thanks to your generosity, we're keeping smiles on faces at Southeastern Children's Home.

## **COA accredits Southeastern**

Long-term team effort earns prestigious national accreditation

### By Robert Kimberly

**Executive Director** 

We are proud to announce that we were recently granted accreditation by the Council on Accreditation (COA).

offer a gift matching program. If your employer

has a gift matching program, please consider

This is HUGE news for us. This is the culmination of a team effort.

COA accreditation involves a detailed review and analysis of our organization's administration, management, and service delivery functions. COA accreditation demonstrates accountability in the management of resources, sets standards of best practice thresholds for service and administration, and increases organizational capacity and accountability by creating a framework for ongoing improvement.

This has been a huge endeavor for our staff. Vicki Stidham, our Development of Residential Services, led our team and spent countless hours over the past few years getting us to this point.

Why does this matter to you?

This means that you can rest assured that your support to Southeastern Children's Home is a safe and wise financial investment. An endorsement from COA and the value of its accreditation process is reflected in

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# TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN CHILDREN'S HOME

# AUCTION

## Saturday May 20, 2017

Silent auction begins at 4:30 pm. Live auction begins at 5:30 pm.

### -LOCATION-

Central Church of Christ Annex Building 2052 N. Church St. Place, Spartanburg, SC (behind Spartanburg Dodge)

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Hand-made Quilts

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# **Writing earns honors**

### Southeastern resident Jason writes from experience, from the heart

Winning for some, seems easy.

Jason, a Smith cottage resident, was chosen as a finalist for a state-wide high school writing competition for all juniors and seniors in the state of South Carolina.

Jason's winning essay was entitled, "How can we better, South Carolina?"

"My essay was about foster homes," Jason said. "Specifically, I wrote about how there is a lack of foster homes in our state when compared to the ratio of kids in foster care."

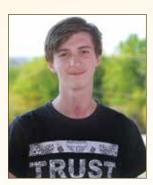
Jason coupled the data he found online with his personal experience.

"I wrote about the problems of foster homes because it's something I can relate to," Jason said. "I've been in the state system for a while, and I'm probably not going anywhere anytime soon. There are a lot of kids out there who deserve homes. Someone, somewhere ought to do something about it."

Jason was chosen with 51 other finalists to participate in a 40-minute impromptu writing competition that took place at the University of South Carolina.

"I was a little nervous because you don't know the topic beforehand," Jason said. "Luckily, my nerves were calmed the minute I saw the topic. Once I saw the topic, I knew I could relate to the subject matter." At the finals, Jason was asked to write, "Where do you come from in life?" Jason's essay was entitled, "I come from forgiveness."

"My essay
was the product
of my life
experiences,"
Jason said.
"Basically, I said, if
God can forgive
me, then why
shouldn't I forgive



"... There are a lot of kids out there who deserve homes ..."

everyone else's mistakes?"

Jason, and other selected finalists will have their work published in a book. Jason hopes to graduate next December and major in Biomedical Science at a local university. He wants to be an anesthesiologist one day.

"I write in my journal every day," Jason said.
"I'm not sure I'd say I didn't expect to win, but winning is easy if you have the right experience and ability."

We're so proud of Jason! We'll find out soon if he placed in the top 10 of his latest competition.

### **COA accredits Southeastern**

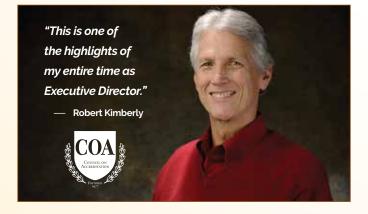
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it being named by the U.S. State Department as the sole national independent accrediting body under the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption. Additionally, COA is the only national accreditor designated by the U.S. Department of Defense to develop accreditation standards and processes for human service programs provided to military families.

I'm so proud of our staff for this accomplishment. This is one of the highlights of my entire time as Executive Director of SECH.

This accreditation only reinforces what I already knew: Our staff and houseparents are providing excellent services to young people in our care.

We want children to receive the best



possible services we can provide. The COA accreditation is proof of our commitment to excellence. Thank you for being part of our team.

Sincerely,



BROOKE		
AGE/GRADE	17-year-old high school junior	
FAVORITE MOVIE	Phantom of the Opera	
FAVORITE CLASS	AP U.S. History (she is taking two AP courses this semester)	
FAVORITE TEAM	Florida State Seminoles	
FUTURE MAJOR/OCCUPATION	History /History Professor	
FAVORITE THING ABOUT SECH	Support, inspiration to push harder	
HARDEST THING ABOUT SECH	Living in a house with seven girls	
SPECIAL SKILLS	Flute, concert band, slam poetry	
IF YOU COULD GO BACK 3 YEARS, WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE?	"I wouldn't have died my hair pink. That was a tragic mistake."	

"I was born in the wrong decade. I should have been born in 1967."

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