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Bathe our ministry in prayer

Day-by-day prayer requests address our children's needs

By Robert Kimberly **Executive Director**

It's a season of change for us at Southeastern Children's Home and Counseling Center.

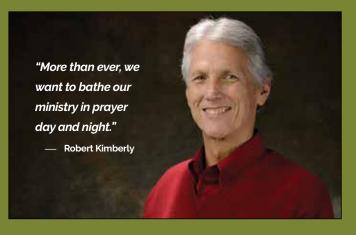
In the last year, we've completed our COA accreditation, we've hired a new Director of Social Services, we have a new set of houseparents starting in a few weeks, and we're in the process of hiring a new Director of Counseling. Change is constant, but it

seems as if we've been evolving even more quickly than usual.

As we continue to adapt to our environment, I want to ask you to please be in prayer for our ministry in the coming months. More than ever, we want to bathe our ministry in prayer day and night.

Here are a few things you could be in prayer for each day of the week:

· Sunday: Physical and Mental well-being of our children. Pray that our children will be able to physically and mentally recover from their pasts.



- Monday: Spiritual well-being of our children. Pray that God will continue to work in the hearts of our children.
- Tuesday: Children outside of our care. Pray for the children in our community that are hurting. Pray for their comfort. Pray for the 3,500 children in foster care in the state of South Carolina.
- **Wednesday:** Families. Pray for the mothers and fathers of the world. Specifically pray for the families of the children who we serve.

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Half-century mark ahead

SECH to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2018

By Philip Murphy

Development Director

Next year Southeastern Children's Home celebrates its 50th anniversary! We have a lot of big plans for 2018.

This year, more than ever, it's important to follow us on Facebook. For our 50th anniversary, each week we will highlight a person whose life was changed by Southeastern Children's Home. This is something you don't want to

If you want to see how lives are changed at Southeastern, please follow us on Facebook, or send us your email address so that we can add you to our distribution list (feel free to visit our website at sech.org, email me at pmurphy@sech.org, or write your email

address on the donation card attached to this newsletter).

As we celebrate our 50th year, please consider making a gift to celebrate someone's birthday, anniversary, or other momentous occasion.

Contact us!

Hope! is a publication of Southeastern Children's Home, Robert Kimberly, Executive Director.

We can be reached **by mail** at Post Office Box 339, 115 Children's Way, Duncan, SC 29334, **by phone** at 864.439.0259, and online at sech.org.



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POSITION OPEN SOUTHEASTERN COUNSELING CENTER

Director of counseling services

SOUTHEASTERN COUNSELING CENTER IS SEARCHING FOR A DIRECTOR OF COUNSELING SERVICES.

The Director of Counseling Services will oversee the daily operation of Southeastern Counseling Center. This includes promoting, staffing, budgeting, maintaining of files and licenses, training, obtaining contracts, supervision of other counselors, counseling and helping with our on-call residential program.

SC licensure as a LSMW, LISW, LPC, and a minimum of five years' experience in counseling is preferred.

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Closer to God at the summit

Southeastern residents tackle Table Rock in day-long climb

Great things are done when men and mountains meet - William Blake

In October, twelve of our residents spent a day summiting Table Rock Mountain in Pickens County. For many of our children, this was their first chance to climb a mountain.

"The longest I've ever had to walk was a mile," 16-yr old Senn Cottage resident Erin said. "And that was during a P.E. class. This was a six and a half mile grueling hike up and down a mountain with rocks. Just when you think you had reached the top, you'd see another bend in the trail. I thought we'd never get to the top, but we did... eventually."

Several within the group were encouraging and helpful. The group certainly grew closer to each other during the day-long adventure.

"Dantonio was the best motivator," Erin said. "Not only would he keep me laughing, but he would not let me stop. That's the kind of person you want beside you when things are tough. It was great because we stuck together and everyone cheered everyone else on."

Some of our kids were astonished by the view at the summit.

"I've never been to the top of a mountain before," 14-year old Senn cottage resident Kylie said. "I've lived all my life in South Carolina, and today was the first day I've been able to see a view like this."

Overall, the trip was a huge success. The children enjoyed the experience and many were able to find a deeper meaning to the trip.



Trail at Table Rock State Park in Pickens County.

"When you're on a mountaintop, you realize how small you really are in the world," Kylie said. "Being on the mountain helped me realize God is bigger than I can imagine."

"I just realized that God works in wonderful and beautiful ways," Erin said. "It helped open my eyes and reminded me of the awesomeness of our God."

Bathe our ministry in prayer

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- Thursday: Houseparents. Please pray for our houseparents that are on the front line of our ministry.
- **Friday:** The staff at Southeastern Children's Home. Pray that our staff and board of directors can continue to make wise decisions to help those with the greatest needs.
- Saturday: Counseling Center. Pray that our

counseling center can continue to grow and serve the community. Specifically, please pray for us as we search for a **Director of Counseling Services.**

Thank you for remembering us during this season of change.

Sincerely,



Earning & learning

Jade's work ethic shines as she strives for independence

One job is usually enough for anyone, but Jade isn't just anyone.

Jade, a 17-year old Senn cottage resident, recently received her GED and is working two different jobs as she prepares to be independent.

"We're so proud of Jade," Housedad Steve Davis said. "She has two jobs: one as a waitress at Cracker Barrel, and one as a barista at Starbucks. She's the hardest working child we've ever had."

If having two jobs wasn't enough, she uses her spare time to volunteer at the local humane society.

"I can't stand still," Jade said. "I need to be active. I have to have a job that keeps me moving. One job just wasn't enough."

In addition to earning an income, Jade is also learning life lessons on how to interact with people.

"Not only is she earning money, she's learning how to work with a team of people. She's learning to submit to authority," Steve said. "Plus, she's learning to get along with people of all ages, not just kids her own age. Jade is a very caring child. Just the other day she saw an elderly lady crossing the street and she rushed over to help her. Then, Jade gave this stranger \$15 of her own money. I couldn't have been more proud."

"Working as waitress has its ups and downs," Jade said. "Most people don't understand that I only get paid \$2.13 an hour as a server. Plus, it gets taxed! But I love interacting with the

Jade, who is starting college in January, is currently saving up to purchase a car and have enough money for a deposit on an apartment.

"I'm just hoping to be able to afford a dependable car," Jade said. "I don't need anything fancy. I just need something that gets me from point A to point B."

"She wants to be out on her own when she turns 18 in May," Steve said. "She's already saved over a \$1000. One of the hardest parts of being a dad is letting go. We'll be sad when she leaves us, but we're proud of all that she's done to prepare for the next chapter in life."



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New security gate

Thank you to those who helped us purchase our new security gate system! The new gate allows us to monitor and control traffic into our facility.

As many of you know, several months ago, thieves stole several of our trailers and Christmas gifts in the middle of the night. In response, several of you donated to help us purchase our new gate to help prevent future thefts.

Thanks to you, our campus is more secure and safe than ever!



management of our residential program, as well as our future foster parent services.

Brad previously served as an Education Instructor and a Case Manager. He has a Bachelor's degree from Lipscomb University and a Master's degree from Converse College.

In addition to his time spent in social work, Brad and his family previously served as missionaries in Bolivia.

Welcome to the family!

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Wish list

Southeastern gladly accepts donations and here are a few things we need in particular:

- Twin-size blankets
- first aid supplies
- used vehicles
- deodorant
- household cleaning supplies



Congratulations to Erin, one of our Senn Cottage residents on her recent baptism at Central Church of Christ in Spartanburg. We're so proud of her. Please keep Erin in your prayers!

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